



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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**Sunday – April 7, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Sacrament of Communion**

**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.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE** "Via Dolorosa" Sprague/Borop

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

**INTROIT** "Adagio" J.S. Bach

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to this place because we want to know God:

**People: God who helps us set aside the past, to walk the path to new life.**

Leader: We come in these moments because we want to know Jesus:

**People: Who anoints us with the resurrection, and shares our lives with us.**

Leader: We come to be with one another because we want to know the Spirit:

**People: Who shapes us for life with God, so we may praise God forever!**

† **HYMN 655** "Sanctuary" (sing twice)

**READING FROM THE PROPHETS** Isaiah 43: 16-21

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Four Fold Amen"

**ANTHEM** "I Wonder Why" Avery/Marsh

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Maker

† **DOXOLOGY 815** Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**READING FROM THE GOSPELS** John 12: 1-8

**SERMON** Perfume and the Poor

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**WORDS OF RECONCILIATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON  
CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their wrongdoing, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (silent prayer)**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP** "Lamb of God" Paris

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.*

**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.**

† **HYMN 407** "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE/POSTLUDE** "Abide with me" Monk

**SERVING**

<b>TODAY – APRIL 7</b>		<b>NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 14</b>
Judi Pavisich	<b>Liturgists</b>	Pam Keenen
Linda Plain	<b>Greeters</b>	Billie Cantrell
Linda Plain	<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteers needed
Elaine Coffey/Teri Barbish	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jim & Linda Dettmer
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins

**The altar flowers** are given—

*Celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 8<sup>th</sup>*

Irene and Jim Joyce

*In remembrance of our dad, Roger Robinson, on his birthday today*

Bill and Becky Robinson

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

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

*Happy Birthday to Barb Fraunfelder on April 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Happy Birthday to Betty "Grammy" Craig on April 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Happy Birthday to Bruce Keenen on April 9<sup>th</sup>*

Love, your church family

**Happy Birthday today** to Carol Woodward!

**Worship Team** will meet today, April 7 at 11:15 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our worship services are video recorded each week and posted on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Just go to [strongsvilleucc.com](http://strongsvilleucc.com), go to Worship, and click on Service Videos.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?**

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



**LENTEN STUDY WITH PASTOR HEIDI:**

**CONTINUES TODAY.** The audio series, *Interfaith: Being Love in the World*, begins at noon. A light lunch will be provided each Sunday for those who attend the studies. You are welcome to participate even if you have not yet signed up.



**PENNY SUNDAY**—Last week's Penny Sunday collection went to flood victims in Nebraska and the Midwest through **United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries**. We collected \$188.61. Thank you to everyone who donated.

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.



**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Fred and Kathe Lombardo, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mihlack, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams, (friend of Judi Pavisich)

**Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.**

**Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.**

**Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, and family meals.** Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board. Thank you to **Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt** for delivering the donations to the Food Bank each week.





### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02  
 Last Week's Offering Received \$6,766.00  
 (Difference \$3,243.98)



Thanks for supporting your church!

### APRIL 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7 Sun **Worship 10am**  
**Communion**  
Worship Team Meeting 11:30am  
Children's Choir
- 9 Tues **Interfaith Field Trip Passover Seder**
- 10 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm  
Fit Club, 7:15pm  
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 11 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 14 Sun **Worship 10am**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Children's Choir
- 16 Tues Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 17 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 18 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
**Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm**
- 19 Fri **Good Friday Worship 8:15pm**  
**"Song of the Shadows"**  
**at Columbia United Methodist Church**
- 21 Sun **Sunrise Easter Service 7am**  
**Easter Breakfast 8am**  
**Traditional Easter Worship 10am**
- 23 Tues Official Board Meeting 7pm
- 24 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Adult Social Club 7pm  
Fit Club 7:15pm  
Band Rehearsal 8pm
- 25 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8pm
- 28 Sun **Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**  
Children's Choir



### YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**THE THRIFT SHOP** will reopen on April 11 with spring merchandise, then will resume their regular schedule and be open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **We truly appreciate your usable donations to the Thrift Shop, but please do not place boxes, bags or items in the stairwells. (Strongsville Fire Dept. regulations) Doing so is a safety hazard.**



### ALTAR FLOWERS



You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.

**2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays are still available for this year!**

### STEEPLE LIGHTING

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



### PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS!

A friend of Amanda Hawk is making a memorial bench constructed of plastic bottle caps. There is a red can adjacent to the coffee pots in Pilgrim Hall for the caps.



### DIACONATE WING NIGHT TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Join us for this important fundraiser toward the weekly tasks of the church on **Friday, May 3** at Grindstone Tap House in Berea. Tickets are \$25 per person and available in Pilgrim Hall after worship.



River Valley Paper Company

### KEEP RECYCLING YOUR PAPER GOODS!

Four times a year, River Valley has bonus weeks, which earn even more money for our church. The next bonus week will be **April 14 - 20, 2019**. **Thank you to everyone who deposits their paper, flattened cardboard, magazines, and newspapers in our bin!**

### INTERFAITH FIELD TRIP

Members of our church are attending the annual Interfaith Passover Seder at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple (23737 Fairmount Blvd. Beachwood, OH 44122) on Tuesday, April 9. Carpoolers, please meet at 5:30pm in our parking lot.



### COMING SOON...

#### SUNDAY – APRIL 14 – 10:00 A.M.

*Palm Sunday*



**Liturgist:** Pam Keenen

**Greeter:** Billie Cantrell

**Ushers:** Volunteers needed

**Coffee Hour:** Jim & Linda Dettmer

**Special Music:** SUCC Children's Choir, Choir and Band

### THURSDAY – APRIL 18– 7:00 P.M.

*Maundy Thursday*



*A Quiet, Contemplative Service with Communion offered.*

**Greeters:** Ginny and Kenn Oerkfitz

### FRIDAY – APRIL 19 – 8:15 P.M.

*Good Friday*



### Ecumenical Tenebrae Service at Columbia United Methodist Church

25453 Royalton Road in Columbia Station  
(Southeast Corner of Royalton + West River Roads)

*Our Chancel Choir will sing in the combined choir with orchestra for the presentation of the cantata, "Song of the Shadows."*

A reception will follow the service.

**Please note:**

**Our congregation will join our friends at Columbia United Methodist Church. There will be no Good Friday service at Strongsville UCC.**

### SUNDAY – APRIL 21 – 7:00 A.M.

*Easter Sunday*

#### Sunrise Service

**Liturgist:**

**Greeters:** Betty Craig

**Usher:** Volunteer needed

**Easter Breakfast:** Dale Hawk & Crew

**Special Music:** Tom Foley, Ken Mehalko, Mike Elkins



### SUNDAY – APRIL 21 – 10:00 A.M.

*Easter Sunday*

#### Traditional Worship

**Liturgist:** Dave Williams

**Greeter:** The Rolland Family

**Usher:** Volunteer needed

**Easter Breakfast:** Dale Hawk & Crew

**Special Music:** Brass, SUCC Choir, Bell Choir, & Band



### LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" will be released in late April. Music will feature **Ken Mehalko** on Native Flute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church.



**Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15.**

30 copies have already been reserved! **Please indicate your interest by writing "CD" and indicating the number you would like to purchase on the back of your attendance card.**