

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Glenn K.
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.
Barb B.	David L.
Cheryl, sister of Mike B.	Russ, friend of David L.
Sterling B.	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Bev, lifted by Josh O.	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Tina, Brenda F.'s niece	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Amanda, Jane P.'s granddaughter	Dawn, friend of Susan W. DeNiro and family
Kay, Pippa, & Heather, lifted by Ron S.	Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Rita R.	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Carl, friend of Rita R.	Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane B.
Darlene, friend of Barb A.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Uri, grandson of Michael & Jennifer G.	Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Viola C.	Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Donna, sister of Carol N.	Brian R.
David J.	Christopher Y., USAF
Dave L.	Matthew F., USAF
	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
	Cpl. Trevor C., USMC

This Week's Birthdays

April 5 Kim B.

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April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Tune: "Ellacombe"

Call to Worship

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Blessed is the One who comes with healing and compassion.

Blessed is the One who comes with forgiveness and mercy.

Lord, rest your hand of healing on our hearts today.

Gracious Jesus, let us walk with you today.

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1-11

Opening Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UMH 278

Unison Prayer

O Lord God, whose Son followed your will, both as Servant and Savior, and now rules in the hearts of those who accept him as King: Open our hearts to his rule, that we may rejoice in the blessings of his kingdom and share with those who honor him with their lives. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns (see back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Matthew 21, Psalm 118)

O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the help we need to be your people—the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Hear this good news! The procession is ever moving forward. We can join at any moment. The invitation still stands! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

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.)

Old Testament Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Sermon “Something to Celebrate!” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn of Preparation *Let Us Break Bread Together* UMH 618
(vv. 1-3)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(see liturgy in complement to bulletin)

Closing Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* UMH 280
(vv. 1, 3, 4)

Benediction

We do not know what the future will hold for us, but we are assured that whatever happens, God is with us! Follow Jesus boldly to the cross and beyond. For God's promises are good and true. You are beloved. Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude *The King Rides In* L. Smith/D. Paxton

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

