**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
Condolences to the family of Glenn Knight following his passing
Condolences to Mike and Chris Byrns following the passing of Mike’s sister, Cheryl
Viola C.
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.
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.
Russ, friend of David L.
Andy, Faye W.’s son
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
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

**This Week’s Birthdays**

April 18  Louise Harrington

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**April 12, 2020**  Easter Sunday

**Welcome and Greeting with the Easter Acclamation**

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

**Ministries and Missions Announcements**

**Prelude**  *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*  arr. Saxton
Marlene Dirksen

**Call to Worship** (Colossians 3:1-4)  Alice Walsh

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**New Testament Reading**  Acts 10:34-43
**Hymn**
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vv. 1-4)  
UMH 302
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

**Unison Prayer**
Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Children’s Sermon**
Michelle Wolter

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

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, we don’t always recognize Christ, even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love. We cling to our assumptions about how life on earth should unfold, forgetting that life in your realm shatters those expectations. Forgive us when we go through our daily routine, forgetting to look for the Risen One. Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our friends than it is about encountering you and our Resurrected Lord. Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives. We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive! Alleluia and amen.

**Words of Assurance and Pardon**
The testimony of all the prophets is united in this message of good news: Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Rejoice, for your sins are already forgiven!

**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**
Matthew 28:1-10

**Hymn**
Up from the Grave He Arose  
UMH 322
NOUMC Congregation

**Sermon**
“Rise Up!”  
Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**Hymn**
He Lives  
UMH 310
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

**Benediction**
Christ is with us in this place.
Alleluia!
Christ goes with us into the world.
Alleluia!
Go now in peace. Christ is risen!
Risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Postlude**
Easter Alleluia  
Henry Kihlken

**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**