

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.
Scott, Barb L.'s brother-in-law	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Keith A.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Gwen H.	Tina, Brenda F.'s niece
Frank M.	Carl, friend of Rita R.
Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Russ, friend of David L.	Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Barb B.	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
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
	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

This Week's Birthdays

July 20	Wilbur Stacho	July 23	Amber Faught
July 22	Mary Lou Fitzgerald	July 24	Kelly Benko

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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
Marlene Dirksen

Dale Wood

Call to Worship

Bill Ransom

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

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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.

Our Faithful Journey

