### Sunday, July 8

As we gather for worship, prepare your heart by focusing on God and offering this prayer: "Living God, as we gather to worship you today, help me to encounter you, to truly worship you, to hear from you and to have my life changed by you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

2 Samuel 5:1-5;9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

### **Prayer List**

Louise Ogburn
Edith Hite
Tommy Cage
Elizabeth Reese
Martha G. White
Pastor Alan Layman
Tom Tanner
Jerry Davidson
Linda and Jerry Luff
Elizabeth Barker
Rose Whitby
Ann Thompson
Mary Mills
Betty Thompson
Michelle Honeycutt
Jo Ann Vansickle
Marjorie Thompson
Grace Marshall
Hilda Ozlin
Hazel Taylor
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Coy Mitchell ad family Brenda Lewis David Jones and family Allen Alcock and family David Cook and family Michelle Day Logan Ashley Grant Sean Farrell Wavne Grant Gayle Grant Lynn Cleaton Andrew Book and family Jo Anne Parsons Joni, Kendal, and Anthony Newcomb Dorothy Driskill Dennis Chumney Tim Hurt James D. Wright Bertha Arthur Edna Bagley

Diane Bacon Liegh Anne Bacon Elaine Wright Monica Day Turlington and family Edward Wright Cindy Barnes Junior McHenry David Wingold Neil Barnes Virginia Overby **Robin Rutledge Gregory** The family of Betty Munn Anne Hudson Harold Springer Henry Lee Cundiff

Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:

Others I would like to pray for:





Every day the Transformation Journal will offer you a scripture passage and a question or two for reflection. Take a few minutes each day, and see what God has for you! The prayer list is also on the back, so please take time to pray for those we have lifted up on Sunday.

## Sunday, July 1

Sermon Notes:

Read Luke 24:13-35. The breaking of the bread provided the means by which God opened the disciples eyes to see Jesus. Do you expect to encounter God in communion? How has God used the communion table to help you encounter Jesus?

Prayer focus: Pray that God would open our eyes to see Jesus as we break bread together.

# Monday, July 2

Read Genesis 21:1-7

God kept the promise to Sarah and Abraham, the promise which God made. How is God faithful to you today?

*Prayer Focus*: Pray for wisdom to discern the difference between needs and wants, for yourself, family and friends.

## Thursday, July 5

Read John 13:12-15

Jesus offers us many examples of the depth of love expected of us as his disciples. How have you experienced the love of God through the action of another? Thanks be to God.

*Prayer Focus*: Pray for Charis Storms that she be renewed and refreshed with the love of God so that she can continue to share God's love.

# Tuesday, July 3

#### Read Ruth 1: 11-17

Ruth leaves her family and homeland in faithfulness to Naomi. How are you being faithful to God? Identify one thing you can begin doing today to be more faithful.

*Prayer Focus*: Pray for the strength to be faithful to God, for yourself, your church family, individually and as a group.

# Friday, July 6

Read Acts 4:23-31

The early church affirmed tradition as a source of hope for the future. As this passage describes, they act "now" with the Holy Spirit, to affect the future. As you think of your faith story, what are you called to do now?

*Prayer Focus*: Pray for the churches of the Lunenburg Charge and all churches in Lunenburg.

# Wednesday, July 4

#### Read Exodus 5

Despite resistance and persecution, Moses spoke out and acted on God's call for freedom for others. On this day when we celebrate American freedom, who are those in this community for whom you can be an advocate? *Prayer Focus*: Madeline's House, Lunenburg Health Service, The Society of St. Andrew.

# Saturday, July 7

### Read Acts 11:19-26

The Holy Spirit led the early disciples to preach the Good News in places where they were not supposed to go, according to the tradition of the Jewish law. Are your traditions ever an obstacle to spiritual growth? *Prayer Focus*: Pray for the church universal – in Asia, Africa, South America, Europe and the United States.