

### ***Prayer Concerns***

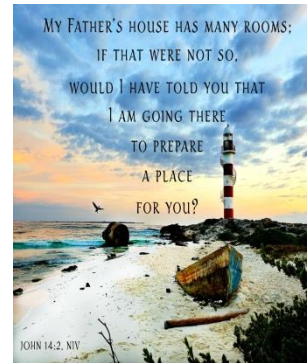
First Responders	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental illness	Will and Sally S.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Ray S.
Those experiencing addiction	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Merry Lou S., lifted by Jean S.	Karen, sister of Jeff R.
Marianne,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

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

May 9	Carole Andrews	May 12	Mike Moore
May 10	Susan Wolter	May 13	Carolyn Owings
May 10	Leslie Dilley	May 13	Judi Wagner
May 10	Barb and Ron Clough	May 13	Alice Walsh

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

Pastor: Rev. Bruce Hitchcock  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Liturgist: Bev Hixon  
Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle  
Ushers: Barb and Ron Clough  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



# **North Olmsted United Methodist Church**

Feeding the Community –  
Body, Mind, and Spirit  
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Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** May 7, 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***

#### ***Stewardship Message***

Ron and Barb Clough

#### ***Prelude***

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Mason

#### ***\*Call to Worship***

Bev Hixon

L: The Lord is our refuge.  
P: **We can find peace in God's abiding love.**  
L: When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.  
P: **When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.**  
L: Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.  
P: **We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary.**

**\*Unison Prayer**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. We pray this day that we may come to a clearer understanding that you have more interest in our character than in our comfort. Where we have need of correction, speak plainly to us and grant us the courage to make the changes you would bring in our lives. May the love we express for you on this Sunday morning continue throughout the coming week. Strengthen this congregation, we pray, in order that we may become more effective in our ministry, in our service, and in our witness to the community. In the name of the risen Christ, Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri** UMH 70

**\*Old Testament Reading** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**\*Hymn** UMH 545  
*The Church's One Foundation* (vv.1-2,4-5)

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

Patient and forgiving God, remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people. Give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others. Forgive us when we sink into our own selfishness and pettiness. For it is in those times that we turn our back on you. Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

L: Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation, offers to us hope and comfort. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**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** arr. Willan  
*The Head That Once Was Crowned*

**\*Doxology** UMH 94

**\*Prayer for the Offering**

**Gospel Reading** John 14:1-14

**Sermon** "Jesus, Makes Our Place, Is Our Way, and Is the Name!"  
Rev. Bruce Hitchcock, District Superintendent,  
North Coast District of The East Ohio Conference, UMC

**Hymn** UMH 618  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** (see insert)

**\*Hymn** UMH 337  
*Only Trust Him* (vv. 1, 3-4)

**\*Responsive Benediction**

L: Go forth in peace, dear ones. Bring hope to this world.

P: **Go forth in love; bring joy to this world.**

L: Go forth in the knowledge that God goes with you, loving and guiding your steps.

P: **Amen.**

**Postlude** Flo Peeters  
from *60 Short Pieces*  
*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

*\*Please stand as able*