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July 12, 2020  Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude  In the Glow of Early Morning  Joseph Prentiss
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship  Michelle Wolter
L:  The Lord is the sower of the seeds of love and redemption.
P:  But we have not always been ready to receive these seeds.
L:  Today we hear again the scriptures that remind us of the
awake generosity of God.
P:  Help us be good soil, O God, prepared to receive your love
and to grow in that love.
L:  Amen.
P:  AMEN.

Old Testament Reading  Isaiah 55:10-13

Opening Hymn  In the Garden  UMH 314
Vocalists: James and Anita Bridges

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
Those quarantined in their rooms in assisted living facilities
Keith A.
Gwen H.
Frank M.
Danielle, Gwen’s granddaughter
Russ, friend of David L.
Barb B.
Uri, grandson of Michael & Jennifer G.
Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane
Mary Lou L.
Amanda, lifted by Jane P.
Pippa & Heather
Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Brian R.
Susan W.
Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y.
Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Connie C.
Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.
Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Viola C.
Donna, sister of Carol N.
Donna, friend of Judy K.
Andy, Faye W.’s son
Israel, Sarah J.’s student
Tina, Brenda F.’s niece
Carl, friend of Rita R.
Steve, Mary Ellen M.’s son
Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Sterling B.
DeNiro and family
Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Cpl. Trevor C., USMC
Matthew F., USAF
Christopher Y., USAF
Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

This Week’s Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 12  Frank O’Dell
July 12  Jeff Riddlebaugh
July 13  Abby Bloomfield
July 13  Jo & Larry Krejci
July 14  Rae Spalding
July 18  Gabriela Martinez
July 16  Leslie & Neil Dilley

This Week’s Birthdays & Anniversaries
Unison Prayer
God of old stories and new beginnings, open our lives today to the new that you long to accomplish in our lives. As you called on people before us to walk faithfully with you, speak our names today, call us to higher purposes, and fill us with your Spirit that we may worthily praise you and magnify your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People
Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)
Pastoral Prayer
Special Music Softly and Tenderly arr. Johnson
Soprano Sax: Keith Morris

Prayer of Confession
Lord, forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love. We are so caught up in getting everything that we want; and we want it all right now. We have trouble waiting and remembering that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice. It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil for your words and work. We find excuses not to be attentive to you, but to focus instead on our own desires. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again of your mercy and your love; for we offer this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Words of Assurance
God hears your cries and heals your wounded hearts. God is preparing you for good things to come. Place your trust in God who has always loved you and will always love you.

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH 420 Vocalists: James and Anita Bridges
Sermon “Tending the Soil” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Closing Hymn O Word of God Incarnate UMH 598 Vocalists: James and Anita Bridges

Responsive Benediction
L: God has placed the seeds of love and forgiveness in your heart.
P: Go into God’s world with joy, telling of the good news of God’s abundant, lavish love for all creation.
L: Go to be a witness to all the miraculous possibilities for hope and peace.
P: Amen.

Postlude Postlude Alexandre Boelby
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.