Prayer Concerns

First Responders

Those affected by gun violence Those suffering from mental

Illness, addiction & homelessness

Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin Curtis, lifted by Reba Y. Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.

Bill & Marilyn R.

Tammy M.'s Dad's recovery Vicki and her family, daughter of

Rae and Walt S.

Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C. Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.

Joan H.

Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C. Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law

Jewel Y., lifted by John & Michelle W.

Betty, Paul T.'s aunt Pat, CJ C.'s mother CJ C., lifted by Chris B. Carole B.'s niece's family

Nancy D. Lois D. Anita B. Ray S.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F. Marianne, lifted by Janis J.

Jane P. Keith A. Judy L.

Selene, lifted by Carole A.

Barbara B.

David N., JoAnne's husband Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul &

Claudia T. Ron W.

Wayne K., lifted by Liz L. Jan, community meal guest

Barb L.

Ken & Doris, friends of Sally C.

Liz L.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/12 Nicole Blosser 3/12 De Niro Bernard

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Organist: Javier Gonzalez

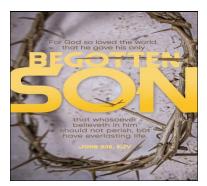
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Liturgist: Randall Sheets

Greeters: Barb Andrews, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Sarah Jackson

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 440-779-6634 + <u>www.noumc.org</u> Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm, Pastor

4th Sunday in Lent/UMCOR Sunday

March 10, 2024 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 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say James Biery

*Call to Worship

Randall Sheets

L: Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

P: Only in God do we find our rest.

L: Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

P: Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.

L: Some days we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

P: Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.

L: Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

P: Come, let us worship God together!

*Unison Prayer (John 3, Ephesians 2)

Great Triune God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.

*Old Testament Reading

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

*Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem His Eye in on the Sparrow arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer for the Offering

Special Music Javier Gonzalez

O Love, How Deep Kristina Langlois

Old Testament ReadingNumbers 21:4-9New Testament ReadingJohn 3:14-21

Hymn What Wondrous Love Is This UMH 292

Sermon "The Light of Love" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

*Hymn To God Be the Glory UMH 98

L: God's great love and rich mercy have made us alive in Christ.

P: Let us depart to live lives of grace, and to do good works. All: Amen.

Postlude The God of Abraham Praise Yigdal (Jewish Hymn) arr. Meyer Lyon

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

*Please stand if you are able.

^{*}Responsive Benediction (Ephesians 2)