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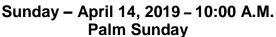
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WELCOME!

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. For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joyce Reed

† PALM PROCESSIONAL

"Hosanna! Jesus is the Rock"

The congregation is invited to stand, wave their palms, and join the choir and the children 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.
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† 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"

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 118: 24-29

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Four Fold Amen"

Whitworth

ANTHEM "Let the Gates of the City Outward Swing"

Hopson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "How Majestic is Your Name"

† 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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 19: 28-40

SERMON

Deafening Silence

† HYMN 300

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE/POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Friend of Sinners" Oakle

SERVING

TODAY – APRIL 14 NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 21 Lituraists Dave Williams (10am) Pam Keenen Bill Cantrell Greeters Betty Craig (7am)/The Rollands (10am) Jim Dettmer (10am) Merkle/Dettmer/Coffey/Barbish Ushers Linda & Jim Dettmer Coffee Hour Dale Hawk & breakfast crew Tom Foley **Director of Music** Tom Folev Mike Elkins **Associate Director of Music** Mike Elkins **Supplemental Organist** Sharon Heinrich

The altar flowers are given—

Celebrating my birthday on the 16th and to the Glory of God!

Wishing ALL of you a Blessed Day!

Linda Plain

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Charles Jannsohn on April 13th
Love, your family
In celebration of our 40th Wedding Anniversary today
John & Dianne Maringer

Happy Birthday today to Dianne Maringer, Lynne McCray, and Aidan Hurtig!

Happy Anniversary today to Dianne and John Maringer!

Diaconate will meet Tuesday, April 16 at 11:15 p.m.

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, go to Worship, and click on Service Videos.

Good Friday +

SONG OF THE SHADOWS REHEARSAL

Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Columbia United Methodist Church, choir members who are able are encouraged to attend. On **Friday, April 19**, singers are to meet at 5:15 p.m. at CUMC.

Special Thanks to the members and friends of Strongsville UCC for the cards, prayers, and love for our son Sam as he recovers. Love, Lora Rung and Sam Cuyler, Sr.





PENNY SUNDAY—The next Penny Sunday collection will be on **April 28** and go to Laura's Home for Women and Children through the City Mission. Thank you to everyone who donates.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.





LENTEN STUDY WITH PASTOR HEIDI:
CONCLUDES TODAY. The audio series, Interfaith:
Being Love in the World, begins at noon. A light
lunch will be provided for those who attend the
studies. You are welcome to participate as the
series wraps up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL— Children please meet in Pilgrim Hall prior to worship today for the Palm Processional. In Sunday School, our students will be having a combined class designing and making cards for Pastor Heidi's great nephew, Zachary McKeever's 9th birthday, which he has to spend in the hospital for treatment.



OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields



Church Family: Betty Babics, Dakota Brammer, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sandy Gleichauf, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Fred and Kathe Lombardo, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mihlack, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams, (friend of Judi Pavisich)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain. Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.

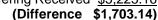
Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, and family meals. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box



nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board. Thank you to **Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt** for delivering the donations to the Food Bank each week and **Dave Sekorky** for carrying boxes and bags.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02 Last Week's Offering Received \$5,225.16



Thanks for supporting your church!

APRIL 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

14 Sun Worship 10am

Palm Sunday

Children's Choir

16 Tues Diaconate Meeting, 7pm

"Song of the Shadows" rehearsal at CUMC

17 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm

18 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm

Choir rehearsal 8pm

19 Fri Good Friday Worship 8:15pm

"Song of the Shadows"

at Columbia United Methodist Church

21 Sun Sunrise Easter Service 7am

Easter Breakfast 8am

Traditional Easter Worship 10am

23 Tues Official Board Meeting 7pm

24 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm

Adult Social Club 7pm Fit Club 7:15pm Band Rehearsal 8pm

25 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am

Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm

28 Sun Worship 10am with Baptism

Penny Sunday Holy Humor Sunday Children's Choir

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



ALTAR FLOWERS

You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thanks for placing flowers on the altar!

2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays are still available for this year!

STEEPLE LIGHTING

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



THURSDAY - APRIL 18-7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday

A Quiet, Contemplative Service with Communion offered.

Greeters: Ginny and Kenn Oerkfitz

FRIDAY – APRIL 19 – 8:15 P.M.

Good Friday



Ecumenical Tenebrae Service at Columbia United Methodist Church

25453 Royalton Road in Columbia Station (Southeast Corner of Royalton + West River Roads)

Our Chancel Choir will sing in the combined choir with orchestra for the presentation of the cantata, "Song of the Shadows."

A reception will follow the service.

Please note:

Our congregation will join our friends at Columbia United Methodist Church. There will be no Good Friday service at Strongsville UCC.

SUNDAY – APRIL 21 – 7:00 A.M.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service
Outdoors (weather permitting)

Greeter: Betty Craig
Usher: Volunteer needed

Easter Breakfast: Dale Hawk & Crew **Special Music:** Tom Foley and friends

sunrise

SUNDAY - APRIL 21 - 10:00 A.M.

Easter Sunday

Traditional Worship



Liturgist: Dave Williams
Greeters: The Rolland Family
Usher: Volunteer needed
Easter Breakfast: Dale Hawk & Crew

Special Music: Brass, Percussion, Organ, Choir, Bell Choir, & Band

Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School!



KEEP RECYCLING YOUR PAPER GOODS!

Four times a year, River Valley has bonus weeks, which earn even more money for our church. This week is bonus week: April 14 - 20, 2019.

Thank you to everyone who deposits their paper, flattened cardboard, magazines, and newspapers in our bin!

LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A **CD** of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" will be released in late April. Music will feature **Ken Mehalko** on Native Flute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church.

Sales will benefit our music ministry program.
Suggested donation is \$15.

49 copies have already been reserved! Please indicate your interest by writing "CD" and indicating the number you would like to purchase on the back of your attendance card.

THE THRIFT SHOP is open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. We truly appreciate your usable donations to the Thrift Shop, but please do not place boxes, bags or items in the stairwells. (Strongsville Fire Dept. regulations) Doing so is a safety hazard.



KEEP SAVING YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS!

A friend of Amanda Hawk is making a memorial bench constructed of plastic bottle caps. There is a red can adjacent to the coffee pots in Pilgrim Hall for the caps.





DIACONATE WING NIGHT TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Join us for this important and very fun fundraiser toward the weekly tasks of the church on **Friday**, **May 3** at Grindstone Tap House in Berea. Tickets are \$25 per person and available in Pilgrim Hall after worship.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Envelopes are located in the pews for those folks who would like to give an additional gift in celebration of our ministry of the living Lord.

Also, for those folks who choose to receive a printed copy of the

Easter Offering behold

newsletter, please pick yours up in the Gathering Area.