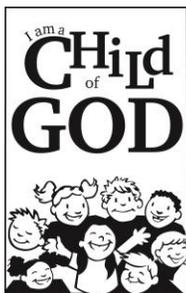




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**Sunday, September 13, 2020 – Online Rally Day**



**OPENING MUSIC** "10,000 Reasons" Myrin/Redman

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "Sanctuary" Thompson/Scruggs

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

When two or three gather in a spirit of Love, Christ lives in every moment. Where two or three gather in a spirit of Peace, Christ is there among them. Where two or three gather to worship God, God's Holy Spirit fills our hearts with glad songs of praise. When two or three gather to serve God's creation, we bring Hope to the city again. Christ is feeding the hungry; Christ is building shelters of peace. Christ dwells among the faithful, wherever they are, together or apart. **Thanks be to God.**

**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 every tongue will confess You are God.  
 One day every 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 heart soul 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...Come...Just as you are...come...come.

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**FIRST READING Exodus 14:19-22 (New International Version)**

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night, the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

**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** "You Set Me Free" Beaud

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US**

**RECOGNITION** Kristen Clotworthy, Sunday School Superintendent

**BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART**

**OFFERTORY** "Go Down Moses" Spiritual

Our life as Christ's church continues on, in different forms. The ministry of Jesus remains strong in our hearts and in our actions, and we are grateful for a steadfast God when we are fickle or tired. Together, we continue to commit our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue to walk with Jesus, even during this season of pandemic. We appreciate your commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you. To give online, you may go to:

<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 Exodus 14:23-31 (New International Version)**

The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. The LORD jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in the LORD and in Moses, his servant.

**REFLECTION**

Silent Partners

**HYMN**

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not.  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness; Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, New mercies I see;  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars, in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is Thy faithfulness; Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, New mercies I see;  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow--  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Great is Thy faithfulness; Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, New mercies I see;  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

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**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—**

*In gratitude for Kristen Clotworthy’s service  
as Sunday School Superintendent*

*Happy Birthday to Stacie Sauter on September 9<sup>th</sup>  
and Eli Sauter on September 12<sup>th</sup> --With love, Grammy*

**SERVING**

**TODAY – SEPTEMBER 13                      NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 20**

Irene Joyce	<b>Liturgist</b>	Irene Joyce
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn	<b>Sound</b>	Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall	<b>Video</b>	Chuck McDougall
Gary Hackett, Satori Winds	<b>Special Musicians</b>	Sharon Heinrich



Thank you very much to **Gary Hackett** for participating in our worship today and to the **Satori Winds--4 Guys with 4 Saxophones & 4 Clarinets** for recording music for our service.

**Happy Birthday today to Donna Dickinson  
and to Rebecca Stephenson!**

**BLESSING OF THE BEASTS:** St. Francis of Assisi Sunday--On **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a drive-through “Blessing of the Beasts!” Bring your pets to receive a blessing.





## **ROLLING RALLY DAY!**

Celebrating our children as they return to school is something we have always looked forward to—but like so many other things, this year **Rally Day** will look a bit different.

**TODAY--Sunday, September 13 from 10:00-12:00,**

church families are invited to drive through the church parking lot and greet the pastor and the Sunday School teachers. Children will receive a back-to-learning goodie bag. In this topsy turvy year, we want to remind our children how deeply your church family loves you. **(Please note: In order to comply with all state and local mandates and recommendations, this will be a drive-through event only.)**

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### **OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed	\$ 3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received	\$ <u>3,277.00</u>
Difference	(-\$ <u>196.27</u> )



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

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### **Additional song credits**

#### **10,000 Reasons**

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#### **Sanctuary**

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#### **You Set Me Free**

Lyrics by Ingrid Dickson and Irene Joyce Music by Gilbert Becaud Arranged by Mike Elkins

#### **Go Down Moses**

American Spiritual @Public Domain arranged by Satori Winds (4 guys with 4 Saxophones and 4 Clarinets)

#### **Trading My Sorrows**

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## **OUR PRAYER LIST**

*Please provide updates for this list to the church office.*



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

**Church Family:** Joan Beckwith, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Betty Craig, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Linda Elliott, Riley Hawk, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Tony Koussa, Lori Kovatich, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Brigitte Matchett, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Judi Pavisich, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

**Extended Church Family:** Ron, Yvonne, & Ronnie Adams (Judi Pavisich's friends), Loretta Bacon (Irene Jannsohn's friend), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, Ruby Cuyler (Sam's sister), Elaine Franzen (Barbara Craig's mom), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Pat Masuga (Dan's mom), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Terry Robson (the Camps' friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Sherry Sheeks (Mark Camp's sister), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Brad Williams (Judi Pavisich's friend), Daphne Wilson (Irene Jannsohn's niece)

**Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.**

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### **LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL**

The Executive Team met on Labor Day to develop a plan and protocols for returning to in-person worship. We are planning an in person contemplative service in Pilgrim Hall for Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, which will follow strict guidelines and require a sign-up to attend. Space will be limited. However, we will continue with our online worship services for those who don't feel comfortable gathering. Thank you for your continuing support in these challenging times.