Prayer Concerns

First Responders Those affected by gun violence Those suffering from mental Illness, addiction & homelessness Condolences to the Bridges family on the passing of James' mother, Doris Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin Curtis, lifted by Reba Y. 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 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. Richard P., lifted by Liz L. Jan, community meal guest Barb L. Ken & Doris, friends of Sally C. Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/24	Iris Stroup	3/28	Daniel Hollo
3/25	Hannah Rose Fragapane	3/30	Dick Mercer
3/25	Marilyn Ransom	3/30	Cheryl Lehner
3/27	Gabriela Martinez & Javier Gonzalez	3/31	Diane Plogger
3/28	Barb & Ed Brewster		

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Organist: Javier Gonzalez Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez Liturgist: Greg Lavelle Greeters: John and Char Vas, Greg Lavelle Ushers: Ron and Barb 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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Palm Sunday March 24, 2024 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the PeaceL: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.P: And also with you.

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude

Out of the Depths

Johan Kunau

*Call to Worship

Greg Lavelle

L: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

P: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

P: We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

*Responsive Praye	er		us
L: God of the fooli	sh cross, tottering down the streets o	of Jerusalem	us
on a donkey,			to
P: You are not the	savior we expect.		The
L: Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to			Οι
demonstrate.			Kiı
P: Your wisdom m	akes no sense to us.		Gi
L: We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,			tre
P: But not so sure	we want to follow you		lea
L: into the temple	courts		ist
P: into the upper i	oom		
L: into the Garden of Gethsemane			Choir
P: to the foot of the	ne cross.		
L: Forgive our false assumptions.			Praye
P: Clarify our clou	ded vision.		C
L: Let us relax into the foolishness of your love, your grace.			Specie
P: Hosanna, hosar	na! Save us, we beseech you!		
			Gospe
*Hymn	All Glory, Laud, and Honor	UMH 280	Gospe

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, so that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.

Words of Assurance

We, too, are a part of the Way-Maker's will for restoration. We are called, through Christ Jesus, to strive for restoration, but we are not called to do this work alone. The One who has made a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, will surely equip us for all we are asked to do in Christ's name. God will empower us to attain all the potential God has placed within us. Thanks be to God!

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	Hosanna We Sing	Stan Pethel					
Prayer for the Offering							
Special Music	Abide With Me	William H. Monk					
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez							
Gospel Reading	Mark 11:1-11						
Hymn	Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart	UMC 160					
Sermon	"Blessed is the One!"	Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm					
*Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almig	nhty UMH 64					

*Responsive Benediction

L: And now, my friends, go forth to a week where transformation will meet you and guide you. Do not hide when they recognize you. P: Do not doubt when you see Christ. Do not deny when you are confronted. Do not stop until you are at the cross. And there you will see the light and the burdens of your heart will roll away. All: Until then God be with you! Amen.

Postlude

All Glory, Laud and Honor Mark Hayes arr. Marvin Gaspard

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.) *Please stand if you are able.