

### **Prayer Concerns**

First Responders	Donald R.
Victims of natural disasters	Connie C.
Those suffering from mental illness	Viola C. Susan W.
Those affected by gun violence	Mary Lou, lifted by Jean S.
Those who are homeless	Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Stephen Ministers	Mary Lou L.
Care Receivers	Victor, lifted by Reba Y.
Our condolences to the loved ones of Jim C. following his passing (friend of Bill & Marilyn R.)	Sterling B. Keith A. Mary, lifted by Sue S. Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Chris B.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
David R.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Josh O. & Guylene H.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Betty Ann, sister of Mike B.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Ellie Y.	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Joe Y.	Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Miriam & Patty, lifted by Janis J.	Matthew F., USAF
Mary & Monica, lifted by Sue W.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
David, lifted by Judy K.	Christopher Y., USAF
Carol W.	
Josh W.	
Sally S.	
Ron W.	
Barbara B.	

### ***This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries***

July 28 Jane Burnett

July 26 Jennifer & Alex Kearney      July 27 Georgia & Don Awig

## **North Olmsted United Methodist Church**



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Worship with us online:  
<https://youtu.be/2c5BwXJNxFc>

**July 25, 2021** 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**P:** **And also with you!**

### ***Celebration of Ministries and Missions***

**Annual Conference Report 2021** Zola Ward, Lay Delegate, NOUMC

**Prelude** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Heinrich Fleischer

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

Greg Lavelle

**L:** Let your hearts be open to the Lord today.

**P:** **Let our spirits be ready to feel God's power and love.**

**L:** Let go of all the things that bind you in pain and sorrow.

**P:** **Help us to place our trust in God.**

**L:** Come, let us praise the God of love.

**P:** **Let us bring our hearts to God. Amen.**

**\*Old Testament Reading** Psalm 145:10-18

**\*Unison Prayer** (Ephesians 3)

Holy One, we bow our hearts before you this day. Strengthen us in our innermost being and dwell in our hearts through faith. May we be rooted and grounded in Christ, whose love is beyond all knowledge. Help us comprehend even the smallest part of the beautiful mystery of your grace. Grant that we may experience the fullness of your presence with us. Amen.

**Hymn**                      *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*                      UMH 79  
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Unison Prayer of Confession** (Psalm 14)

Who among us hasn't wondered about the mysteries of God's presence? Who among us hasn't recoiled in revulsion when reflecting upon the depraved and loathsome acts we might be capable of? Who among us hasn't felt the agony of a life lived apart from God's love? Yet in our emptiness, in the depths of our despair, the Lord seeks us out; the Lord hears our cries; the Lord becomes our refuge and our strength. In you, gentle savior, our hearts are glad; we rejoice in your salvation. We pray to you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** (Ephesians 3)

The love of God is your firm foundation; by faith you are rooted deeply in the Lord. May you know the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. May you attain the fullness of being, the fullness of life that God brings.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Offering and Prayer**

**Gospel Reading**                      John 6:1-21

**Hymn**                                      *Jesus Loves Me*                                      UMH 191

**Sermon**                                      "Full of Surprises!"                      Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**Hymn**                                      *Christ Beside Me*                                      TFWS 2166

**Responsive Benediction** (Ephesians 3)

- L: May you know the richness and fullness of God's grace.
- P: May you experience every dimension of the love of Christ.**
- L: May the Spirit dwell within you through faith.
- P: To the Holy One, whose power works within us to accomplish more than we could ask or imagine or comprehend, be glory forever and ever! Amen.**

**Postlude**                                      *Trumpet Tune*                                      Gordon Young

*You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude.*

*The altar flowers are given in honor of the wedding on July 23 of  
Andrea (née Scothon) and Jon Wheelis.*

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**Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm                      Liturgist: Greg Lavelle  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen                      Usher: Judi Wagner  
Vocalist: Rae Spalding                      Usher: Guylene Harold  
Video: John & Michelle Wolter                      Greeter: Jean Scothon  
Video: Phil Wolter                      Greeter: Greg Lavelle