

### *Prayer Concerns*

First Responders	Donald R.
Victims of natural disasters	Susan W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Viola C. Barbara B.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Keith A.
Stephen Ministers	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Care Receivers	
Our condolences to JoAnn N. following the passing of her sister, Babi	Monica, lifted by Susan W. Mary, lifted by Susan W. Patty, lifted by Janis J.
Wilma, Marlene D.'s aunt	Miriam, lifted by Janis J.
Wayne, lifted by Liz L.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Maggie, granddaughter of Chris B.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F. Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Carol, lifted by Sally & Will S.	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Sherry, lifted by Sally & Will S.	Matthew F., USAF
Ron J.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Nancy D.	Christopher Y., USAF
Carol W.	
Ron W.	
Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin	
Josh O. and Guylene H.	

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

January 31	Emily Cooper	February 3	Ron Stroup
January 31	Darlene Owings		
January 30	Gwen & Dave Hinckley		

## North Olmsted United Methodist Church



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**4th Sunday after the Epiphany** January 30, 2022 + 10:30 am

**Welcome and Passing of the Peace**

**Celebration of Ministries and Missions**

**Prelude** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Dale Wood

**\*Call to Worship** (Jeremiah 1, Luke 4) Marilyn Ransom

L: Come! Hear the call of God: "Speak of me to my people."  
P: **But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?**  
L: "I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."  
P: **We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.**

**\*Old Testament Reading** Psalm 71:1-6

**\*Unison Prayer**

Loving and eternal God, we come to worship today to hear your good news, to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from your

kingdom. We know that doubt, fear, and hatred can shake even the strongest. Shape us into faithful, hopeful people, and fill us with your love that passes all understanding. We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** Emma Donna and Lofton Ryan Thompson

**Hymn** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* TFWS 2051

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Prayer Concerns**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, how often does selfishness wash through our good intentions? How often do we speak bold, sophisticated words to impress others? How often do we forget that we are what we are because of you? Remind us that our abilities are your gifts to us. Remind us that that you loaned us some possessions in hopes that we would help others with them. If we are guilty of living only to impress others—forgive us. If we gain status only by putting someone else down—forgive us. If we do things only for applause—forgive us. If all we do sounds like clanging cymbals and noisy gongs to you—call us to repent. Humble us enough to serve. Humble us enough to pray. Humble us enough to love you and people who may never say thank you to us. Amen.

#### **Words of Assurance**

Even before we were born, God knew us. God has always been with us. Place your trust in God's presence and forgiving love. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, we all 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.**

### **Special Music**

#### **Invitation for the Offering**

**Offertory** *Meditation on "Park Street"* David Hegarty

**\*Doxology** UMH 94

#### **\*Prayer for the Offering**

**New Testament Reading** 1 Corinthians 13

**Hymn** *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

**Sermon** "The Greatest of These" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**Hymn** *God of Love and God of Power* UMH 578

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Rise Up and Serve the Lord* Patricia L. Harris

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

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### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Vocalists: Gabriela Martinez, Rae Spalding

Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Liturgist: Marilyn Ransom

Greeters: Sarah Jackson, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Beth Cruz

Video: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter