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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**

**Sunday, April 25, 2021 – Online**

**OPENING MUSIC** "Aria and Minuet" Scarlatti, arr. Johnson

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "Agnus Dei" Smith

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When fear and doubts stroll through our doors, O Jesus, you stand beside us, whispering prayers of peace. When we toss and turn late at night, O Spirit of Grace, you sit by our beds, singing lullabies of love. When we stumble through the shadows of sin, Holy God, you illuminate our paths, guiding us towards goodness and joy. *Emmanuel*. God With Us. **Amen.**

## **HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all!

CCLI Song # 25400 Edward Perronet | John Rippon | Oliver Holden  
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## **FIRST READING Psalm 23 (King James Version)**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou

prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## **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** "In Christ Alone" Getty/Townend

## **TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US**

### **BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART**

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** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Runyan

### **SECOND READING 1 John 3:16-20 (The Message)**

This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear.

My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves.

## **REFLECTION**

Following WHICH Jesus?



## HYMN

### “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne, We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

CCLI Song # 25369 Johann Hans Georg Nägeli | John Fawcett arr. Lowell  
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## BENEDICTION

Now may the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep  
your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. Know that wherever you are, God is with you.  
Amen.

## POSTLUDE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Converse

### SERVING

#### TODAY – APRIL 25

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

**Liturgist**  
**Director of Music**  
**Associate Director of Music**  
**Sound/Video**  
**Video**  
**Special Music**

#### NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 2

Irene Joyce  
Tom Foley  
Mike Elkins  
Doug Thorn  
Chuck McDougall  
SUCC Praise Band

### The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy 80th Birthday to Irene Jannsohn on April 24<sup>th</sup>!*  
*Happy 80th Birthday to Judi Pavisich on April 29<sup>th</sup>!*

*In memory of John & Lois Hermann (Preidt)—ashes to be buried  
at Rittman Cemetery--Corrine Jackson and Families*



Many thanks to the Venner Clarinet Quartet:  
Amy Dragga, Dick K. Ingersoll, Marc Paige, and  
Vicki Smith, the Brass Ensemble: Eric Dregne,  
Mike Elkins, Robert Foley, Tom Foley, and Tom  
Nazelli, to Carol Foley, and to Sarah Keenen for  
providing music for today's worship.

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Happy Birthday today to Jennifer Barry!



### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,649.37  
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 1,635.00  
Difference (-\$ 2,014.37)

**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](mailto: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!

Welcome to the world, **Isabella  
Sue Carnabuci**! She was born on  
April 19, 2021, checking in at 6  
lbs, 8 oz and 18" long. Isabella's  
mother is **Brianna Rolland**; dad is  
**Ryan**, and big sisters are **Alayna**  
and **Cheyenne**. Proud  
grandparents are **Dawn & Ken  
Rolland**, along with aunts **Emily  
Trill** and **Alysha Rolland** and  
uncle **Ian Rolland**!





## 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

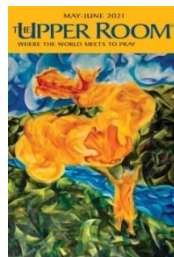
**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (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.



## MAY/JUNE UPPER ROOM AVAILABLE—LARGE PRINT AND POCKET SIZE

Pick up your free copy at the church anytime during church office hours (9 a.m. – 4 p.m. M-F) or on a Sunday morning.



## 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).

## Additional song credits

**Aria and Minuet** by Alessandro Scarlatti, arranged by Clair W. Jackson,  
Music: Public Domain, 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> century, played by the Venner Clarinet Quartet

**Agnus Dei** CCLI Song # 626713 Michael W. Smith © 1990 Sony/ATV Milene  
Music (Admin. by Sony/ATV Music Publishing)

**In Christ Alone** CCLI Song # 3350395 Keith Getty | Stuart Townend  
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**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** CCLI Song # 108389 John  
Wyeth | Robert Robinson, Nettleton, © Words & Music: Public Domain arranged  
by Joel Raney Hope Publishing Company #8281. Published by Hope Publishing  
Company (HP.8281), duet by Mike Elkins and Carol Foley

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus** CCLI Song # 27714 Charles Crozat  
Converse | Joseph Medlicott Scriven © Words & Music: Public Domain

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Our love and prayers  
are extended to **Betty  
Jacobson** on the death  
of her son, **Alan  
Robert Jacobson**, who  
passed away April 19,

2021. Our sympathies also to his wife, Renee  
and his children Nathan (Mindy), Eric, Matthew,  
Sarah (Chris), Nicholas (Maddy), and to his many grandchildren.

