

Sunday Prayers.9.6.2026

God of Creation—We are often critical of how the world works and wishing you were a more controlling power. Sometimes, we want you to be a magician that is like a fairy godmother and makes all of our wishes come true. But you are different. You are subtle and as present as the air we breathe—constantly moving among us and around us inviting us to solve problems, love our human kin, and be all that you have created us to be and become. It is hard work you call us to be about. And yet, your Spirit points us forward. Help us listen...and learn...and then, to the best of our ability...help us love....ourselves...and each other...and all the others everywhere...including the planet that sustains our lives. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Resurrection, People are grieving so many things—relationships that have come undone, seasons of life that have long since disappeared, and beloved people. Help us remember that grieving is a part of loving...and that love always involves you. Help us find ways forward that allow peace to grow within us. We especially remember those who are hurting acutely today.

We remember:

- Brian and Amy Dresen, Logan and Carissa and family on the death of Amy's mom, Sandy Wahamaki.

May your love find all who grieve and hurt...and mend their hearts with mercy...Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Hearer and Healer, you know the battles that are at work in side each of us. You know the heartaches we hold, the healing we need as well as the healing needed in those that we love. Bring your healing presence to mend with mercy the pain and illness that resides in all the people and places we name before you.....Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The news is filled with words that announce so many things that concern your people. Help us see the news through your eyes...and hear it with your ears. Help us consider how we might understand the news through your lens of grace. It changes what is said...and what our culture's understanding of the news might be. It moves us to mend with mercy a planet in deep need of your sensibilities and great love. Empower us to be the change the world needs right now—fill us with the compassion, love and energy to make a difference in ways that you see us capable of doing. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of the World, we pray for our President, our Governor, the leaders of the village of Wauna-kee, our school board, and all the governing bodies everywhere...including the Presiding Bishop and all the leaders of our church...that they might be moved to lead with love...and justice and mercy with the hope of guiding us forward in ways of peace for all people. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Last, but not least Lord, help all who travel this weekend, travel in safety. Help us all enjoy a breath of weekend air in ways that help us forward. Invite us to see so much of what you hope for...with fresh eyes, open ears, and softened hearts. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, Gracious Lord, we commend all for whom we pray...
Amen.