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
Our condolences to Charlene V. following the passing of her aunt and godmother, Marion
Josh O.
Donald R.
Mary Lou L.
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy
Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Scott, Barb L.’s brother-in-law
Keith A.
Gwen H.
Frank M.
Danielle, Gwen’s granddaughter
Russ, friend of David L.
Barb B.
Zack, son of Jennifer G.
DeNiro and family

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
Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Carl, friend of Rita R.
Steve, Mary Ellen M.’s son
Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Sterling B.
Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane
Matthew F. USAF
Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF
Cpl. Trevor C., USMC

September 20, 2020  16th 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  Prelude in A Flat Major  Alexandre Guilmant
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship  (Psalm 105)
L:  Call on the name of God and give thanks.
P:  Make known God’s deeds among the people.
L:  Sing and tell of God’s wonderful works.
P:  Let those who seek God rejoice in their hearts.
L:  Let us worship God.

Old Testament Reading  Psalm 145:1-8

This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 20  Betty Spoerke
September 22  Doris Bridges
September 22  Toni Jackson
September 23  Rebecca & Kevin Weihrouch
September 26  Alice & Andy Walsh

September 25  Judy Frazier
September 25  Jim Elliott

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https://youtu.be/6wHP0AY7UyQ
**Unison Prayer** (Psalm 105)
Liberating God, we seek your journey. With parted waters, set us free. With cloud and fire, guide us. With gushing waters, quench our thirst. With food from heaven, feed us. Draw us out with joy and singing, that we might know your ways. Amen.

**Hymn**  *Morning Has Broken*  UMH 145  
Favorite Hymn of Jim Yager  
Vocalist: Deb Chermonte

**Prayers of the People**

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**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession** (Philippians 1, Matthew 20)
God of fruitful labor, work sometimes brings out the worst in us. 
At home, at school, in the workplace, even in our relationship with you, we too easily question what others do and get, instead of taking care of our own business. Take away our bitterness. Teach us the art of the careful complaint. Give us grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** (Exodus 16, Philippians 1)
Hear the good news: what we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing. God hears our complaints, but also our prayers. God will not forget us. In Christ's name, we are forgiven.

**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 support Oxcart Food Pantry.

**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 20:1-16

**Hymn**  *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*  UMH 121  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Sermon**  
“A Matter of Fairness”  
Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**Hymn**  *Oh Jesus, I Have Promised*  UMH 396  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Responsive Benediction** (Philippians 1)
L:  Stand firm in the spirit;  
P:  strive side by side;  
L:  and live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.  
P:  Go in peace. Amen.

**Postlude**  *Lead On, O King Eternal*  
arr. Lani Smith  
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.