

## 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.
Josh and Natalie W.	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 Ray & Jane B.
Carl, friend of Rita R.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Darlene, friend of Barb A.	Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Uri, grandson of Michael & Jennifer G	DeNiro and family
David J.	Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Russ, friend of David L.	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Andy, Faye W.'s son	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.	Cpl. Trevor C., USMC
Viola C.	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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<https://youtu.be/sw57y22Yf1U>

May 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter

### **Welcome and Passing of the Peace**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

### **Ministries and Missions Announcements**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Wir Glauben All An Einen Gott</i>	E.L. Ashford
	Marlene Dirksen	

<b>Call to Worship</b> (Psalm 23, John 10)	Bill Ransom
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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.**

<b>Hymn</b>	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want</i>	UMH 136
	Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez	

**New Testament Reading** Acts 2:42-47

**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* TFWS 2130

**Sermon** "An Open Gate" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**Hymn** *Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join* UMH 699  
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

**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  
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

**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.

***Our Faithful Journey***

