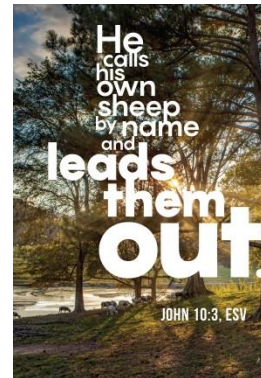


# North Olmsted United Methodist Church

Feeding the Community –  
Body, Mind, and Spirit

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Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor



## *Prayer Concerns*

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

## *This Week's Birthdays*

April 30	Judy Solt	May 4	Cameron Ressel
May 1	Sara Bridges	May 4	Ray Schurr
May 3	John Gonska		

## *Today's Worship Leaders*

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** April 30, 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** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Broughton

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 23, John 10) John Wolter

L: Can you hear the voice of God?  
P: **We hear God calling us by name.**  
L: Are you troubled or distressed?  
P: **We come here to find a place to rest for a while.**  
L: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.  
P: **We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.**

**\*Unison Prayer** (Psalm 23, John 10)

**Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name.**

Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. Amen.

\**Gloria Patri* UMH 70

\**Old Testament Reading* Psalm 23  
(King James Version)

\**Hymn* *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH 381

### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Prayer Concerns*

#### *Pastoral Prayer*

#### *Prayer of Confession* (Psalm 23, John 10)

Shepherding God, be with us in our need. Like sheep who have gone astray—we have not heeded your voice, calling us to follow the right paths, beckoning us to lie down and be restored; we have acted as if our salvation lies in busyness and control. We do not want to be sheep—dependent on a shepherd for everything. We want to do it alone—to maintain our independence. Forgive us for rejecting your shepherding care and your love and guidance. Forgive us for our need to do it by ourselves, to be separate from the flock. Forgive us for doubting your presence in times of trouble. Forgive us our despair in the face of seemingly unrelenting evil and death. Lead us back to the path of life. Amen.

#### *Words of Assurance* (1 Peter 2, John 10)

Jesus said, I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly. In so confessing, we have returned to the shepherd, the guardian of our souls who welcomes us with open arms and a glad heart. Know that the shepherd of our lives never abandons us, is always calling our name, and unflinchingly loves and forgives us.

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

### *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* *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* arr. Albert Beck

\**Doxology* UMH 94

#### \**Prayer for the Offering*

*Gospel Reading* John 10:1-10

*Hymn* *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* UMH 136  
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)

*Sermon* "Lead Us, O Lord" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

\**Hymn* *The Summons* TFWS 2130  
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)

#### \**Responsive Benediction* (Psalm 23, John 10)

L: We have been refreshed and restored.  
We have been called and guided.

P: **Let us go forth knowing who our true shepherd is,  
following his path,**

L: Secure in the knowledge that goodness and mercy will follow us  
all the days of our life.

P: **Amen.**

*Postlude* *Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er* arr. Franklin Ritter  
*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

*\*Please stand as able*