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Prayer List

Byron Barker
Susie Barker
Family of Steve Bishop
Betty Burleson
Bill Carter
Catherine Cartus
Elizabeth Clarke & family
Scott Combs
John Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Ernie Cross & family
Family of Terry Crowe
Lindsay Daniel
Kristen Daniels
Eddie Deakins
Jackie Denny
Vivian Eckerson
Courtney Eddy
Susan Fields
Paula Forest
Jim Furches
Alex Garrison
Juanita Gray
Ben Gouge
Betty Gouge
Mendy Hall
Steve Harris
Tom Holmes
Traci Honeycutt
Penny Hudson & family
Scott Huff
Family of Jeanne Jones
Mary Anne King
Linda Kostreva
James Lessly
Roy & Sharyn Lessly
David McElveen
Family of Betty McGaha
John Melendez & family
Helen Mills
Tom Palmer
Bob & Athena Peebles
Emma Pickle
Sandy Sanders
Steven Schmidt
Mary Shomaker
Family of Joel Shull
Nancy Stevenson
Elaine Taylor
Kenzi Tipton
Family of Jenny Turner
Doris Welch
Emily wooten
Sue Zabala
Family Promise
Brother's Keeper
Haven of Mercy
Kairos Ministry
Healthcare workers
Tornado victims
Colorado fire victims



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

First Things First

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision" Arr. Lloyd Larson

Call to worship

Leader: Come to God and find peace and rest.

**People: We come to lay our joys and burdens before the
Lord.**

Leader: Rejoice, for Jesus knows our needs.

**People: We gather to worship the One who brings healing
and hope.**

Leader: Come, place your trust in the One who offers
redemption and new life.

People: We come to see, to hear, to believe, and to follow.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Immortal, Invisible, God Only wise" #103

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God of light and life, we confess that we allow many things to keep us from living out our faith.

People: Sometimes we allow greed to stifle our generosity,

Leader: and social pressure to silence our witness,

People: and busyness to snuff out our prayers,

Leader: and love of ease to discourage our service,

People: and fear of want to keep us from sharing,

Leader: and pride to freeze our compassion,

People: and self-righteousness to limit our love.

Leader: Whatever it is, Lord, that is keeping us from practicing our faith,

People: may we leave it behind, and follow You.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: In this be confident: the God who is over all and in all is with us forever. What we offer to others in the name of Christ will be regarded as eternal treasure. My friends, have faith and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to new life in Him. AMEN

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 16:2-14

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Be Thou My Vision" #451

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-7

Anthem "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Sermon "Giving Sight to the Blind" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Dedication "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Benediction

Benediction Response

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

We extend our sympathy to the family of Betty McGaha, who passed away on February 12.

First Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful fruit basket. I appreciate your thoughtfulness so much, and I will enjoy the fruit and candy.

God bless each of you.

Bobbie Wells

The members of UMW would like to thank Janet Pickel for her work in gathering information, compiling, printing, and assembling new UMW membership booklets for 2022.

Greeters Needed: If you are interested in serving as a greeter on Sunday mornings, please contact Ann Mohap at (423)943-4191, email the church at office@1stchurchjc.org, or let Pastor Jodie know.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Dinner begins at 5:45 and classes at 6:30.

Program: The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus by Rob Fuquay. Nursery will be available.

Menu: Vegetable beef soup, slaw, salad, bread, dessert

Please make reservations by **Tuesday, 2/22 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.