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

This Week’s Birthdays

May 3
John Gonska
May 5
Sam Vas
May 4
Ray Schurr
May 9
Carole Andrews
May 4
Cameron Ressel

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Welcome and Passing of the Peace
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude  Wir Glauben All An Einen Gott  E.L. Ashford
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship (Psalm 23, John 10)  Bill Ransom
Can you hear the voice of God?
We hear God calling us by name.
Are you troubled or distressed?
We come here to find a place to rest for a while.
Come and find a guide who knows these lands.
We come to praise our Shepherding God,
whose pathways and doors lead to life.

Hymn  The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want  UMH 136
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

Unison Prayer (Psalm 23, John 10)
Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. Amen.

Children’s Sermon  Alice Walsh

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 23, John 10)
Shepherding God, be with us in our need. Like sheep who have gone astray—we have not heeded your voice, calling us to follow the right paths, beckoning us to lie down and be restored; we have acted as if our salvation lies in busyness and control. We do not want to be sheep—dependent on a shepherd for everything. We want to do it alone—to maintain our independence. Forgive us for rejecting your shepherding care and your love and guidance. Forgive us for our need to do it by ourselves, to be separate from the flock. Forgive us for doubting your presence in times of trouble. Forgive us our despair in the face of seemingly unrelenting evil and death. Lead us back to the path of life. Amen.

Words of Assurance (1 Peter 2, John 10)
Jesus said, I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly. In so confessing, we have returned to the shepherd, the guardian of our souls who welcomes us with open arms and a glad heart. Know that the shepherd of our lives never abandons us, is always calling our name, and unfailingly loves and forgives us.

The Lord’s Prayer

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 10:1-10

Hymn  The Summons  TFW S 2130

Sermon  “An Open Gate”  Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn  Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join  UMH 699

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The Love Feast
The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia—community, sharing, and fellowship—enjoyed by the family of Christ.

Benediction  Sent Forth by God’s Blessing  UMH 664

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Postlude  God Be with You  E.L. Ashford

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.