Prayer Concerns

First Responders
Victims of natural disasters
Those suffering from mental illness
Those affected by gun violence
Those who are homeless
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers
Josh and Natalie W.
Dave L.
Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Tina, Brenda F.’s niece
Amanda, Jane P.’s granddaughter
Kay, Pippa, & Heather, lifted by Ron S.
Rita R.
Carl, friend of Rita R.
Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Uri, grandson of Michael & Jennifer G
David J.
Russ, friend of David L.
Andy, Faye W.’s son
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Viola C.

Brian R.
Susan W.
Bill and Vince, brothers of Reba Y.
Connie C.
Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.
Selene, granddaughter of Carol A.
Barb B.
Sterling B.
Zack, son of Jennifer G.
David L.
Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Steve, Mary Ellen M.’s son
Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane B.
Israel, Sarah J.’s student
Dawn, friend of Susan W.
DeNiro and family
Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Donna, friend of Judy K.
Donna, sister of Carol N.
Cpl. Trevor C., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF
Matthew F., USAF
Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude  Variations on "Duke Street"  arr. R. Currie
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship (Psalm 116)  Michelle Wolter
The Lord harkens to our call, listening to our pleas and hearing our prayers!

We will praise God who gives rest to our souls!
In the courts of the house of the LORD, in the presence of all God’s people, we acknowledge our faith.

We will call on the Lord as long as we live!
We are your servant, O God; you have loosed our bonds!

We will offer sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving!
How shall we repay the Lord for all we have been given?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!

Epistle Reading  1 Peter 1:17-23
Unison Prayer
Dear Lord, you have so much to show us and to tell us—things that no human eyes have seen, things that no human ears have heard, things that you have prepared for those you love. Mighty God, your promises are like shelter in a storm—to us and to our children, to all those far and near, to everyone who hears your call. O, that we might have the mind of Christ, that we may know and understand your truth. We wait as empty vessels, ready to be filled to overflowing with your living water, as you reveal your love for us through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Children’s Sermon
Jean Scothon

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

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession
Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son our Savior. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road, but we aren’t always ready for you and don’t always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives, and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Even though you have not seen Jesus, one to one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Gospel Reading

Hymn
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus
UMH 349
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

Sermon
“A Traveling Companion” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn
Christ Is Alive
UMH 318
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

Benediction
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing
UMH 664
Flute: Nancy Driftmyer; Piano: Javier Gonzalez

Postlude
He Is King of Kings
Marlene Dirksen

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