

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Barbara B. Nancy D.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Bill, Sarah J.'s brother
Those experiencing addiction	Justin, lifted by Vann P.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Bev, Deb C.'s mother	Ray S.
Will & Sally S.	Keith A.
Greg, lifted by Sarah J.	Judy F.
Karen, sister of Jeff R.	Selene, lifted by
David, lifted by	Carole A.
Mary Ellen M.	Steve, lifted by
Jane P.	Mary Ellen M.
Bob, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	Matthew F., USAF
Terry, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Carole B.	Christopher Y., USAF

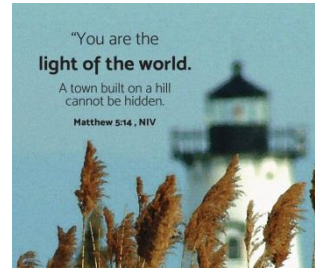
This Week's Birthdays

February 8 Rachael Berry February 9 Don Awig

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Marlene Dirksen
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: John Wolter
Greeters: Barb Andrews, Greg Lavelle
Ushers: Sarah Jackson, Sydney Scothon
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

North Olmsted United Methodist Church



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Body, Mind, and Spirit
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Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor

5th Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2023 + 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

God Is Spirit

James Southbridge

****Call to Worship***

John Wolter

L: God in Christ has shown us the beauty of holiness.

P: **We come now to express our gratitude to God with our best gifts.**

L: What are these gifts?

P: **Our prayers, our praise, and the gifts of our hands.**

L: These we should offer unto the Lord,
but these are not all the Lord asks.

The Lord also asks that we break the yoke of tyranny
and let the oppressed go free.

P: **We would do all that the Lord asks.**

L: The Lord asks that we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and house the homeless.

P: We would do all that the Lord asks.

L: The Lord asks that we attend the afflicted and give ourselves for those in need.

P: We would do all that the Lord asks.

L: Then our light shall rise at midnight and our gloom be as the noonday.

A: We will do all that the Lord asks.

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 112:1-9

***Unison Prayer**

Eternally present and loving God, you have revealed yourself in Jesus Christ, sharing your Spirit in communion with our spirit. As we come to worship, we pray that you would reveal yourself more fully to us as we hear your Word and experience the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** *Jesus Shall Reign* UMH 157
(vv. 1-2, 5)

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator - Restorer - Ruler: We are prone to point the finger at others and to pervert justice by exaggerated charges. We want the rich to feed the hungry, but not to share from our own provisions. We prefer charity in principle, but in practice evade our duty even to our own kin. Some of us live in half-empty houses while there are families crowded into rooms too small for them, if they have rooms at all. Forgive our failure to live up to the best we know and to let the oppressed go free even after you have freed us. Amen.

Responsive Words of Assurance and Pardon

Pastor: Friends, hear the Good News! Christ nailed to the cross attests the cost of God's love and forgiveness.

People: Our faith is not built on human wisdom, but on the power of God.

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation for the Offering

Offertory *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* J.S. Bach

***Doxology** UMH 94

***Prayer for the Offering**

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20

Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* UMH 585

Sermon "Making a Difference" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Anthem

Holy Communion

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

***Benediction**

Postlude *A Trumpet Call* Lani Smith

Please be seated for the Postlude.