

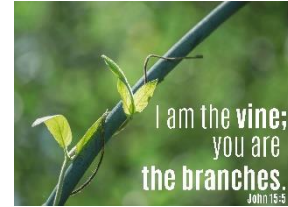
# North Olmsted United Methodist Church

## 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. Sterling B.
Mary Lou L.	Judy, Brenda F.'s sister
Alex K.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Frank M.	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Judy K.	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Carole B.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Ron W.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
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

May 3	John Gonska	May 4	Raymond Schurr
May 4	Cameron Ressel	May 5	Sam Vas



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**May 2, 2021** Fifth 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** *The Old Rugged Cross* Roger C. Wilson  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 22:25-31) Bill Ransom

L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
P: **my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**  
L: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
P: **May your hearts live forever!**  
L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
P: **and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**  
L: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

**P:** To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
**L:** before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.  
**P:** **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD.**  
**L:** and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
**All:** saying that he has done it.

**New Testament Reading** 1 John 4:7-21

**Unison Prayer**

Lord, we praise you that you first and last love us. Teach us how better to love one another. Teach us, Lord, the truth of life; lead us, Lord, in the way we should go. Bring us now into your vineyard, Lord. Prune us and tend us, that we may bear good fruit. We offer you all that we are; press us into the wine of the new covenant, that the cup of the new kingdom may be filled to overflowing. Amen.

**Hymn** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH 304  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns** (back of bulletin)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, whose love is beyond understanding, whose mercy is beyond comprehension—we lift up our hearts to you in prayer. Though we were captives of our sinful and rebellious ways, your love has released us. You have freed us to experience divine love in our own lives. Your atoning love has freed us from the penalty of sin, which was rightfully ours to pay. How can we express our thanksgiving, except to praise your name and to allow your love to be seen in us. Grant to us a determined faith and a fervent love, that we might be reflections of your divine grace. Hear our prayer,

**O Lord, as we offer our petitions in the name of the One who is love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

**L:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**P:** **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**  
**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 15:1-8

**Special Music** *Abide with Me*  
Soloist: Jim Elliott; Accompanist: Marlene Dirksen

**Sermon** "Abide in Jesus" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**Hymn** *Hallelujah! What a Savior* UMH 165  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Responsive Benediction**

**L:** Go forth abiding in the true vine of Jesus Christ.  
**P:** **We go forth abiding in the love of God and Jesus Christ.**  
**L:** Go forth in ministry and service to the world.  
**P:** **We go together in faithfulness and peace.**  
**All:** Amen.

**Postlude** *Mt. Calvary* arr. Robert J. Powell  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen