

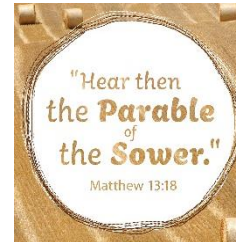
Prayer Concerns

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

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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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 awesome 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

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.

Our Faithful Journey

