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Sunday, April 26, 2020 – Online

OPENING MUSIC “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked” O’Hara

CALL TO WORSHIP

Even though we find ourselves isolated in our homes and apartments, we listen for the beauty of birdsong, reminding us that all of creation shows us the love of our God. Even though we cannot reach out and touch one another, or hold hands as we pray, we rejoice that Jesus dwells in our midst, offering his hands in grace and hope. And even though we have to remain physically distant from one another, whispering greetings through masks that hide our joy-filled hearts, we know that the Spirit surrounds us, filling us with God’s perfect peace. Christ is risen! The world needs the Good News, and needs us to tell it!

HYMN “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching, Over silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angels chorus, That hailed our Savior’s birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger, The humble Christ was born
And brought us God’s salvation, That blessed Christmas morn

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

FIRST READING **Psalm 116:1-4; 12-16** (*New International Version*)
*I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over
me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
Then I called on the name of the LORD: “LORD, save me!”*

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*What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.
Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.*

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 “You’ll Never Walk Alone” Rodgers & Hammerstein

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY “On Eagle’s Wings” Joncas

Some days. Some days, we are smiling and hope-filled; nothing seems to bother us. Other days. . . . Those other days, for me, happen when I forget that *in* everything and *through* everything, God is with us. *Emmanuel*. In the ways we continue to love one another, God’s Spirit is leading. We see, often in a brand new way, what God is doing in our lives, and in the life of Strongsville UCC. 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. Follow the prompts for online giving at:

<https://www.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

or mail your offering to **Strongsville UCC 13740 Pearl Road
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You may also save a stamp and drop your envelope in the church mailbox at any time.

DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

SECOND READING

Luke 24:13-24 (NIV)

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

REFLECTION

"Keep Walking"

HYMN

"In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses
And He walks with me and He talks with me, And He tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet
The birds hush their singing, And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is to ringing.
And He walks with me and He talks with me, And He tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him, Though the night around me be falling.
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.
And He walk with me and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

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

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Traditional

SERVING

TODAY – APRIL 26

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Ken Mehalko
Cindy Smith
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall

Liturgist
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Clarinet
Guest Vocalist
Sound
Video

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 3

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins

Cindy Smith
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received	\$3,439.20
Difference	(-\$ 34.07)



Thank you very much for your support of our mission and ministry.

Happy Birthday today to Barb Camp and Steven Woodward!

✝ Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our Thrift Shop worker, **Carol Lesiak**, who passed away on April 20, 2020. We are grateful for her many years of service to the Thrift Shop. She will be missed by all who knew her.



Welcome to the world, **Lena Violet Ashforth!** She arrived April 20, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., weighing in at 7 lbs 5 oz and 17.5 inches long. Mama Nicole and Mommy Tiffany are both doing very well, and Big Brother Everett is playing the part like a pro.

Congratulations to the Hayes family as they welcomed **Henry Hayes** on April 24, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., weighing in at 9 lbs. 1 oz. Mom and Dad Sarah and Jon Hayes are happy to add to their family and big brother Jack and big sister Ella will be a great help! Papa and Nana, Dale and Cathy Hawk, couldn't be more proud!

Our Steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Irene Jannsohn on April 24th
Happy "Special" Birthday to Jen Barry on April 25th
Happy Birthday to Judi Pavisich on April 29th

OUR PRAYER LIST



Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

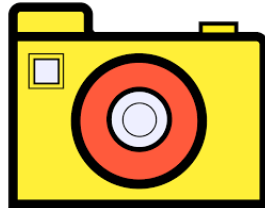
Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Fred Beba, Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Hunter Colao (grandson of Mark & Barb Camp), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Elaine Fuelling (friend of Judi Pavisich), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Donna McDonald (friend of the Ritchies), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO POSTPONED!

The Congregational Photo which had been scheduled for Sunday, May 10th has been postponed until further notice. We will try to reschedule for a later date.



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

Officers elected on Jan. 26, 2020, have an asterisk by their names.*

*** = appointed by the Official Board*



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 Jennifer Sekorky** Bev Wehr

Many thanks to the dedicated officers of our church, who serve so faithfully and make our church run smoothly as we strive to be like Christ in the world.