

**Prayer Concerns**

First Responders	Jeff, friend of Judy K.
Victims of natural disasters	Kifah, friend of David L.
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	Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Selene, lifted by Carole A. Keith A.
Carole B.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Tom M. & family	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Ron W.	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Josh O. & Guylene H.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Barbara B.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Viola C.	Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Susan W.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Carolyn and Alex B.	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Mary, Sue S.'s mother	Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Donald R.	Matthew F., USAF
Mary Lou L.	Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Dallas & Bobbi, lifted by Terri W.	Christopher Y., USAF
Sterling B.	
Frank M.	

***This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries***

March 21	Wendy Cooper	March 25	Marilyn Ransom
March 24	Iris Stroup		
March 27	Gabriela Martinez & Javier Gonzalez		

***Holy Week Worship Opportunities***

Palm Sunday, March 28, 10:30 am: Livestreamed  
 Good Friday, April 2, 7 pm: Recorded for Viewing  
 Easter Sunday, April 4, 10:30 am: Livestreamed



# North Olmsted United Methodist Church



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 Worship with us online:  
<https://youtu.be/MPHUMBsQHQ4>

**March 21, 2021** Fifth Sunday in Lent

***Welcome and Passing of the Peace***

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
 P: **And also with you.**

***Ministries and Missions Announcements***

***Prelude***

*Ah, Holy Jesus* arr. L. Smith  
 Organist: Marlene Dirksen

***Call to Worship***

Bev Hixon

L: The journey of Lent continues with a journey of sacrifice.  
 P: **We are called upon to give our lives to God.**  
 L: We are called upon to give of ourselves to others.  
 P: **Lord, help us to reach inward in confession and outward in service.**  
 L: Be with us this day and walk with us on this journey.  
 P: **Amen.**

***Old Testament Reading*** Psalm 119:9-16

### **Unison Prayer**

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn** *Living for Jesus* TFWS 2149  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

### **Prayers of the People**

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**Pastoral Prayer**

**Responsive Prayer of Confession**

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives, and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed.

**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**

*March's offering will go to support Flat Rock Homes.*

### **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.*

**Special Music** *Jesus, Lord to Me* G. Nelson/G. McSpadden  
Vocalist: Debra Chermonte

**Gospel Reading** John 12:20-33

**Hymn** *Jesus Calls Us* UMH 398  
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Sermon** "Serving through Jesus" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**Hymn** *Take Up Thy Cross* UMH 415  
(vv. 1-2, 4)  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

### **Responsive Benediction**

L: Fix your eyes on the Lord. Place your hand in His Hand, trusting in his guiding and comfort.

P: **Go into this world, that needs so much the words of healing love, and bring the good news of God's absolute love and presence to all people.**

L: Go in peace.

P: **Amen.**

**Postlude** *Variation on "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"*  
Neumark/J.S. Bach  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen