

North Olmsted United Methodist Church



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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 30	Dick Mercer	April 2	Kara Quan
March 31	Diane Plogger		
March 28	Barb & Ed Brewster	April 1	Wendy & Bill Cooper

March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday

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 *Ride On in Majesty* arr. David Paxton
Marlene Dirksen

Introit *Hosanna in the Highest* Hal Hopson
Bells: Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez; Andy and Alice Walsh

Call to Worship John Vas

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!
P: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
L: Open wide the gates of your hearts.
P: **Let the Savior enter!**
L: Shout with joy, all you people.
P: **The Savior has come forth bringing peace. AMEN.**

Old Testament Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Unison Prayer

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God's Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day! Amen.

Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (vv. 1-2, 4-5) UMH 280
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Through the shouts and branches, the Savior rides again into our hearts, our Jerusalems, the places that we have fortified, sometimes against even God's truth and love. Patient God, be with us today as we witness again the entry of Jesus into the holy city. Remind us that our "holy cities", our souls, need to welcome Jesus, truly in celebration and in commitment to his witness to us. We can so easily get caught up in the noise and forget the Savior. We can get so focused on the celebration and colors that we look past the solitary figure on the small donkey. We stand at the gates this day to welcome Jesus. May our welcome of Jesus also be reflected in our welcome of others who come into our midst. Free us from judgment and prejudice, that we may be open to hearing your word through the ministry of Jesus and the disciples. As we have spoken the names of ones who are near and dear to us who need your healing love, O God, help us also to remember that we need a good measure of your grace and mercy. Bring us through this parade into the comfort of your love. Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus! Blessed is He who has come and who continues to come into our lives forever. Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Thanks be to God that we are loved and forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God!

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.

Special Music *The Holy City* S. Adams
Flute Solo: Nancy Driftmyer

Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-11

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH 277
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon "Blessed Is The One Who Enters Our Lives!"
Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UMH 278
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Responsive Benediction

L: The road has been long. You have seen much on this journey, but it is not time to quit. There is much to be done. Go in peace, dear people of God.

P: **Go ready to proclaim with your lives that Jesus is Lord and Savior.**

L: Go to offer God's love and peace to all.

P: **Amen.**

Postlude *Hosanna in the Highest* arr. Christopher Gale
Marlene Dirksen