



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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Sunday – April 14, 2019 – 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.

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" Smith

† 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" Oakley

### SERVING

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

The altar flowers are given—

*Celebrating my birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>*  
Love, your family  
*In celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://strongsvilleucc.com), go to Worship, and click on Service Videos.



### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Mhlack, 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  
(Difference **\$1,703.14**)

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



### 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!



River Valley Paper Company

## 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.

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Also, for those folks who choose to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, please pick yours up in the Gathering Area.

