



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**

**Sunday, April 4, 2021 – Online  
 Easter Sunday**

**OPENING MUSIC** "Fanfare" Lemmens

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "The Trumpet Shall Sound" Handel

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day of our Lord's Resurrection: the day our tears are wiped away; the day our broken hearts are healed. The day our fears are replaced with unbounding joy! Where now, O Death, is your victory? This is the day of our Lord's Resurrection! The tomb is empty! Where now, O Death, is your sting? This is the day of the Lord's Resurrection!

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

**HYMN** "Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken, like the first morning;  
 Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
 Praise for them springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven,  
 Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.  
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
 Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning;  
 Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
 Praise with elation! Praise every morning  
 God's re-creation of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon Music: Traditional Scottish Gaelic tune, "Buinessan",  
 1931 From the United Methodist Hymnal

**A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT** **Isaiah 25:6-9 (NIV)**

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of

wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

**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** "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" Handel

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

**BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART**

Blessings don't always make sense. They can be hard to recognize. They can be frightening-- terrifying, even. Yet together, we see the Good News, and pass it along to others. We continue to 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** "Alleluia" Mozart

**SECOND READING** **Mark 16:1-8 (The Message)**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, "Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?" Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished. He said, "Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He's been raised up; he's here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty.

Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You'll see him there, exactly as he said." They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

**REFLECTION**

A Different Perspective

**HYMN**

**“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!  
 Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
 Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!  
 Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
 Dying once, He all doth save. Alleluia!  
 Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!  
 Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!  
 Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!  
 Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!  
 Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

CCLI Song # 27965 Charles Wesley | Samuel Arnold © Words: Public Domain  
 Music: Public Domain *Lyra Davidica*, 1708 Easter Hymn

**BENEDICTION**

Go forth to sing God's good news to others. Go forth knowing that you do not lack anything you need to be a servant saint of God. Go forth to be that servant for others. You have met God revealed in unexpected places. Go forth to reveal God to others. And may the God of timeless gifts, surprises and revelations go with you on your journey. Go in peace. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

“Hallelujah from *Messiah*”

Handel

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

*Happy Birthday tomorrow to Barb Fraunfelder!  
 Happy Birthday on April 8<sup>th</sup> to Betty “Grammy” Craig!*

**SERVING**

**TODAY – APRIL 4**

**NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 11**

Pam & Bruce Keenen	<b>Liturgists</b>	Judi Pavisich
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn	<b>Sound/Video</b>	Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall	<b>Video</b>	Chuck McDougall
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Special Music</b>	Venner Clarinet Quartet
Brittany Fernandez		Brass Ensemble
Brass Ensemble		Robert Foley
Venner Clarinet Quartet		



**Many thanks to Sharon Heinrich, Brittany Fernandez, the Venner Clarinet Quartet: Amy Dragga, Dick K. Ingersoll, Marc Paige, and Vicki Smith, the Brass Ensemble: Eric Dregne, Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, and Tom Nazelli, for providing music for our Easter online worship. Thanks also to Bruce & Pam Keenen, for serving as liturgists.**

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**Happy Birthday today to Allison Miller and Owen Johnson!**

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**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**



Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,649.37  
 Last Week's Offering Received \$ 2,326.00  
 Difference (-\$ 1,323.37)

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

**Additional song credits**

**Fanfare** (*Allegro non troppo* in D major) Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens  
 19<sup>th</sup> century *École d'Orgue* Music: Public Domain, played by Sharon Heinrich

**The Trumpet Shall Sound** from *Messiah* Georg Frideric Handel © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain, played by the brass ensemble

**I Know that My Redeemer Liveth** from *Messiah* Georg Frideric Handel © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain, sung by Brittany Fernandez

**Alleluia** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart *Exsultate, jubilate* 18<sup>th</sup> Century © Music: Public Domain, played by the Venner Clarinet Quartet

**Hallelujah Chorus** by Georg Frideric Handel from *Messiah* © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain, played by the Venner Clarinet Quartet

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## 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 Mihlack, 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.**

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*To the Glory of God*



*Easter  
lilies/tulips are  
given...*

In honor of our faithful church family and leadership; in gratitude for wisdom and patience as we continue to discern our way forward together, one step at a time. In loving memory of those whom we have lost, as well as over half a million family, friends and strangers who are now among the heavenly chorus with whom we celebrate this Resurrection Sunday.

Pastor Heidi & Chuck

Happy Easter to My Mom and Dad and  
In Loving Memory of My Grandparents—  
Peter and Edna Lansell, LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie

Gina Cathcart

In Honor of Christopher Clotworthy  
and Marie Cadena

The Clotworthy Family

In appreciation and celebration of our virtual worship warriors! Pastor Heidi, Chuck, Doug, Irene, Mike, Tom, musicians and other guests, your dedication to provide our virtual service every week has certainly helped keep our family together. We're grateful for each of you and blessed to have you in our lives.

In Honor of All Front-Line Workers

Mary & Richard Densmore

In Loving Memory of Family and Friends  
We Miss You!

Jim and Linda Dettmer



In Loving Memory of Bill Fraunfelder  
and Betty & Don Bushea

Barb Fraunfelder

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents,  
Betty & Donald Babics

In memory of all those who lost their lives  
due to the pandemic.

The Gigliotti and Kubancik Families



**Easter Blessings to Our Church Family!**

**In Loving Memory of**

**Charles & Thelma Hawk and**

**Richard & Sally Mack**

**In Gratitude for our Deepest Blessings:**

**Riley, Jack, Lacey, Ella & Henry**

**Cathy & Dale Hawk**

**In Loving Memory of Don Hawk**

**Sue Hawk**

**In Loving Memory of**

**Erik O. Jannsohn, James J. Joyce Sr.**

**and Mary Joyce-Smith**

**Michael E. Dickson, Aimee J. Jannsohn,**

**and Brooke M. Akins**

**Irene A. Jannsohn, Ingrid & Greg Dickson,**

**Irene & Jim Joyce**

**In Honor of our Church Family**

**The Keenen Family**

**Prayers that the church reopens for we miss our wonderful church family and coming to the Lord's house every week.**

**We love you all. Happy Resurrection Day!**

**The Krisak-Abruzzino Familia**

**In Celebration of Children and Grandchildren**

**Ken Mehalko & Bev Wehr**

**In Honor of all our Loved Ones who have Passed**

**Roy & Carol Merkle**

**In Loving Memory of our parents**

**Bonnie & John Couchey and Anna & Jim Pavisich**

**Judi & George Pavisich**

**In Memory of all those who have passed this past year**

**Love to my dear friends, my church family, my family and to the Glory of God**

**Linda Plain**

**In Memory of Lynne Golden and Bill Pfahl**

**The Pogozeleski Family**

**In Loving Memory of our parents:**

**Paul and Eileen Mlinec**

**George Reed Sr. and Marie Wolf**

**Remembering my oldest brother, Dale Mlinec**

**George and Joyce Reed**

**In Loving Memory of Teddi Rose Reed,**

**forever in my heart and memories**

**Joyce Reed**

**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**

**Happy Easter and Love to All Our Friends**

**Cherie & Rick Teagno**

**In Loving Memory of**

**Tad & Gen Thorn, Bernice Cooper,**

**Charles Garner, Susan Tressa, Debbie Krause, and Jan Stough**

**God Bless Our Church Family**

**Sandy O'Shea, Doug Thorn, Devin Thorn,**

**Schlyer Thorn and family**

**In Honor of our Family Around the World**

**Barbara & John Toth**

**Praising God for the Arrival of my Great-grandchildren, Brecken Raymond**

**and Charlotte Boden**

**"G.G." Marty Winch**

**In Memory of**

**David Woodward and**

**Gma Marilyn Woodward**

**Love Carol, Steve & Roxy and Owen, Kyle & Jane**

