Prayer Concerns

First Responders
Brian R.

Victims of natural disasters
Susan W.

Those suffering from mental illness
Bill and Vince, brothers of Reba Y.

Those affected by gun violence
Connie C.

Those who are homeless
Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.

Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers
Selene, granddaughter of Carol A.

Viola C.
Barb B.

Dave L.
Sterling B.

Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Zack, son of Jennifer G.

Tina, Brenda F.‘s niece
David L.

Amanda, Jane P.’s granddaughter
Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.

Kay, Pippa, & Heather, lifted by Ron S.
Steve, Mary Ellen M.‘s son

Rita R.
Carol B., lifted by Tom M.

Carl, friend of Rita R.
DeNiro and family

Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.

Uri, grandson of Michael & Jennifer G
Donna, friend of Judy K.

David J.
Donna, sister of Carol N.

Russ, friend of David L.
Cpl. Trevor C., USMC

Andy, Faye W.‘s son
Christopher Y., USAF

Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Matthew F., USAF

This Week’s Birthdays

April 19, 2020 Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude

He Rises This Day
Carolyn Sternowski

Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship

John Vas

The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light.

Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory.

Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

UMH 312

Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez
Unison Prayer
Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all our lives. As we gather this morning, we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Today banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, your power, mercy, and love are with us. Amen.

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Children's Sermon Sarah Jackson

Prayers of the People
Joys and Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer
Prayer of Confession
Even though we have come through the joy of Easter and the triumphant Easter songs, yet we doubt, Lord. Like Thomas who walked the Judean countryside with Jesus, we still have trouble believing in the resurrection of Jesus. We easily slip back into the darkness of doubts. We move the joy of Easter into the past and continue in a downward path to confusion. Shine your bright light of joy upon us. Lighten our dark path. Help us to believe, even though we have not seen you or touched your hands and side. Help us to proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Do not fear, dear friends. Jesus is among us, offering us new life and hope. Nothing can prevent God's love for us. Rejoice, for you have been made new in Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music His Eye Is on the Sparrow Terri Wilhelm

Penny Sunday Offering
Today’s offering will go to support the mission of Oxcart Pantry and The Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

The Offering
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 20:19-31

Hymn Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us UMH 331
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

Sermon “Signs of His Presence” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn Easter People, Raise Your Voices UMH 304
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

Benediction
Go from this place in peace and joy to serve the Lord.
We rejoice in the good news we have heard and go to serve God in all that we do.
May God's blessing continue in and through you to others.
May God's love also pour into your heart this day and always. Amen.

Postlude Glory Be to God Bach Marlene Dirksen