

### *Prayer Concerns*

First Responders	Donald R.
Victims of natural disasters	Carol W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Viola C.
	Barbara B.
Those affected by gun violence	Mary Lou L.
Those who are homeless	Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Stephen Ministers	Sterling B.
Care Receivers	Victor, lifted by Reba Y.
Lois D.	Selene, lifted by
Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin	Carole A.
Jan R.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Scott, David L.'s brother	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Susan W.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Josh O. & Guylene H.	Bev, lifted by
Sherie, lifted by Brenda F.	Josh O.
Miriam & Patty, lifted by	Steve, lifted by
Janis J.	Mary Ellen M.
Mary & Monica, lifted by	Matthew F., USAF
Susan W.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Ron W.	Christopher Y., USAF
Betty Ann, sister of Mike B.	
Keith A.	

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

September 19	Gloria Casagrande	September 22	Toni Jackson
September 20	Betty Spoerke	September 25	Judy Frazier
September 22	Doris Bridges	September 25	Jim Elliott

September 19	Charlene & John Vas
September 23	Rebecca & Kevin Weihrouch

## North Olmsted United Methodist Church



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**September 19, 2021** 17th Sunday after Pentecost

### ***Welcome and Passing of the Peace Celebration of Ministries and Missions***

**Prelude** *In Christ There Is No East or West* arr. H. Willan

**\*Call to Worship** Randall Sheets

L: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

P: **We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.**

L: Pretense, disharmony, and greed have no place in discipleship.

P: **Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.**

L: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

P: **Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness.**

**\*Old Testament Reading** Psalm 1

### **\*Unison Prayer**

**Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal**

our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives.  
Amen.

**Hymn**                      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*                      UMH 430

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Responsive Prayer of Confession**

God of patience and mercy, we come to you, offering “lip service” to serving you, but when things get difficult; when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we shy away from the duty and the opportunity. We turn our back on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

This day the Lord reaches out to you in healing love and compassion. Receive the blessings which God offers to you. Be healed and made whole. Be ready to serve. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Anthem**                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      arr. Hopson

**Gospel Reading**                      Mark 9:30-37  
(*The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language,*  
by Eugene Peterson)

**Hymn**                      *Together We Serve*                      TFWS 2175

**Africa University Video**

**Sermon**                      “Greatness in Humility”                      Josefa E. Bethea Wall

**Penny Sunday Offering**

*Today’s offering will go to support the East Ohio Conference’s Teach • Reach • Bless campaign to build a dorm for female students at Africa University.*

**Invitation for the Offering**

**Offertory**                      *Andante Grazioso*                      Henry Smart

**\*Doxology**                      UMH 94

**Prayer for the Offering**

**Hymn**                      *Are Ye Able*                      UMH 530

**Responsive Benediction**

**L:** Go in confidence and peace, joyfully serving the Lord who walks with you.

**P:** **Bring hope to the hopeless, joy to those who sorrow, peace to the afflicted.**

**L:** Be true witnesses to the love of God through Jesus Christ.

**P:** **Amen.**

**Postlude**                      *Postludio*                      Georg Philipp Telemann

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

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**Today’s Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev Hoyte Wilhelm

Guest Preacher: Josefa E. Bethea Wall

Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Vocalists: Deb Chermonte, Rae Spalding, Gabriela Martinez

Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Liturgist: Randall Sheets

Usher: Guylene Harold

Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle

Video Production: John & Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter