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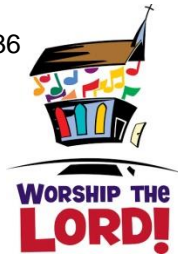
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Sunday, April 18, 2021 – Online



OPENING MUSIC

"See the Conquering Hero Comes"

Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Jackson

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are blinded by anger, tired as we are of living under COVID, Loving God, you pour out your love, soothing and healing our aching hearts. When we wonder what tomorrow will bring, worried the pandemic will thwart our plans, Risen Jesus, you call us to trust in you, no matter what. When sadness and loneliness fill our hearts, Comforting Spirit, you plant gladness in our spirit's garden. God of Easter, touch us with your grace. **Amen.**

HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side--
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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FIRST READING

Psalm 4:1-3 (Common English Bible)

Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God!

Set me free from my troubles! Have mercy on me! Listen to my prayer!

How long, you people, will my reputation be insulted?

How long will you continue to love what is worthless and go after lies?

Know this: the LORD takes personal care of the faithful.

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

"Summer Suite for Piano"

R.C. Foley

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

Anticipation. Remember that ketchup commercial? When good things are barely out of reach, it can be hard to live in faithful hope. Through uncertain times, we are especially called to be Christ's Hands and Feet. Together, we again 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.

OFFERTORY

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Runyan

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7 (Common English Bible)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.

Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him.

Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

REFLECTION

Making Waves

HYMN

"Trading My Sorrows"

I'm trading my sorrows; I'm trading my shame.
I'm laying them down For the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness; I'm trading my pain.
I'm laying them down For the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord!
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord!
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen!

I am pressed, but not crushed, Persecuted not abandoned,
Struck down but not destroyed. I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure That His joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night His joy comes with the morning.

I'm trading my sorrows; I'm trading my shame.
I'm laying them down For the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness; I'm trading my pain.
I'm laying them down For the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord!
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord!
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen!

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BENEDICTION

And now, may the God of peace, who brought our Lord Jesus back again
from the dead, equip you with all you need for doing God's will. May God
produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ and the presence of
God's Holy Spirit, all this is pleasing to God. To God be all glory, forever
and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Four Chorales

R.C. Foley

SERVING

TODAY – APRIL 18

Sharon Maresco
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall
Carol Foley
Brass Ensemble
Robert Foley

Liturgists
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Sound/Video
Video
Special Music

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 25

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall
Sarah Keenen

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Evan Joyce, Gabby Grace, and Lena Ashforth
(her 1st) on April 20th!*

Happy Anniversary to Rachel & Gary Zielinski on April 21st!

*Congratulations to Chase & Lauren Masuga on the birth of
Anastasia Lola on 4-12-21!*

Love, Lola Millhoane (It's her 12th great grandchild!)



The UCC Heartland Conference, Living Water Association provided the video for today's opening music. Many thanks to Robert Foley for sharing his original compositions with us, and to Carol Foley for her duet with Mike Elkins, and to the Brass Ensemble: Eric Dregne, Mike Elkins, Robert Foley, Tom Foley, and Tom Nazelli, for providing music for our worship. Thanks also Sharon Maresco, for serving as liturgist.

Happy Birthday today to Louis Gigliotti III!
Happy Anniversary today to Gina and Chris Cathcart!

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OFFERINGS RECEIVED



Weekly Offering Needed	\$ 3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$ 1,907.00
Difference	(-\$ 1,742.37)

Thank you very much for your support of our church and its ministries

HELP NEEDED!

Our Panera Bread ministry is a vital means of outreach to the community. We need a volunteer or two (or three) to pick up bread and pastries from the Panera Bread store on Royalton Road on Monday mornings at 9 a.m.

The job only requires picking up the baked goods from the store and dropping them off at the church, where the volunteers sort the goodies for distribution. If we can get a few people to volunteer, we can have a rotating schedule. Please contact the church by emailing strongsvilleucc@gmail.com or calling 440-238-6697 if you are willing to be a part of the important Panera Bread ministry.



IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Chase & Lauren Masuga on the birth of their daughter **Anastasia Lola Masuga** born April 12, 2021 She was 9lbs 3oz, 18.5 inches. Congratulations also to grandparents **Vicky & Dan Masuga**, big sister **Audriana**, and great-grandmother **Lola Millhoane!**



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

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

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Adria Bond, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Linda Elliott, Don Gleichauf, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Elliott Joyce, Carole Kapcar, Tony Koussa, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Brigitte Matchett, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Joyce Reed, Dorothy and Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), 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), Anneke Scholtz (Irene Jannsohn's sister), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung'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.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES
Starting Sunday, May 2, 2021
9 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
(Reservations required—
call 440-238-6697)
(Safety protocols will be in place.)

A COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL BE OFFERED AT THE 10:30 A.M. SERVICE.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please call the church if you would like to sign up to teach on one of the Sundays (supplies and lessons will be provided).

Recorded worship online will still be available through the month of April, while we have open sanctuary for 2 more weeks (4/18 & 4/25).

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