

## ***Prayer Concerns***

First Responders	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental illness	Anita B.
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 family of Sally Stacho, after her passing	Karen, sister of Jeff R.
Merry Lou S., lifted by Jean S.	Jane P.
Marianne, lifted by Janis J.	Keith A.
Ryan and family, lifted by Ron and Barb C.	Judy L.
Ron W.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Barbara B.	David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Cole, lifted by Greg and Liz L.	Bob, Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Claudia and Paul T.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	

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

May 21	Linda Gorsuch	May 23	Georgia Awig
May 22	Colin Jarvis	May 24	Josh Walsh
May 22	Janis & David Jarvis	May 25	Mark Bailey
May 22	Liz & Greg Lavelle	May 26	Benjamin Dennis
May 22	Zoe Bridges	May 27	Natalie & Josh Walsh

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

Guest Preacher: Joel Chermonte  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Liturgist: Floyd Andrews  
Greeters: Sarah Jackson and Greg Lavelle  
Ushers: Judi Wagner and Sarah Jackson  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

# **North Olmsted United Methodist Church**

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Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor



## ***7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday/Heritage Sunday***

May 21, 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***

*Chorale Prelude*

Healey Willan

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 68)

Floyd Andrews

L: Let us rise up!

**P: We are a righteous and joyful people!**

L: Let us exult our God!

**P: We will lift up songs in His name!**

L: Blessed be the Lord!

**P: Our God is a God of salvation!**

**\*Unison Prayer**

Lord, our God, we are your people. Enable us to rise up to be your servants in a troubled world. Give us the strength to stand up for our faith and guide us that we may do your will. Let your love guide us in the paths of justice, mercy, and goodness. Amen.

**\*The Apostles' Creed** UMH 881

**\*Gloria Patri** UMH 70

**\*Hymn** *Rise Up, O Men of God* UMH 576

**Prayers of the People**

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**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession** (John 17)

Lord God, our constant source of love, strength, and forgiveness. You love us even when we are unloveable. You enable us to do things we may feel that we are not capable of doing. We give thanks that you forgive our self-centeredness and our weakness and that you encourage us to rise up to be your people. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** (Psalms 50 and 23)

The mighty one, the Lord our God, summons us and is with us all the days of our lives. He leads us beside still waters, he restores our souls.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem**

**Penny Sunday Offering (Camperships)**

**Prayer of Blessing and Consecration for Pledge Cards**

**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** *Andante Op. 55* Volckmar/Arr. Asper

**\*Doxology** UMH 94

**\*Prayer for the Offering**

**New Testament Reading** Acts 1:6-14

**Hymn** *On Eagle's Wings (Sing twice)* UMH 143

**Sermon** "Dying and Rising with Christ" Joel Chermonte

**\*Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH 557

**\*Responsive Benediction**

L: Rise up, we are God's People!

**P: We are God's People; a people in mission.**

L: Go forth knowing you are loved.

**P: Our God is with us every moment of our lives.**

L: Let your light shine for all to see!

**Postlude** *Christ, The King of Glory* Anna Laura Page

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

*\*Please stand as able*