



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday, May 17, 2020 – Online

OPENING MUSIC “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Irish Melody

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “Let There Be Praise” Tunney

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos. We lift our songs of joy, joining the music of the spheres. We gather to offer praise to the God who gives us voice. With heavy hearts or hearts filled with joy, we bring our songs of Life. We gather as children of God, one family drawn together, even as we are physically apart. This is the Family of Christ.

HYMN “This is My Father’s World”

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus, who dies, shall be satisfied. And earth and heav'n be one.

FIRST READING **Psalm 66: 8-12, 16** (*New International Version*)

*Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;
he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.*

*For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.
You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.*

*You let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
but you brought us to a place of abundance.*

*Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.*

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 “The House I Live In” Robinson

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee” Smith

The Good News of God’s love for us isn’t a secret for us to keep. These days, it can be harder to experience those moments when our hearts are nearly filled to bursting with an awareness of God’s love—but God is always faithful, even during the most difficult times. We are so grateful for your continuing support of our ministries, and our commitment to finding ways to share God’s love in a COVID world. We appreciate your commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you. Please follow the prompts for online giving at:

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

or mail your offering to **Strongsville UCC 13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, OH 44136**

You may also save a stamp and drop your envelope in the church mailbox at any time.

DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

SECOND READING **Acts 17:22-31** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life

and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “in him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

REFLECTION

“Hey—I *KNOW* that God!”

HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry
 All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
 I have made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night
 I will go Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain.
 I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night
 I will go Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night
 I will go Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

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

“Trading My Sorrows”

Evans

The steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Ryan Craig and Tracey Hill on May 22nd

With love, Grammy

Happy Birthday to Cathy Hawk! Love, your church family

SERVING

TODAY – MAY 17

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 24

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dave Williams | Liturgist | Irene Joyce |
| Tom Foley | Director of Music | Tom Foley |
| Mike Elkins | Associate Director of Music | Mike Elkins |
| Doug Thorn | Sound | Doug Thorn |
| Chuck McDougall | Video | Chuck McDougall |
| Dave Williams | Guest Musician | Ken Mehalko |

Happy Birthday today to Cathy Hawk and Oliver Sekorky!

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, Lloyd Bridle, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Lori Kovatich, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie Trinckes, 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), Donna McDonald (friend of the Ritchies), 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)

CALL FOR CARDS

Our longest (and oldest) church member, Ramona Glaze will turn 100 years old on May 25, 2020. If you would like to send congratulations, please send a card to:

Ramona Glaze
18036 Ledgepoint Place Strongsville, OH 44136



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

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| Weekly Offering Needed | \$3,473.27 |
| Week of 5/3 Offering Received | \$2,237.00 |
| Difference | (-\$1,136.27) |



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



GRADUATES

Even though high schools and colleges are not holding in person graduations, we would still like to recognize our graduates. We do not know what form that recognition will take yet, but please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We are interested to have an accurate list of graduates from high school, college, and schools of higher learning.

Name of graduate: _____

School: _____

Graduation Date (month at least): _____

Church Family member: _____

Relationship to church member: _____

Activities: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Diploma / Degree Earned: _____

Future Plans: _____

Parents/Grandparents: _____

Please email the above information, **along with a photo of the graduate**, to the church office at strongsvilleucc@gmail.com by **Sunday, June 7.**

