

## **Prayers of the People**

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

God of Life, we lift up to you the students who will affirm their faith this week at the rite of confirmation. May they trust your sure and certain presence alongside them in their life, and may they have confidence in your promise to them - that they are beloved, and made in your image. As we celebrate their learning and growth, inspire within them a curiosity to continue to explore their faith and deepen their relationship with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, turn our nation toward hope. In these days of fires and pandemics, of harmful politics and community pain, grant us your mercy and mend the divides among us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Pour out your spirit of comfort upon all who are in pain, especially Ellie McComb's uncle. We pray also for those who are preparing for or healing from surgery, lifting up our pianist Jill Schendel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**