Prayers of Intercession Aug 8, 2021

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A: For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A: For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick (especially ... Joe Monte, Jane Croghan, Lisa McDonough, Jean Brown, Frank Taddie, Cassie Leon, Jackie Dewitt, Betty Oddi, John Hoyt, Gary Kline, Linda Baker, Dennis Matarese, Bea Henriques, Irene Muir, Mary Ellis, Madel Scheible, Albert Brogan, David Edwards and Phil Atwood and prayer of comfort for Caroline Dougan.) God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A: For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A: For what else shall we pray?

A: For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.