

# North Olmsted United Methodist Church



Whoever is faithful  
in a very little  
is faithful also in much ...  
Luke 16:10, NRSV

Feeding the Community –  
Body, Mind, and Spirit  
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Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor

## Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Donald R.
Victims of natural disasters	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Viola C. Barbara B.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Keith A.
Susan W.	Sterling B.
Josh O.	Carol W.
George, Liz L.'s brother	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Susan L.	Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin
Marissa, Jonathan, and Henry, lifted by Debra & Joel C.	Hannah, lifted by Louise A.
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Bill, Sarah J.'s brother	Steve, lifted by
Deb, friend of Claudia & Paul T.	Mary Ellen M.
Sally S.	Matthew F., USAF
Nancy D.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Sally C.	Christopher Y., USAF
Judy K.	
Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	

## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 18 David Jarvis	September 22 Doris Bridges
September 19 Gloria Casagrande	September 22 Toni Jackson
September 19 Charlene and John Vas	
September 23 Rebecca and Kevin Weihrouch	

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** September 18, 2022 + 10:30 am

### Welcome and Greeting

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

### Celebration of Ministries and Missions

**Prelude** Church Prelude No. 1 A.E. Floyd

**\*Call to Worship** John Vas

L: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.  
P: **We gather to worship with joy and in hope.**  
L: Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.  
P: **We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.**  
L: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.  
P: **We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.**  
L: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.  
P: **We are here to worship with all that we are.**

**\*Old Testament Reading** Psalm 113:1-8

**\*Unison Prayer** (inspired by Luke 16:13, Matthew 6:24)  
**Masters, two and more, competing for our money, clamoring for our time, creating chaos in our lives. Master, one God, quiet us and draw us near. Amen.**

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

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Prayer Concerns**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession** (inspired by Luke 16:1-13; Matthew 6:33)  
**O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus taught us: “No one can serve two masters.” Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance** (inspired by James 3:17)  
“The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy” (James 3:17). In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are given a new way to live. Let us accept God’s grace, and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Anthem** *Praise, Praise!* arr. Patrick Liebergen

### **Penny Sunday Offering**

*Today’s offering will go to support the meal ministry at Laura’s Home Women’s Crisis Center.*

**The Offering**  
**Offertory** *Andantino* F. Schubert  
**\*Doxology** UMH 94  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gospel Reading** Luke 16:1-13

**Hymn** *I Surrender All* (vv. 1-3, 5) UMH 354

**Sermon** “Serving God” Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**\*Hymn** *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* TFWS 2153

### **\*Responsive Benediction**

L: Friends, our worship continues even as we leave this moment.  
P: **We have gathered in joy to sing and pray and hear God’s word.**  
L: We have come as friends, called friends by the Christ we follow.  
P: **And now we are sent out into the world to make friends. Let us be about the ministry we have been given. Let us go with God. Amen.**

**Postlude** *On Our Way Rejoicing* G. Winston Cassler

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

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### **Today’s Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Hoyte Wilhelm  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Liturgist: John Vas  
Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle  
Usher: Beth Cruz  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter