

### **Prayer Concerns**

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

### **This Week's Birthdays**

March 9	Nathan Clough	March 12	Nicole Blosser
March 12	De Niro Bernard		

## **North Olmsted United Methodist Church**



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**March 7, 2021** Third Sunday in Lent

**Welcome and Passing of the Peace** (Exodus 20, 1 Corinthians 1)

**L:** The Lord continues to bring God's people from slavery into freedom. Through the power of the cross of Christ, we are being saved. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**Ministries and Missions Announcements**

**Prelude** *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* J. Gottfried Walther  
Marlene Dirksen

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1) Ed Brewster

**L:** The world finds no proof of God.

**P: But the heavens tell of God's glory.**

**L:** God's message is foolishness to the world.

**P: But God's folly trumps human wisdom.**

**L:** The freedom of the world brings us death.

**P: But obedience to God's ways brings life.**

L: We gather in the name of Christ crucified.

P: **The Word made flesh brings life to God's people!**

**New Testament Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**Unison Prayer** (1 Corinthians 1, John 2)

O God, your weakness is mightier than human strength, your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We rejoice that you are with us today. Open our hearts and discipline our will. Teach us to follow your perfect ways. Test us with your righteous decrees. As with a whip, drive us from unholy living, and turn us toward your holy light. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, comfort and redeem us with your holy gospel. Amen.

**Hymn** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* UMH 559  
(vv. 1-2, 4)

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns** (back of bulletin)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession** (Psalm 19, John 2)

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know—we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** (Exodus 20)

God shows steadfast love and blesses to the thousandth generation those who walk in God's ways. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and

redeem God's people. God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life. Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

**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** John 2:13-22

**Special Music** *Beach Spring* B.F. White; arr. Walsh  
Guitarist: Andy Walsh

**Sermon** "Bold Behavior" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**Hymn** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* UMH 614  
(vv. 1-2, 4)

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn** *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Responsive Benediction** (1 Corinthians 1)

L: We proclaim the crucified and risen Christ, who is the power and wisdom of God.

P: **May Christ strengthen us and give us wisdom.**

L: Go forth in the name of Christ!

P: **Amen!**

**Postlude** *Andante Religioso* Fredrick Chopin  
Marlene Dirksen