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
Scott, Barb L.’s brother-in-law
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.

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.
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
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

July 19, 2020 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Passing of the Peace
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude Be Thou My Vision Dale Wood
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship
L: In the midst of strife, God is with us!
P: Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.
L: In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!
P: Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!
L: Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.
P: We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of God.

Unison Prayer
God of eternal love and grace, we call on you today. Give us a vision of your presence in the midst of both joy and strife. Give us
courage and confidence that you are with us, calling us to be your loving people in the world. For we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading  Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Opening Hymn  Hope of the World, vv. 1, 2, and 5  UMH 178
Vocalists: James and Anita Bridges

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)
Pastoral Prayer
Prayer of Confession
Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance
God’s seeds of love have already been sown in your midst. Come and see the love of God outpoured for you. You are God’s beloved ones. Come, live in the light of God.

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.

Penny Sunday Offering
Today’s offering will go to provide meals at Laura’s Home Women’s Crisis Center.

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.

New Testament Reading  Romans 8:12-25

Special Music  Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring  J.S. Bach
Guitar: Andy Walsh  arr. David Qualey

Sermon  “People of Hope”  Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Closing Hymn  Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  UMH 384
Vocalists: James and Anita Bridges

Benediction
L:  Go into God’s world with confidence and hope.
P:  God’s presence is with you in all that you do!
L:  Be people who plant seeds of comfort and hope.
P:  God will bring about goodness and love in remarkable ways!
Amen!

Postlude  Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty  Edward Broughton
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.