



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, April 5, 2026– 7 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.

WELCOME

Pastor Heidi

INTROIT

"Agnus Dei"

Smith

† 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!

† OPENING SONG

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the World! The Lord is come;

Let earth receive her king.

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n and nature sing

And heav'n, and heav-en and nature sing!

Joy to the World! The Savior reigns;

Let men their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,

nor thorns infest the ground.

He comes to make His blessing flow

Far as the curse is found,

Far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse is found.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

† GATHERING SONG

"Morning Has Broken"

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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REFLECTION ON JOHN 20

"More to the Story"

The Message

† CLOSING SONG

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is ris'n 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 hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

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

† 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 with 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.



Please join us for a complimentary breakfast in Pilgrim Hall following the service this morning.

Thank you to the breakfast crew!

SERVING

TODAY – APRIL 5

Cathy Hawk—7 a.m.

Greg Dickson—10 a.m.

John Toth—10 a.m.

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich

Bells, Choir, Carol Foley

Tom Nazelli, Ken Mehalko

Greeters

Liturgist

Head Usher

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Organist

Video/Sound

Special Music

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 12

Judi Pavisich

Mike Willis

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Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich

Music Team



A NOTE OF THANKS—We thank Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Mike Willis for their music this morning.

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Betty "Grammy" Craig on April 8th!

With lots of love from your church family

Celebrating our wedding Anniversary on April 8th

Irene & Jim Joyce



Happy Birthday today to Barb Fraunfelder and Lena Raymond!

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL:

PENNY SUNDAY--Please bring your coins, dollars, and checks to UCC on April 26th for Penny Sunday. The money will go to the Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue.



The children will have an Easter Egg Hunt during our Sunday School classes today. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate!



SPECIAL THANKS to Dale Hawk and the

breakfast crew for prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning up our Easter breakfast this morning!



DON'T MISS IT!

PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 12th, FOR HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY!—Bring your favorite (clean) joke--Because God has the last laugh over death!



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 4,359.00

Last Week's Offering Received \$ 4,875.00

Difference + \$ 516.00

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGES RECEIVED: 62



WANT TO ENJOY A COUPLE OF HOURS OF FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY? How about joining us for our FAMILY GAME

GATHERING from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th? Bring a savory or sweet snack to share, your favorite board games, and your friends and family.



Mark your calendars now for the Diaconate's Food, Friends, and Fun-Draiser!

Friday, May 1st at Grindstone Tap House—start thinking of your basket ideas!

TICKETS ARE \$30 and are ON SALE NOW!



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Irene Jannsohn, Connie Rebar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Jen Barry, Mark Camp, Judy Carte, Elaine Coffey, Betty "Grammy" Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Roger Davis, Colette Emerson, Roz Fotos, Sue Hawk, Frank Jefferis, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Erv Koch, Jill Kundtz, Jan Meier, Carol Konet, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Jan Meier, Roy Merkle, Amanda Moulton, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, George & Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Ron Rothel, Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, JoAnn Thomas, Debbie Wentz, Heather Williams, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog's friend), Kathy Ghatti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Sarah & David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's grandson & wife), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce's sister), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's daughter-in-law), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), Maryanne Grega-Knotek (our florist), Helen Leckwatch (Dale Parson's mother-in-law), George Love (friend of the church), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Jeaneane Steinmeyer (Greg Dickson's aunt), Don & Pauline Wills (Judi Pavisich's friends), the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, and Israel, victims of violence and natural disasters, First Responders

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CHORUS



SWCC will have a Spring Concert, "Celebrate America" on Sunday, May 3rd at 3 p.m. at the Berea United Methodist Church (170 Seminary Street in Berea). The Chorus is under the direction of Tom Foley, accompanied by Jarred Sorauf; some of the singers this season include Craig Hardy, Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Sarah Keenen, Marianne

Luca, Jo Ann Thomas, Dave Williams and a few other familiar faces and voices. Tickets are \$15 will be available at the door or from our own choir members who sing with the chorus.

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

We are collecting new items for Laura's Home (Feminine pads with wings, baby wipes, Size 6 and 7 diapers or Pull-Ups, and Pedialyte) through Mother's Day. We will have a bin in the Gathering Area for your donations. As an alternative, you can purchase Amazon gift cards—available through our Gift Card program. See Jim Joyce or contact the church office to purchase (double benefit)!



**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--
Wednesdays**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A reminder: Donations are welcomed to support the increasing costs of this valuable program. Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers!



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are accepted during our Thursday sale hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs. **Please do not abandon items outside the church doors.**

THREE WITH GLEE!

Capital Campaign: We currently have \$61,359.08 in our capital campaign account. We are getting additional bids for the acoustic panels in Pilgrim Hall. A new roof for Pilgrim Hall and the church building may be on the horizon. Things are happening, but we still have more projects on the list. Please make sure you designate your donation for "Capital Campaign." Thanks for your continuing support.



*To the Glory of God
Easter flowers were given:*



For all those struggling with mental health—You're not alone—we see you. Jesus is with us—He is Risen!
The Abruzzino Family

In honor of my family, with thanks for taking care of me
Judy Carte

In Loving Memory of my Dad, Bill Ritchie
With love to my mom, Dorothy Ritchie
In Loving Memory of my Grandparents—
Peter and Edna Lansell, LeRoy and Rasha Ritchie
Gina Cathcart

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

For the loving Davis & Heglund families
For the loving Demichei & Penasa families
Roger and Judy Davis

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

In Honor of our Musicians
Carol Foley

In Loving Memory of Bill Fraunfelder
Barb Fraunfelder

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents,
Betty and Don Babics
The Gigliotti & Kubancik Families

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents,
JoAnn & Louis Gigliotti, Sr.
The Gigliotti Family

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents,
Don and Lois Winch and Bill and Ruth Giuliano
In Memory of Mark Giuliano—Always in our Hearts
Bill and Beth Giuliano,
Nicole, Brett, & Beckham Wade, and Luke Giuliano

In Memory of George Hemphill,
In Memory of Tom & Nancy Stewart
Marsha Hemphill

In Loving Memory of Charles and Thelma Hawk
In Loving Memory of Richard and Sally Mack
Dale and Cathy Hawk
For the Joy of our Hearts:
Riley, Jack, Lacey, Ella, and Henry
(Nana & Papa) Cathy and Dale Hawk

In Loving Memory of our Parents
Frank and Beatrice Jefferis and Paul and Dorothy Jackson
Frank and Pat Jefferis

In Loving Memory 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

In Memory of the Pastor's wife; In Memory of the Pastor's parents
In Honor of the Pastor's children & grandchildren
Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

Happy Easter, Trevor & Abby!
Love, Aunt Sarah Keenen

In Loving Memory of Bruce Lerch, Mary & William Hackman,
and Winifred & Carl Lerch
Susann Lerch

Happy Easter with love to All!
Ken Mehalko & Bev Wehr

Wishing my family a Blessed Easter—I love you All!
Gramma P. (Judi Pavisich)

In Memory of Walter & Agnes Perciak, Gregory Perciak,
James Perciak, Sarah Perciak, Max & Elsie DeWitt,
Elton & Virginia Bedford. Mike & Erma Kalinick
Tom & Debbie Perciak

In Loving Memory of Family Members
who are no longer with us!
George and 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
In Memory of Our Uncle Bill Clements
Becky and Bill Robinson

In Loving Memory of our parents and grandparents, Jean and Joe Rung
and Willie Mae and Jimmy Lee Cuyler
In Loving Memory of Ruby Jean and Jimmy Lee Cuyler, Jr.
Sam, Lora, Samuel, and Braxden

In Memory of Vernon & Zora Dick and Kalman & Lillian Gubics
Bill, Deborah, Autumn, and Ember Schneider

In Loving Memory of: Tad & Gen Thorn, Bernice Cooper, Tom O'Shea, Mae O'Shea,
Alan Van Kramer, Susan Tressa, Charles Garner, Mike Lucan, Jan Stough, and Thomas
Raymond. In Honor of Dick Colmery.
A very Happy and Blessed Easter to all.
Sandy O'Shea, Doug, Schyler, Devin, and Leo Thorn

In Thanks for our Family
John and Barbara Toth

In Honor of our Grandchildren:
Isaac, Jonah, Luke, Leila, and Hannah
Mike and Mary Willis



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **April 14th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **April 21st** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **April 28th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



BOOK STUDY!
On April 20th at 7 p.m., Our Book Study will continue. All are welcome to join us!

YES! I'D LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____



I AM INTERESTED IN:

_____ OFFERING OR RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

_____ CALLING FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN PRAYER CHAIN, BUT DON'T USE EMAIL

_____ PREPARING AN EXTRA MEAL AND DELIVERING IT TO SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ HELPING COOK A DISH AND OR SERVE MEALS AT FUNERAL LUNCHEON

_____ BECOMING A "PHONE BUDDY" AND PERIODICALLY CHECK IN WITH SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO TAKE MEMBERS TO APPOINTMENTS

_____ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO OUR CHURCH SERVICES

_____ BE PART OF A CARD CREW TO SEND CARDS TO FOLKS ON HEIDI'S PRAYER LIST AND OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

_____ I WOULD BE WILLING TO...

CHURCH OFFICERS 2026

**Elected February 1, 2026*

Moderator: Rachel Zielinski *
Vice-Moderator: Herb Hampson*
Treasurer: Sally Herzog* **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer*
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 Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes* Lora Rung
 Mary Willis Mary Ellen Zimmerman

THERE'S STILL TIME TO PLEDGE FROM YOUR H.E.A.R.T.!

Hospitality, Engagement, Activities, Resources, Time, Talent, & Treasure

United Church of Christ 2026 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2026:

Name _____

Address _____

I plan to give \$ _____ each

week month other _____ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations \$ _____

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) \$ _____

I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking/savings account.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. *Matthew 6:21*



IMPORTANT INFO—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are the last or almost the last person to leave the church building on any given day, please make certain that all the lights are off and most importantly, that the door to the kitchen and the parking lot doors are locked and PUSHED SHUT so the lock is latched. The Board of Trustees is addressing this issue, but in the meantime, it's all hands on deck to keep our church building secure. Thanks in advance for your diligence!

