

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.
Susan L.	Sterling B.
Marissa, Jonathan, and Henry, lifted by Debra & Joel C.	Carol W.
Joan P.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin
Bill, Sarah J.'s brother	Hannah, lifted by Louise A.
Deb, friend of Claudia & Paul T.	Don, lifted by Liz L.
Sally S.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Nancy D.	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Sally C.	Matthew F., USAF
Josh O.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Judy K.	Christopher Y., USAF
Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	
Ron W.	

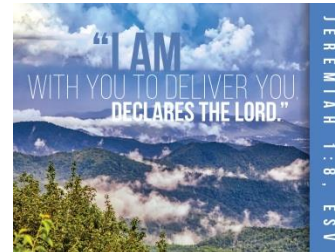
This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 22	Craig Mueller	August 26	Bob Nupp
August 23	Brigid Dennis		
August 27	Marilyn and Bill Ransom		

Today's Worship Leaders

Guest Pastor: Alice Walsh
Organist: Marlene Dirksen
Liturgist: Randall Sheets
Greeters: Charlene and John Vas, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Beth Cruz
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

North Olmsted United Methodist Church



Feeding the Community –
Body, Mind, and Spirit

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Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor

11th Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2022 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Greeting

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude

I Heard the Voice of Jesus arr. Eugene Englert

*Call to Worship

L: We are here because we have heard the call
of Jesus in our lives.

**P: We are here to challenge and support one another
to rise up and follow.**

L: We are here because we want to be God's people.

**P: We want to learn more about what it means
to be the people of God.**

L: We come, seeking to be moved, changed,
and made whole by the Spirit of the Living God.

**P: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit and prepare
to leave this place as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

***Opening Prayer**

God Who Knows Us, in the book of Jeremiah we will read how you formed our souls, long before anyone knew us. How you consecrated us for sacred work long before our birth. How you've called us to be a prophetic voice in our world. We know that life moves in many different seasons. Be with us today as we explore this particular season of our lives. And may we rest in the assurance we are known and loved by you in it all. Amen.

***Hymn** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have created us with purpose. You have given each of us gifts and talents that we might use to bring forth your kingdom to this earth! We confess that we sometimes selfishly use our gifts for personal gain, forgetting that these gifts, too, are a means of tithing. You have bestowed on us unique abilities that allow us to help your children across the world—the poor, the orphan, the widow, the immigrant, and the oppressed. How beautiful a gift you have given us! Forgive us when we forget to share it. Touch our lives and call each of us, so that we may speak, act, write, teach, comfort, and share your good news! Empower us to find a new way to carry your message of love, redemption, and grace to our hurting world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

Penny Sunday

Today's offering will go to support UMCOR's US Disaster Response.

The Offering

Offertory *Prayer* Ludwig von Beethoven

***Doxology** UMH 94

***Prayer of Dedication**

You free us to offer the best we are able, O God. The best of our gifts. The best of our striving. The best of our friendship. The best of our faithfulness. The best of our abilities. The best of our will for justice. The best of our eternal hopefulness. Receive now our offerings and richly bless them, for your people and for your church, we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Loving Spirit* TFWS 2123

Hebrew Bible Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon "Our Story...God's Story" Rev. Alice Walsh

***Hymn** *Whom Shall I Send?* UMH 582

***Responsive Benediction**

L: May God give us a spirit of love and happiness this day that will change our lives forever.

P: **And may God open the windows of our souls so that we can share that love with the whole world.**

L: Go now in peace to love and serve God.

P: **Amen.**

Postlude *Fantasia on "Festal Song"* arr. Lani Smith
Please be seated for the Postlude.

The altar flowers today are given by Charlene and John Vas in loving memory of Charlene's mom, Agnes McNamee Lukas, on what would have been her 100th birthday.
