

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
ELW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, February 7, 2021



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Introduction to the day

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

---GATHERING---

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ZOOM NARTHEX TIME

9:50-10:05 am

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisette Branscomb
Congregational President

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;**

receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

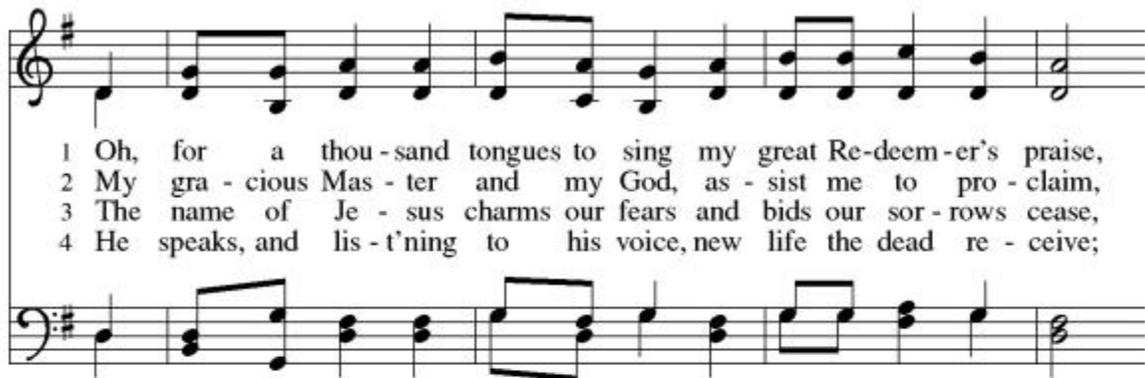
Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

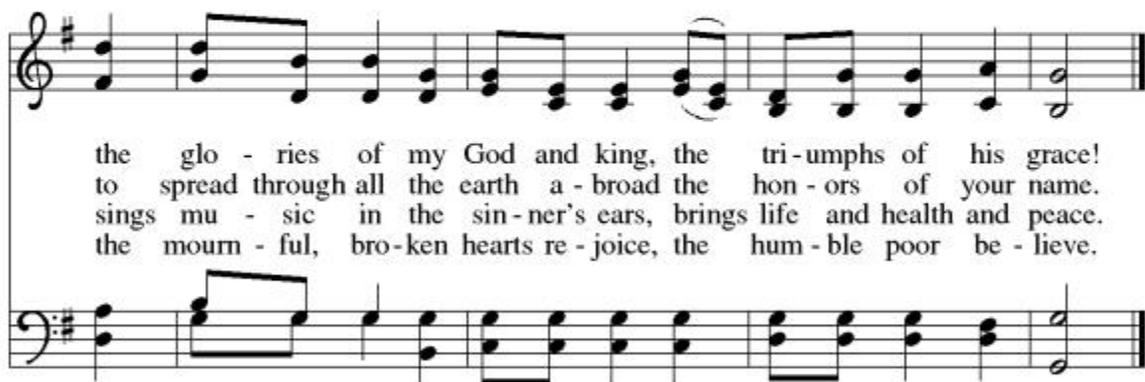
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

---WORD---

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

Jack Branscomb

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

A reading from Isaiah.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

John Womack

The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!
²The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.
³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.
⁴The LORD counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names. R
⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.
⁶The LORD lifts | up the lowly,
but casts the wicked | to the ground.
⁷Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp | to our God,
⁸who covers the heav- | ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains. R
⁹God provides food | for the cattle
and for the young ravens | when they cry.
¹⁰God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,
¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c}| Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Jack Branscomb

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Alleluia. The servant of God took | our infirmities* and bore | our diseases. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 8:17)

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Jack Branscomb

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For creation: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for cattle and the rainwater they drink, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEOs; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, or hopelessness, they find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or other sickness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you.

Holy God, we pray especially for:

- Manuel Ibarra; Robert; John Womack; Jack Bergeson.
- Marge Swanson; Leisa Wiggley; Maddy Faass, Jeff Miller.
- Melody McCaulla; Emmalie Kirkland; Cari Seeley; Amber Brownlee.
- Margaret Shortreed; Pastor Ruth Hamilton; Jeff Smith; Jackie Szalkowski.
- Charlene Adams; Officer Max Brewer; Loretta and Wayne Meyer.
- Lisa and Scott Granholm; Julie Boyer; the family of Genet (Gun-net) Johnson.
- Buster and Jamie Lanham; Cindy Murphy; Robert and Betty.
- Sister Roberta; Sandy Staven; Cherie Mason.
- June Hix; Trudy Hanson; Hilton and Patti Austin; Charlie Kuni.
- Sandra Robinson; Steve Robinson; Rick Robinson.
- All healthcare workers.
- The underemployed and unemployed.
- All family members and friends who have COVID.
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators.
- All Saints' Call Committee.

let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here (*especially* the Lilburn Co-op, the SE Gwinnett Co-op, Rainbow House, Family Promise, Inspiritus, and All Saints' Sandwich Ministry to the Homeless); for parish nurses and visitors; for ministries of companionship and support, for the young people in this place who open us to new understandings, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, especially Robert, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

---MEAL---

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/AllSaintsLutheranChurch1/general>

OFFERING of Bread and Wine

Preparing your bread and wine

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OFFERING PRAYER

Jack Branscomb

Let us pray.

O God,

receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.

Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

+DIALOGUE (ELW p. 107)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+PREFACE (ELW p. 108)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)

John Womack



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Almighty Lord,
we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.
From before the earth's foundation,
you loved us and promised us life forever.
Within the earth's deep sadness,
we laud your great and glorious might.
Despite our tears and sinning,
we sing of the gladness of your mercy.
We praise your Son, our Morning Star.
Christ is our diamond bright,
our treasure dear.
He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.
He keeps us yours and fails us never—
today, tomorrow, and every day.
On the night before his great salvation,
he took bread and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
With joy we tell our story:
Alleluia!
We call for your Spirit on us and this meal.
Refresh our souls with this heavenly food,
the body and blood of your Son.
Nourish us as branches of your tree,
and enlighten us with your undying flame.
We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son,
we exult in the Spirit.

Transport us in our yearning,
and be for us the end and the beginning,
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown,
our never-ending love.
And so we pray and praise:
Amen.

+LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond: Amen

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 112)

John Womack

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto everlasting life.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jack Branscomb

Let us pray.

Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.

Amen.

---SENDING---

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

God the Creator strengthen you;
Jesus the Beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the Comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

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DISMISSAL

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love,
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do,
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word,
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Repeat
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

---PRAYER LIST---

- ❖ Manuel Ibarra (Casa de Dios para la Naciones Church), for recovery from COVID and pneumonia.
- ❖ Robert (driver for Rainbow House), for recovery as he is hospitalized with COVID.
- ❖ John Womack, for healing and recovery from kidney stone procedure January 27.
- ❖ Jack Bergeson (brother-in-law of Sue Martinson), for successful heart valve replacement after a recent heart attack.
- ❖ Marge Swanson (Kevin's mother), thanksgiving for recent successful stomach surgery to remove a tumor.
- ❖ Leisa Wiggley, (sewing friend of many at ASLC) for strength and courage in her ongoing battle with pancreatic cancer.
- ❖ Maddy Faass, who has a wonderful internship opportunity which is exactly what she has been looking for. Prayers for a good outcome as the opportunity is very competitive.
- ❖ Jeff Miller (nephew-in-law of Sue Martinson), for healing from recurrence of bladder cancer.
- ❖ Melody McCaulla, thanksgiving for negative COVID tests for both her and Herb. Prayers for continuing good recovery for Melody.
- ❖ Emmalie Kirkland (Melody McCaulla's sister), for complete healing and recovery from COVID. Emmalie has helped and donated food for our Family Promise weeks.
- ❖ Cari Seeley (former ASLC member), for complete healing and recovery from COVID.
- ❖ Amber Brownlee (Herb McCaulla's office manager) and her children, for complete healing and recovery from COVID.
- ❖ Margaret Shortreed (friend of Laura Trittin), that a living kidney donor be found as she has stage four kidney disease.
- ❖ Pastor Ruth Hamilton, thanksgiving for progress and healing in her recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- ❖ Jeff Smith (cousin of Joann Rosselle), strength and courage in dealing with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- ❖ Jackie Szalkowski, for healing and recovery after breast cancer surgery this week.
- ❖ Charlene Adams, patience in waiting for knee replacement surgery to be scheduled.
- ❖ Officer Max Brewer, thanksgiving for healing of his left leg; for patience and resolve in dealing with further surgery on his right leg - earlier surgeries were not successful.
- ❖ Protection for Wayne Meyer, (80+ year-old uncle of Sharon Marion), recovering from COVID and on oxygen; for Sharon's 80+ year-old aunt Loretta Meyer, recovering from COVID and a stroke.
- ❖ Lisa (co-worker of Laura Trittin) and Scott Granholm, for peace and reassurance after losing everything in a house fire in Loganville the weekend before Christmas.
- ❖ Julie Boyer, prayers for healing and recovery from breast cancer surgery.
- ❖ Protection for the family of Genet (Gun-net) Johnson (Blandon's wife), who have been caught up in violence in Ethiopia. Her parents and siblings are still not out of the woods, but have necessary medications now. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family of Genet's cousin, a government worker who was shot and killed in front of his wife and children.
- ❖ Buster and Jamie Lanham (brother-in-law and sister of Angela Kates), strength and courage for Buster while undergoing daily radiation for inoperable Stage 2 pharyngeal cancer; for complete healing and recovery for Jamie, who has COVID.

- ❖ Cindy Murphy, recovering from back surgery; PT is going well; determining treatment for kidney issues.
- ❖ Robert (nephew of Betty Bradford), recovery after surgery and other major health concerns, including the need for a kidney transplant; also for his 85 year-old mother Betty (sister-in-law of Betty Bradford), who is his caregiver.
- ❖ Sister Roberta, for renewed strength, energy, and patience in daily activities.
- ❖ Sandy Staven, thanksgiving for her progress after hip replacement surgery January 12.
- ❖ Cherie Mason, for relief from side effects of chemotherapy; thanksgiving for having completed over half of her chemo treatments; thanksgiving for teaching college courses again.
- ❖ June Hix, for help with knee pain which causes difficulty in walking.
- ❖ Trudy Hanson, thanksgiving that she has completed chemo treatments for breast cancer; for peace and healing while undergoing radiation.
- ❖ Hilton and Patti Austin, for strength, comfort, and courage for Hilton in hospice care.
- ❖ Charlie Kuni, for patience in waiting for a surgery date for carotid artery issues; thanksgiving that he has received the first dose of the COVID vaccine.
- ❖ Sandra Robinson, in her recovery from hospitalization for a severe infection related to MS.
- ❖ Steve Robinson (brother of Rick Robinson) in a new rehab facility for treatment of diabetes.
- ❖ Rick Robinson (Sandra Robinson's husband), thanksgiving for healing.
- ❖ Prayers for children, parents, teachers, and school administrators, for guidance, wisdom, and cooperation in making wise decisions for all.
- ❖ Prayers for All Saints' Call Committee, as they move ahead in the Call Process.
- ❖ Prayers of comfort and peace for the family and friends of Robert, a driver for Rainbow House, who passed away this week from COVID. He and Todd Sinclair (director of Rainbow House) had been friends for over 30 years.