

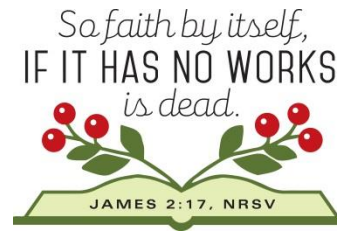
North Olmsted United Methodist Church

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Donald R.
Victims of natural disasters	Connie C.
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.
Jan R.	Keith A.
Scott, David L.'s brother	Mary, lifted by Sue S.
Susan W.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Josh O. & Guylene H.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Sherie, lifted by Brenda F.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
David R.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Ellie Y.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Miriam & Patty, lifted by Janis J.	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Mary & Monica, lifted by Susan W.	Matthew F., USAF
Carol W.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Ron W.	Christopher Y., USAF
Sally S.	
Betty Ann, sister of Mike B.	

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 9	Randall Sheets	September 11	John Vas
September 10	Jason Delfing	September 11	Buford Wyrick
September 10	Becky & Jeff Riddlebaugh		
September 10	Guylene Harold & Josh O'Shaughnessy		



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September 5, 2021 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
P: **And also with you.**

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *The Christian's Inner Life Is Shining* J. S. Bach

***Call to Worship** (Proverbs 22:2, 9; Psalm 125:1-2, 4; James 2:5)

L: Those who trust in God are like the mountains, immovable and abiding.
P: **God shelters the people: today and for eternity.**
L: Rich or poor, God creates us to pursue justice and to care for one another.
P: **Be a blessing, O God, to those who are good and upright in heart.**
L: God calls us to be rich in faith, to honor our heritage as heirs of the Kingdom.
P: **We are blessed when we share our blessings, that peace may be upon the people.**

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 146

***Unison Prayer** (Psalm 125:3-4; Proverbs 22:1, 17, 21)

Holy One, we call upon your name, for we know that your name and favor are more precious than human riches. You hate wickedness and abhor the neglect of your people. You call us to righteousness, to reach out to others with justice and mercy. You teach us right from wrong, that we may truly live in your grace. In the shadow of that grace, we offer compassion and mercy to others. Abide with us this day, that we may serve you forevermore. Amen.

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH 526

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer of Confession (Psalm 125, Proverbs 22, James 2)
Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance (1 Corinthians 2:12)

We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God. May we understand the grace and forgiveness bestowed upon us by God, that others may find the Kingdom within us and among us.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation for the Offering

Offertory *Chorale on "Bread of Life"* arr. Steve Scott

***Doxology** UMH 94

Prayer for the Offering

New Testament Reading James 2:1-17

Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

Sermon "Faith That Is Alive" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn *Jesu, Jesu* UMH 432
(vv. 2-3, & 5)

Responsive Benediction (James 2:5, 17)

L: Go forth to love one another. Be rich in faith and serve one another in all joy and humility.

P: **And may the power of God our Creator, Christ our Salvation, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever. Amen.**

Postlude *Festival March* G.F. Handel

You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude.

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm	Liturgist:	Floyd Andrews
Organist:	Marlene Dirksen	Usher:	Beth Cruz
Vocalist:	Deb Chermonte	Greeter:	Sarah Jackson
Vocalist:	Gabriela Martinez	Greeter:	Greg Lavelle
Pianist:	Javier Gonzalez	Video:	Phil Wolter
Video:	John & Michelle Wolter		