



North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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Order of Worship March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This

Sarah Douglas

Call to Worship (Ezekiel 37, John 11)

Coming from places that have seen better days,

God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.

Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, speaking in word and sacrament, and building community for holy service.

Opening Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

Unison Prayer (Psalm 130, John 11)

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace

and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk—places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. Awaken us to live the teachings we proclaim in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns (see last page of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Ezekiel 37, Psalm 130, John 11)

Forgive us, O God, when we see the world through rose-colored glasses rather than as it really is, much less the way you seek it to be. Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith calling us to be agents of change in our world for the bland conviction that all will be well. Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over the grave. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Ezekiel 37, Romans 8)

The God we serve is the God of life, the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—even for dried-up bones and shattered dreams. That rattling of bones in Ezekiel's vision may be heard as the shackles that once held us down in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt. God defies these deadly entanglements with the power of life. This we trust, and by this we live. Thanks be to God!

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering with Prayer

(Please continue to be faithful with your financial gifts by sending your stewardship contributions to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.)

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

UMH 534

Sermon

“Searching for A Hopeful Sign”

Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Closing Hymn

Lord of the Dance

UMH 261

Benediction (Psalm 130, Romans 8)

We are a people loved by God.

We will live as signs of this love.

We are a people blessed with hope.

We will live in light of this hope.

May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit, strengthen our faith and set us loose to share God’s love with all.

Amen and amen!

Postlude

Praise God, Ye Christians All Together

Dietrich Buxtehude

Our Guiding Principles

- We appreciate and invest in our youth.
- We actively serve our neighbors in the North Olmsted community and the wider world.
- We provide varied opportunities for people to grow in their faith.
- We welcome and nurture a diverse congregation who become extended family.
- We foster lasting personal relationships, which are especially important in a digital world.

Our Faithful Journey



This Week’s Birthdays

March 30 Dick M.

April 2 Kara Q.

March 31 Diane P.

April 3 John W.

This Week’s Anniversaries

April 1 Wendy and Bill C.

April 4 Diane and Ray P.

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Glenn K.
Victims of natural disasters	Susan W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Rev. Mack, lifted by Frank O.
Those affected by gun violence	Connie C.
Those who are homeless	Bill and Vince, brothers of Reba Y.
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Our condolences to the family of Mary R. following her passing	Selene, granddaughter of Carole A. Cheryl, sister of Mike B.
Barb B.	David L.
Dave L.	Russ, friend of David L.
David J.	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Bev, lifted by Josh O.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Tina, Brenda F.'s niece	Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Amanda, Jane P.'s granddaughter	DeNiro and family
Sterling B.	Jim, friend of Bill & Marilyn R.
Rita R.	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Carl, friend of Rita R.	Kevin, friend of Ron & Barb C.
Darlene, friend of Barb A.	Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Uri, grandson of Michael & Jennifer G.	Brian R.
Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.	Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane B.
Viola C.	Matthew F., USAF
Donna, sister of Carol N.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son	Cpl. Trevor C., USMC
Kay, Pippa, and Heather, lifted by Ron S.	Christopher Y., USAF