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 Recipients
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy Ron W.
Josh O. & Guylene H.
Dallas, Terri W.’s father
Bobbi, Terri W.’s sister
Barbara B.
Viola C.
Susan W.
Carolyn and Alex B.
Danielle, Gwen’s granddaughter
Mary, Sue S.’s mother
Kifah, friend of David L.
Jeff, friend of Judy K.
Bob, Carole B.’s son
Donald R.
Mary Lou L.
Gwen H.

This Week’s Birthdays

January 31 Darlene Owings
February 3 Ron Stroup

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January 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: In meeting Christ, we become new creations. As we share the peace of Christ with each other, we share the newness of life he brings. Come, enter into new life in Christ!
P: The life and peace of Christ be with you!

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude Setting on "Beach Spring" arr. Henry Balcombe
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us praise the Lord!
P: We praise God with our whole heart!
L: God’s works are great!
P: Open our hearts and spirits to see your works, O Lord!
L: Come, let us worship the Lord who has saved us!
P: May our lives reflect the wondrous love of God that all may see and know of God’s greatness.
Unison Prayer (1 Corinthians 8)

Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your divine Wisdom, bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 111

Hymn

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above UMH 96
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 111)

You, God, are known for your wonderful deeds—your mercy, forgiveness, and love. You have shown us the power of your works time and time again. And yet, we are slow to comprehend; we refuse to acknowledge your gifts; we act self-sufficient, as if we provide ourselves everything we need, when we know in our hearts that you are the author of life. Forgive us, we pray. As we confess our sins, in thought, word, or deed, may your redemptive presence flood our lives that we may praise your name forevermore. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 111)

God offers redemption to people of every generation, making new life possible for everyone. Repent, believe in the gospel, and be healed!

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Mark 1:21-28

Hymn

When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee UMH 263 (vv. 1, 5-7)
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon

“The Ultimate Authority” Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee UMH 430
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Benediction

L: Jesus comes to us, offering healing and hope, speaking and acting with authority.

P: Listen to him. Go into this world, confident in God’s love and healing power.

All: Go in peace and may God’s love and peace always be with you. Amen.

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, Who Reigns Above arr. F. Ritter
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