

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental illness	Barbara B. Will and Sally S.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Ray S.
Those experiencing addiction	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Our condolences to the loved ones of Louise Anderson following her passing	Jane P. Keith A.
Ryan and family, lifted by Ron and Barb C.	Judy L. Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Ron W.	David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Norma, Pastor Hoyte's mother	
Anita B.	
Cole, lifted by the Greg and Liz L.	Bob, Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by the Paul & Claudia T.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	
Karen, sister of Jeff R.	

This Week's Birthdays

April 23	Amy Fennell	April 23	Becky Riddlebaugh
April 25	Daniel Brewster	April 26	Carole Bettinger

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Marlene Dirksen
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Ed Brewster
Greeters: Sarah Jackson, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Judi Wagner
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

3rd Sunday of Easter/Native American Ministries Sunday
April 23, 2023 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of the Risen Christ be with you!
P: **And also with you!**

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *Meditation on Colossians 3:15* Brenda Portman

***Call to Worship** (Colossians 3:15-17) Ed Brewster

L: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace, and be thankful.
P: **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;**
L: and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
P: **And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

***Unison Prayer**

Gracious God, you have given yourself to us in the person of Jesus. We have his example of loving ministry as a guide for our lives. We stand as people forgiven and reconciled to you. Be with us this day. Remind us that you are always near. Guide our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

***Hymn**

Christ Is Alive
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)

UMH 318

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Sometimes our hearts ache within us, O Lord. Like those travelers on the Emmaus road, we feel the deep sadness about losing Jesus. Our sadness finds its roots in many things and we feel as though we cannot escape it. It becomes part and parcel of our conversations. Deep within, our spirits long for release and we silently cry. Forgive us when we close our eyes to your presence. Heal our brokenness. Bind up our wounds. Place us on the path of healing and help us to be people who will bring compassionate caring to others, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Dear friends, let your hearts be healed. God is here with you, right now and walks with you into the world. Do not fear! Peace be with you all.

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

God Is There

Jimbo Stevens

Invitation for the Offering

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

Offertory

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

J. S. Bach

***Doxology**

UMH 94

***Prayer for the Offering**

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Hymn

Christ Has Risen

TFWS 2115

Sermon

"In Our Presence"

Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

***Hymn**

God Is Here

UMH 660

***Responsive Benediction**

L: It's time to go, friends!

P: **Set your foot on the path of service and reconciliation.**

L: Look for the many ways in which God has blessed your journey.

P: **Go in confidence that Christ walks with you, each step of the way. Amen.**

Postlude

Crown Him With Many Crowns

arr. Troutman

Please be seated for the Postlude.

**Please stand as able*