

### ***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	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Those experiencing addiction	Jane P.
Our condolences to Ron Jackson following the passing of his brother, Greg	Will & Sally S. Ray S. Keith A.
Chris B.	Judy F.
Louise A.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Carole B.	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Matthew F., USAF
Karen, sister of Jeff R.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
David, lifted by Mary Ellen M.	Christopher Y., USAF
Bob, Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	

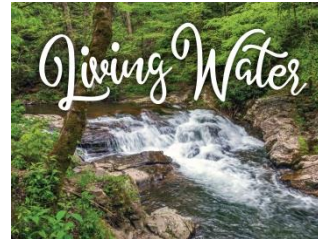
### ***This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries***

March 12	De Niro Bernard	March 17	Kris Hipple
March 12	Nicole Blosser		
March 17	Kim and Ken Delfing		

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

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

# **North Olmsted United Methodist Church**



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***Third Sunday in Lent*** March 12, 2023 + 10:30 am

### ***Welcome and Passing of the Peace***

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

### ***Celebration of Ministries and Missions***

***Prelude***

*Meditation*

Lloyd Larson

***\*Call to Worship*** (Psalm 95, Romans 5)

John Vas

L: O come, let us sing to our God  
and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
P: **We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving  
for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.**  
L: Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.  
P: **We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.**

***\*Old Testament Reading*** Exodus 17:1-7

***\*Unison Prayer*** (Exodus 17, Romans 5, John 4)

**Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that  
will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting**

times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

\**Hymn*                      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                      UMH 127

*Prayers of the People*  
*Pastoral Prayer*

*Unison Prayer of Confession* (Exodus 17)

Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls. Amen.

*Words of Assurance* (Exodus 17, Romans 5, John 4)

Our hope and assurance rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness. Open your hearts and minds and souls that the healing waters of God's never-ending love and forgiveness may flow into and over you. Know that in this love and forgiveness you have encountered the living God.

*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.

*Anthem*

*Invitation for the Offering*

You are invited to give your tithes and offerings online ([www.noumc.org/donate](http://www.noumc.org/donate)), by mailing a check to the church office, or in the offering plates that are passed during worship.

*Offertory*                      *Choral*                      Flor Peeters  
\**Doxology*                      UMH 95  
\**Prayer for the Offering*

*Gospel Reading*                      John 4:5-42

*Hymn*                      *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*                      UMH 731

*Sermon*                      "Living Water"                      Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

\**Hymn*                      *Christ Is the World's Light*                      UMH 188

\**Responsive Benediction* (Exodus 17, Romans 5, John 4)

L: We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ.  
P: **We have been refreshed by living water. Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires.**  
L: Be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you and with you always.  
P: **Amen.**

*Postlude*                      *My Song Is Love Unknown*                      J. Ireland

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*  
*\*Please stand as able*