

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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<https://youtu.be/U8JK4SYhUa0>



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

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 17	Lisa Davison-Stroup	May 22	Colin Jarvis
May 17	Guylene Harold	May 22	Zoe Bridges
May 21	Linda Gorsuch		
May 22	Liz & Greg Lavelle	May 22	Janis & David Jarvis

May 16, 2021 Ascension Sunday/Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship arr. F. Ritter
Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship

Randall Sheets

L: We are together today because Christ has called us.
We are called to be the body of Christ in today's world.
**P: Who are we to make such a claim?
Who would see Jesus Christ when they look at us?**
L: It is not our claim that brings us together, but Christ's.
**P: We are not here just for ourselves, for our own needs.
We are drawn together for a larger purpose.**
L: We have been called by Christ for a mission.
The gathered community is sent out into the world.
**P: We are here to be equipped for ministry.
We have been chosen as apostles of good news.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Unison Prayer

Holy God, we come seeking a presence that shakes foundations and helps us build new ones. We come with all our wounds, asking for healing. We come, remembering our baptism, and wanting to claim the difference that makes in our lives. We come through the shadowy clouds of our unbelief, seeking the brightness of your glory, O God. We want a faith to sustain us through times of trial and testing. Be powerfully present with us, gracious Spirit. Amen.

Hymn

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

UMH 312

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Dear God, grant that our time of worship may inspire us to leave this place as peacemakers and joy givers. For the times when our gaze is so fixed upward that we failed to live outward toward your children, forgive us. For having our heads in the clouds when Jesus is by our side, dear Lord save us! Even as we persist in our foolish ways, keep us as your own. May we partake of your mercy as freely as you give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from sin and death. In Jesus Christ, you are 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.

Penny Sunday

Today's offering will go to support the Youth Ministry Team.

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.

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Hymn

Christ Has Risen

TFWS 2115

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Message

An Adventure Awaits!

Rev. Alice Walsh

Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

TFWS 2241

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Responsive Benediction

L: Christ is alive and leads us forward into the world to serve God's people, to witness to God's love in all that we do.

P: **Go in peace and God's peace will go with you. Amen.**

Postlude

Christ Ascends! Alleluia!

Roger Moorpark

Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Following the worship service, our "Welcome Back" video will be presented in its entirety for those who wish to get a glimpse of the work of our Technology, Worship, and Reopening Teams.