

# North Olmsted United Methodist Church

## *Prayer Concerns*

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| First Responders  | Sterling B.  |
| Victims of natural disasters                                      | Frank M.   |
| Those suffering from mental illness                               | Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y.<br>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.<br>Keith A.                                      |
| Our condolences to the loved ones of Tom M. following his passing | Donna, sister of Carol N.<br>Donna, friend of Judy K.<br>Andy, Faye W.'s son |
| Judy K.   | Israel, Sarah J.'s student   |
| Carole B.   | 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 Anniversaries & Birthdays*

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| April 4 | Diane & Ray Plogger |
| April 5 | Kim Busser          |



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<https://youtu.be/4N6R-Qbs2JM>

**April 4, 2021** Easter Sunday

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

L: Christ has risen!

P: **He has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### ***Ministries and Missions Announcements***

#### ***Prelude***

*Lo, In the Grave He Lay*  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen

arr. Lani Smith

#### ***Introit***

*Break Forth Into Singing*  
Bells: Andy and Alice Walsh; Organ: Javier Gonzalez;  
Vocals: Gabriela Martinez

Hal H. Hopson

#### ***Call to Worship***

L: Christ is risen!

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

L: Death never gets the final word.

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

L: Rejoice in this day of salvation.

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Barb Clough

**New Testament Reading** Acts 10:34-43

**Unison Prayer**

Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we celebrate the strength of your love—a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love, we thank you for the opportunities to encounter the Risen Christ. Amen.

**Hymn** *He Lives* UMH 310

Vocalist: Deb Chermonte; Trumpet: Rev. Don Kraps

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns** (back of bulletin)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Responsive Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ, even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love. We cling to our assumptions about how life on earth should unfold, forgetting that life in your realm shatters those expectations. Forgive us when we go through our daily routines, forgetting to look for the Risen One. Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives. We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive! Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

The testimony of all the prophets is united in this message of good news: Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Rejoice, for your sins are already forgiven!

**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.

**Special Music** *Ride on, King Jesus* arr. Hall Johnson  
African American Spiritual  
Soprano: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Gospel Reading** Mark 16:1-8

**Sermon** "Freed through the Risen Christ!"  
Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**Special Music** *Easter Hymn for Bells* Mark Prater  
Bells: Andy Walsh, Alice Walsh, Javier Gonzalez, Gabriela Martinez  
Organ: Javier Gonzalez

**Holy Communion** *The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Sunday*

**Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH 302  
Vocalist: Deb Chermonte; Trumpet: Rev. Don Kraps

**Responsive Benediction**

L: Alleluia! This is a day of new beginnings!  
This is the day of brightness and hope!

P: **For God has done wondrous things for us! Go in joyful peace and know that God's peace and love go with you always.**  
Alleluia! Amen.

**Postlude** *Thine Be the Glory*  
Worldwide 2021 Virtual Easter Choir of The United Methodist Church