***Prayer Concerns***

***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.

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| First Responders | Brian R. |
| Victims of natural disasters | Susan W. |
| Those suffering from mentalillness | 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 ReceiversOur condolences to the family  of Bradley following his  passing, lifted by Sally S.Kifah, friend of David L.Jeff, friend of Judy K. Jeff & Sharon B., lifted by Janis J. Bob, Carole B.’s son 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  | 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. Zack, son of Jennifer G. 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 |

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***November 1, 2020*** All Saints Day

***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*** *Sinfonia in F*      Johann Sebastian Bach

Marlene Dirksen

***Call to Worship*** John Wolter

L: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

**P: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

***Our Faithful Journey***

L: We have come to remember God’s benefits to us the living.

**P: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our**

**lives.**

L: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

**P: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

***Unison Prayer*** (inspired by Revelation 7:9-17)

**We seek and find you in Creation, O God, in the world you have made and the people you have called. Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life. Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge; may the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb, lead us to act for your justice and peace: so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life, and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away. In the name of the Risen One we pray: Amen.**

***Old Testament Reading*** Psalm 34:1-10, 22

***Hymn*** *Rejoice in God’s Saints* UMH 708

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

***Prayers of the People***

***Prayer Concerns*** (back of bulletin)

***Pastoral Prayer***

***A Prayer Meditation For All Saints Day***

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored. We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and those gnarled with age, holy hands used as wave offerings across the land. We thank you, God, for hardworking saints; whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, head ragged or aproned, blue-collared or three-piece-suited they left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. (https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-prayer-meditation-for-all-saints-day)

***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 5:1-12

***Sermon*** “Blessed to Be a Blessing” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

***Hymn***  *Blest Are They* TFWS 2155

(vv. 1-4)

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

***Sacrament of Holy Communion and Honoring of the Saints***

***Hymn***  *For All the Saints* UMH 711

(vv. 1-4)

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

***Benediction***

***Postlude*** *God Is My Strong Salvation*    Gilbert Martin

Marlene Dirksen