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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Sunday, April 10, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.
Palm Sunday

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

† **PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL** "Hosanna! Jesus is the Rock"
The congregation is invited to stand, wave their palms,
and join in singing the Palm Processional:

Hosanna! Jesus is the Rock! Jesus is the Rock of my salvation.
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I will magnify the Lord, for He is worthy to be praised.
I will magnify the Lord, for He is worthy to be praised.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sally Herzog

BELL INTROIT "Festival Capriccio" Kinyon

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Honor, praise, and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People: In celebration, we join the crowds of old, waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.

Leader: Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end here. We know the pain of what lies ahead.

People: Today, we anticipate the rest of the story: a story of betrayal and death; a story of hope and resurrection.

† **HYMN 297** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS **Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29**
(New International Version)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

BELL ANTHEM "Jubilate" Bortniansky, arr. Kinyon

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. Thank you. To give online, please go to:

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

OFFERTORY "We Will Glorify" Paris

† **DOXOLOGY 815** Tune: *Old Hundredth*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS **Luke 19:28-40**
(New International Version)

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

SERMON "Uphill, Both Ways"

† **HYMN 300** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

† BENEDICTION

From Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, may God in his infinite mercy grant you a journey of renewal and hope; a time of prayer and reflection; and joyful anticipation of our Lord's resurrection. May you live and serve this week in remembrance of Christ's love. Go in peace and live the church. **Amen.**

† **POSTLUDE** "Were You There?" Traditional Spiritual
As the postlude is played, please allow yourself to reflect on these words:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O-----
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? O-----
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? O-----
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

SERVING

TODAY – APRIL 10

Serena Abruzzino & Bobbie Krisak
Herb Hampson
Volunteers needed
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Chuck McDougall/Jim Heinrich
Children's Processional, Bell Choir

Greeters Cathy Hawk (7 a.m.)
Liturgist Dave Williams
Ushers Volunteers needed
Director of Music Tom Foley
Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins
Organist Sharon Heinrich
Video/Sound Dave Sekorky/Jim Heinrich
Special Music Brass, Choir, Organ, Keyboards

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 17

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**.

A NOTE OF THANKS—

Many thanks to our **Bell Choir** (Elaine Coffey, Linda Elkins, Linda Ponstingle, Barbara Toth, Sharon Heinrich, Ingrid Dickson, Sarah Toth, Irene Joyce, Rob Toth, Mary Densmore, and John Hattery), **Tom Foley, Mike Elkins,** and **Sharon Heinrich** for sharing their music with us today.

The altar flowers are given—

In honor of Linda Plain's 80th Birthday on April 16th!
And To the Glory of God



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy 90th Birthday to Betty Craig from someone who's not too far behind! God Bless! Love, Lola

Happy Birthday on April 9th to Bruce Keenen!
Love, Your Choir Buddies

Happy Anniversary to Irene & Jim Joyce—and many more!
God Bless! Love Lola

Celebrating our 55th Wedding Anniversary in April
Rev. Oommen and Leela Thomas

Happy Birthday today to Sue Citino and Brian Kohler!



PUPPY CHOW FOR PEOPLE!

Women's Fellowship will be selling the delicious confection known as Puppy Chow for \$3.50 a bag, today in Pilgrim Hall after the worship

service. Perfect for those Easter Baskets!



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our most sincere sympathy is extended to **Kristine and Michael Fischer** and family on the death of **Gary Fischer** on April 2, 2022. Gary was 61 years old.



SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING
ENVELOPES ARE IN THE PEWS.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR LILIES!
 Maria Gardens has made additional Easter Lilies available to us! If you missed last Sunday's deadline to order a lily, you have a second chance. Please see Irene Joyce with your cash or check--to Strongsville UCC (\$8.00) today if you would like to purchase a lily for the altar this Easter Sunday.



PENNY SUNDAY
 Our next Penny Sunday is **April 24th** and money will go to **Ukrainian Relief Efforts**. Please save your coins, cash, and checks (to Strongsville UCC).

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



LIMITED RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389
(To-go meals will be available.)

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Linda Elliott, Tom Foley, Ramona Glaze, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Judi Pavisich, Sandy Pogozelski, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Owen Woodward, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldridge, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Jerry Cergol, (Barb Fraunfelder & Dennis Smith's friend), Hunter Colao (Barb & Mark Camp's grandson), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, 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), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
 Last Week's Offering Received \$6,404.00
 Difference +\$2,754.63

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 62



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 10th--Palm Sunday

With the traditional processional of the Palms

Thursday, April 14th--Maundy Thursday

Worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 15th--Good Friday

"Song of the Shadows" at 8:15 p.m.

Ecumenical collaboration
 At Whitehall in Columbia Station
 (formerly Copopa Elementary School)
 14161 W. River Rd, Columbia Station

Sunday, April 17th--Easter

Sunrise Service at 7 a.m.

On our church grounds

Easter Breakfast 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship with Brass at 10 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Southwest Community Chorus, under the direction of **Tom Foley**, is returning with a concert entitled "Awaken the Music," on **Sunday, May 8th** at **3 p.m.** at the Berea United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea. Tickets will be available for purchase from choir members (\$12.50 pre-sale) or at the door (\$15.00). Our singers in the chorus include Ingrid Dickson, Craig Hardy, Irene Joyce, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Sharon Maresco, and Dave Williams.



DIACONATE "WING" NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 6th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

at the Grindstone Tap House in Berea.

It is \$25 per ticket. Ticket includes boneless wings, pizza, pasta, salad, draft beer, well drinks, wine, soda. There will be a basket raffle, sideboards, and a great chance to socialize. Tickets are available in Pilgrim



Hall after the service. Please provide cash or check only. In addition, we are looking for basket donations for wing night. There will be a sign up for your name and your themed basket on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- **The Board of Trustees** will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **April 12th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **April 19th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **April 26th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



FIRST AID SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE— LAST CHANCE

Our church is collecting first aid supplies for Ukraine with Olmsted Falls Middle School and a non-profit organization in Cleveland called MedWish International, which saves lives and the environment by repurposing discarded medical supplies and equipment to provide humanitarian aid to people in need. MedWish is asking for basic emergency supplies for the humanitarian emergency in Ukraine. Here's what we need:



Individual first aid kits
Hydrogel dressings
Alcohol wipes
Sterile gauze
Blood pressure machines (battery operated)
Surgical tape
Band-Aids
Antibacterial ointment

WE NEED YOU IN 2022!

Sign-up sheets are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or bread/pastry sorter. Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. If you like to cook . . . or bake . . . or reach out to others in love . . . as winter and circumstances continue to make it hard to stay connected, your Diaconate Committee is organizing a **Church Family Care Ministry Team** and would LOVE to have you take part! (You do not need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.) **Response forms are located in the Gathering Area.**



Don't forget to benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:

1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in **smile.amazon.com**.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church.

EASTER BASKET IDEA? GIFT CARDS! AN EASY WAY TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH!



You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order.

Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.

Thank you to those who continue to support this project by buying gift cards!



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN** on **Thursdays** from **10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** with lots of interesting merchandise. Donations are being accepted, but you must **call** the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.

THRIFT SHOP BONUS HOURS The **3rd Thursday** of the month, **April 21, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

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CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022

Elected January 30, 2022 * = 1 year term

Moderator Greg Dickson

Vice-Moderator Jennifer Barry

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Richard Taylor Rob Toth

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YES! I'D LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I AM INTERESTED IN:

_____ OFFERING OR RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

_____ CALLING FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PRAY, BUT DON'T USE EMAIL

_____ PREPARING AN EXTRA MEAL AND DELIVERING IT TO SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ HELPING COOK A DISH AND OR SERVE MEALS AT FUNERAL LUNCHEON

_____ BECOMING A "PHONE BUDDY" AND PERIODICALLY CHECK IN WITH SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO TAKE MEMBERS TO APPOINTMENTS

_____ I WOULD BE WILLING TO...

