



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sunday – April 17, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.
Easter 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Converse
Brass Ensemble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

CHORAL INTROIT "Easter Call to Worship" Grosvenor

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day of our Lord's Resurrection:

People: The day our tears are wiped away, the day our hearts are healed. The day our fears are replaced with unbounding joy! Where, O Death, is your victory?

Leader: This is the day of our Lord's Resurrection:

People: The tomb is empty! Where now, O Death, is your sting?

Leader: This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection:

ALL: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

† HYMN 270 "Joy to the World" (vv. 1-3)

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS : 17-19; 21-22; 24-25

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

The sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Risen Today & Joyful, Joyful" Podd
With the Brass Ensemble

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 "He Lives!" Ackley

† 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 24:1-12

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"

REFLECTION "He is not Here! He has Risen!"

† HYMN 367 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

† BENEDICTION

As you go out into God's world this week, be Easter people! Be those who say, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here. He is risen." Be ready to be surprised by what God will do next. Look for the risen Christ in those you meet. Let the Holy Spirit nudge you and guide you. The tomb is empty because Jesus is out in the world, and now we must go out into the world too! May the joy and wonder of that first Easter morning live in your hearts today, and every day. Amen.

† POSTLUDE "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah G.F. Handel
Keyboard Trio: Mike Elkins, Carol Foley, Sharon Heinrich
Please join in singing hymn #39 the *second* time through.

SERVING

TODAY, APRIL 17	NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 24
Bobbie Krisak	Greeters Elaine Coffey
Dave Williams	Liturgist Confirmation students
Bobbie Krisak	Ushers Confirmation students
Oliver Sekorky/Matilda Sekorky	Acolytes Chris Abruzzino / Riley Marshall
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist Sharon Heinrich
Choir, Brass, Keyboards	Special Music Ukulele Ladies, Music Team

We welcome and thank our Easter musicians this morning:



Brass: Tom Foley, Jim Heinrich, Tom Nazelli
Chancel Choir: Kristen Clotworthy, Ingrid Dickson, Craig Hardy, Irene Jannsohn, Evan Joyce, Irene Joyce, Bruce Keenen, Pam Keenen, Carol Konet, Sharon Maresco, Heidi Denman McDougall, Sharon Metivier, Sandy O'Shea, Dawn Rolland, Jim Studer, Sarah Toth, Rob Toth, Clay Williams, Dave Williams

Keyboard Trio: Mike Elkins, Carol Foley, Sharon Heinrich
And special thanks to Diana Creecy for her donation of new stoles for the choir!

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Evan Joyce on April 20th!

In loving memory of Aimée Jannsohn on her birthday, April 23rd.

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL— Children will have an Easter Egg Hunt during class time today. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate!



PENNY SUNDAY—NEXT WEEK



Our next Penny Sunday is April 24th and money will go to **Chefs for Ukraine** through **World Central Kitchen**. Please save your coins, cash, and checks (to Strongsville UCC).

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., Ramona Glaze, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Bruce Keenen, 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 Pogozeleski, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Owen Woodward, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Ron Adams (Judi Pavisich's friend), Dorene Baldrige, 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

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY is next week, April 24! Life's too short and too precious to be serious all the time! So put on your bright spring colors or your pj's, bring a (clean) joke or story you'd be willing to share, and come worship with the Confirmation kids!



SPECIAL THANKS to Dale Hawk and the breakfast crew for prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning up our breakfast this morning!

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to **Ken Mehalko** and **Bev Wehr** and family on the death of Ken's sister, **Marlene Willham**, who passed away at the age of 81 on April 12, 2022 after suffering a stroke.



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received \$4,548.00
Difference +\$ 898.63

Thank you very much for your support.



PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 62

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- **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.



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.



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their **2022 Spring Concert** on **Sunday, May 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea.** This year's performance, entitled *Awaken the Music*, is the first SWCC concert since Christmas 2019 when COVID forced the cancellation of the next four presentations. The chorus features our Director of Music, Tom Foley as director, accompanist Carol Konet, and church singers—Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Sarah Keenen, Pam Keenen, Bruce Keenen, Sharon Maresco, Dave Williams, and UCC guest singer, Craig Hardy. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$15 for adults and are free for children 12 & under. We like looking into the audience and seeing our fellow church members, so please try to attend!



EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

To the Glory of God
Easter Flowers are given...

To honor all the Ukrainians struggling with war this Easter Season. We are praying for you and for peace.
Serena, Kenneth, Izzy, McKenzzi, & Chris Abruzzino

In Loving Memory of Caroline Davis
In Loving Memory of Papa, Daniel Veloski
Kristen Burgess and Brian Kohler

In Honor of our Family and Friends
Mark and Barbara Camp

Happy Easter around the World!
In Loving Memory of My Grandparents—
Peter and Edna Lansell, LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie
Gina Cathcart

In Memory of Gordon Cockrell
Harry and Kathryn Johnson
Harold and Wava Cockrell
Kathryn Cockrell and Family

In Loving Memory of Michael E. & Deborah M. Dickson
Ingrid and Greg Dickson and Family

In Honor of Tom Foley
In Loving Memory of William J. Foley
Carol Foley

Happy Easter!
Roz Fotos

In Loving Memory of Bill Fraunfelder and Don and Betty Bushea
Barb Fraunfelder

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents,
Betty and Don Babics and Joanne Gigliotti
The Gigliotti Family

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents,
Don and Lois Winch and Bill and Ruth Giuliano
Bill and Beth Giuliano, Nicole and Luke Giuliano

In Loving Memory of my Mom, Lillian Goff
In Loving Memory of my Dad, Bob Goff
Chris Goff

In Loving Memory of Charles and Thelma Hawk
In Loving Memory of Richard and Sally Mack
Dale and Cathy Hawk

In Loving Memory of Robert Heinrich
In Loving Memory of Albert and Elsie Ruman
The Heinrich Family



In Celebration of the lives of
Erik O. Jannsohn, James J. Joyce Sr. and Mary Joyce-Smith
Eric R. Jannsohn, Aimee J. Jannsohn, and Brooke M. Akins
Irene A. Jannsohn, Ingrid and Greg Dickson, Irene and Jim Joyce

Prayers for all the beautiful souls in the world
and for the lost to find their way
Wayne & Bobbie Krisak

In celebration of the Life of Christ
and his faithful disciples at Strongsville UCC.
May we continue to worship and honor God together.
Rev. Heidi and Chuck McDougall

In Loving Memory of Debbie Krause—Miss you every day!
With love, Mom and Kenn

In Loving Memory of
Joyce Oerkfitz and Richard Churnega
With love, Kenn and Ginny

Easter Blessings to our Family and Friends!
George and Judi Pavisich

In Loving Memory of Wayne and Luella Perrin
Love, their Children

In Memory of Family Members
Paul and Eileen Mlincek, Dale Mlincek
George Reed Sr. and Marie Wolf
George and Joyce Reed

In Loving Memory of Peter and Edna Lansell
In Loving Memory of LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie
Bill and Dorothy Richie

In Loving Memory of Our Grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clements
In loving Memory of Our Parents, Roger and Lorna Robinson
In Loving Memory of Our Aunt Rhea Clements
Becky and Bill Robinson

In Loving Memory of My Son, Scott L. Shafer
Debbie Shafer

In Memory of Rev. and Mrs. George A. Smith
In Honor of All Special Olympians
Peter R. Smith

In Loving Memory of Tad and Gen Thorn, Bernice Cooper,
Susan Stevenson Tressa, Charles Garner, Debbie Krause,
Jan Slough, and Mike Lucan
Happy Easter to All!
Sandy O'Shea, Doug, Schyler, and Devin Thorn

Good Health for our Friend, Darrell Gerhart
John and Barbara Toth

Celebrating our Grandchildren:
Paige, Kristen, Noah, Taylor, Riley, and Elizabeth
Bev Wehr and Ken Mehalko

Thank you to all who placed lilies or tulips on the altar today. Please wrap your lily in a sleeve from the Gathering Area and remember to take it with you after church, because lilies do not last very long.

