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Sunday, March 22, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

OPENING MUSIC "Softly and Tenderly" Thompson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Just As I Am" Bradbury

CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter where we are, whether we are together in body or simply in spirit, Jesus is waiting to join us. Around our kitchen table, in our family room, in front of the big screen, Jesus comes to dwell among us. In this time of uncertainty and anxiousness, Jesus sends his Holy Spirit to soothe us, to comfort us, to remind us that God's perfect Love will cast out all fear. Come. Now is the time to worship!

HYMN "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship.
 Come, now is the time to give your heart
 Come, just as you are to worship
 Come, just as you are before your God, Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
 One day ev'ry knee will bow
 Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart
 Come, just as you are to worship
 Come, just as you are before your God, Come

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
 Willingly our knees will bow
 With all our hearts, oh, mind and strength. We gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart
 Come, just as you are to worship
 Come, just as you are before your God, Come...Come...Come,
 Just as you are...Come.

FIRST READING **Ephesians 5:8-14 (New Living Translation)**
 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

SHARING AND PRAYERS

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSIC "Rock of Ages" Hastings

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART [OFFERING]

In times of crisis, we lean into community; yet, when we are told to social distance, to physically stay away from one another, it becomes really difficult. This is why we work even harder to *Be the Church* in the world. We are committed to finding new, innovative ways to continue the work of Jesus, no matter what. We hope you are committed, as well, to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you. You may donate online using this link:

<https://www.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

or mail your offering to **Strongsville UCC**
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SECOND READING **Psalm 23**

REFLECTION "Love in Challenging Times"

HYMN 408 "How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
 What more can He say than to you He hath said
 To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

(continued)

Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

BENEDICTION

Now may the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Know that wherever you are, God is with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE "God is Our Shepherd" arr. van der Pol

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SERVING

TODAY – MARCH 22

Irene Joyce

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Doug Thorn, Jim Heinrich

Liturgist

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Supplemental Organist

Sound

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 29

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Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

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PLEASE NOTE: Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to strongsvilleucc.com, select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received	<u>\$3,646.00</u>
Difference	+\$172.73



Thank you very much for your support of our mission and ministry.

OUR PRAYER LIST



Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Jim Dettmer, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Fred Beba, Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Hunter Colao (grandson of Mark & Barb Camp), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Elaine Fuelling (friend of Judi Pavisich), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others.