



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sunday, April 9, 2023 – 10 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.

As you enter the sanctuary, welcome one another.
As you hear the chimes ring, settle your mind in silence.
As worship begins, welcome God's Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE "Promenade" Mussorgsky
Brass Ensemble and organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

CHORAL INTROIT "Easter Call to Worship" Grosvenor

† 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!

† HYMN 270 "Joy to the World" (vv. 1-3)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 118
(New International Version)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM "On the Third Day" Pote
With the Brass Ensemble

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. Thank you. To give online, please go to:

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

OFFERTORY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Converse
Brass Ensemble

† 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.

† DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 20: 1-18
(New International Version)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

REFLECTION "The Women Never Left Him"

† HYMN 367 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

† 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 by 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.

† POSTLUDE "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel
Keyboard Trio: Mike Elkins, Carol Foley, Sharon Heinrich

Please join in singing hymn #39 the *second* time through.

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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, select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.

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SERVING	
TODAY – APRIL 9	NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 16
Roz Fotos	Greeters Jean Bittinger
Dale Hawk	Liturgist Mary Ellen Zimmerman
Jan Meier, Judi Pavisich	Ushers Roz Fotos
Oliver & Matilda Sekorky	Acolytes Chris Abruzzino/Riley Marshall
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Choir, Brass Ensemble	Special Music Music Team



A NOTE OF THANKS—

We thank the **Chancel Choir**, our **Brass Ensemble: Tom Foley, Jim Heinrich, and Tom Nazelli, Carol Foley, Mike Elkins** and **Sharon Heinrich** for sharing their music with us today.



Our steeple will light the sky this week—
Congratulations to Bryana Hitchens on her graduation from nursing school!—Love, the Joyces
Happy Birthday to Charles Jannsohn on April 13th
Love, his sisters

Happy Anniversary today to Beth & Bill Giuliano
and Lori & Bob Kovatich

Happy Birthday today to Bruce Keenen!



FRESH FLOWERS EACH WEEK! Please sign up for 2023
altar flowers on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Many
Sundays are available to honor a special date or loved one.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Joan Beckwith, Mary Carey, Laurie Meister, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Maggie Struhar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Diana Creecy, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Linda Kapcar, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Bruce Lerch, Reggie McCray, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Sandy Pogozielski, Cade Raymond, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Lora Rung, Peter Smith, John Toth, Sharon Wilson, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Ron & Yvonne Adams (Judi Pavisich's friends), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Ron Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tom Ireland (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Patty Kubancik (Sue Gigliotti's sister), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Zora Roundtree (FL4A volunteer), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), Weston (Chelsey Cathcart Cox's friend's son), Don Wills (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by earthquakes and severe weather

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





WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—

TASTY TREATS FOR SALE!
Puppy Chow (for people) will be sold
following our Easter Worship service.
Perfect to add into your Easter baskets!
Only \$3.50 per package!

BEREA ARF COLLECTION

The Sunday School children and youth are holding a donation drive to benefit Berea Animal Rescue Friends through Sunday, April 16th. Three specific items will be collected per the



- recommendation of the shelter manager:
- **Small bags (approx. 3 lbs.) of any brand dry cat food** (Meow Mix, Purina Cat Chow...)
- **Bags of soft, small treats for dogs for training**
- **“Kicker” toys for cats** (with or without catnip).

The donation box will be located in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Densmore.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,617.01
Last Week's Offering Received	<u>\$3,663.00</u>
Difference	\$ 45.99



Thank you very much for your support.

Pledge cards received to date: 62

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO MAY 14th



You may recall that our church had a congregational photo scheduled in 2020, which was cancelled by the global pandemic. Well, three years later, we are trying again! The congregational photo is important to the historic records of the church and the last group picture of our congregation was taken in 2010. Please try to include this rare event in your Mother's Day plans. (The photo is scheduled to be taken immediately following the benediction of the worship service, so you will still have plenty of time to take your mom to brunch.)



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CHORUS

SWCC will have a spring concert “The Music's Always There,” on **Sunday, April 30th** 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 **Carol Konet**; some of the singers this season include **Jackie Foley, Craig Hardy, Sharon Maresco, Marianne Luca, Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce**, and a few other familiar faces and voices. Tickets will be available at the door or from our own choir members who sing with the chorus.



SPECIAL THANKS to Dale Hawk and the breakfast crew for prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning up our Easter breakfast this morning!

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS:

In honor of Mother's Day, Mission Outreach will be collecting items for Laura's Home in the West Park Neighborhood of Cleveland. Laura's Home is a complex with “166 beds and 55 rooms, offering specialized, wraparound services designed to empower families and individuals to live healthy lives.”

We will be collecting the following items from **April 16th** through **May 14th**. The collection bin will be in the Gathering Area of the church. ***All items must be new and unopened.***

- Full size body wash
- Full size deodorant
- Full size lotion
- Feminine hygiene products
- Twin sized sheets
- Twin sized blankets
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Pull up diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Unexpired baby food and formula



DIACONATE “WING” NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 12th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the

Grindstone Tap House in Berea. It is \$25 per ticket. Ticket includes boneless wings, pizza, pasta, salad, draft beer, well drinks, wine, soda. There will be a basket raffle, sideboards, and a great chance to socialize. Tickets are on sale every Sunday, starting next week, April 16th, in Pilgrim Hall. (Cash or check only).



In addition, we will be looking for basket donations for Wing Night. Please see any member of the Diaconate if you'd like to donate or volunteer.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays

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

Our Free Lunch for All Program welcomes everyone to enjoy a nutritious meal and warm fellowship. Many thanks to our wonderful prepping, cooking, serving, and clean-up volunteers!



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **April 11th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **April 18th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **April 25th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

BEE A BUSY BEE IN 2023

Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area are waiting for **your name** to be added as a greeter or an usher. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know! Everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



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 being accepted during those hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs. **Thanks, as always, to our dedicated volunteers!**



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences to **Pastor Heidi** and her family on the death of her mom, **Muriel McKeever**, who died on April 5, 2023 in Colorado. Muriel was 99 2/3 years old.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2023

**Elected January 29, 2023*

Moderator: Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry

Treasurer: Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Co-Superintendents

Linda Elkins Mary Densmore*

Board of Trustees

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Teri Barbish Jean Bittinger* Elaine Coffey

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Linda Elkins Amanda Marshall Lora Rung

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Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko* Mike Willis*

ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Judi Pavisich Bill Schneider* Richard Taylor

Rob Toth Mary Willis*

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak Lora Rung*

Jennifer Sekorky Peter Smith* Bev Wehr

Mary Ellen Zimmerman*

CAREGIVING PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, MAY 7th

Following the worship service

Wayne and Bobbi Cook have put together a presentation about the journey he and Bobbi have traveled in the past 10 years since her stroke.

They will discuss some tips they have learned to move on with Bobbi's after-stroke condition.

These tips and resources will help others in a similar situation of being either caregiver or the person needing a caregiver.

People of all ages and whatever reason for needing a caregiver are welcome to hear the Cooks' story.

Please join us for an informative and inspirational time—cake is included!



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY is next week, **April 16th**! Life's too short and too precious to be serious all the time! So put on your bright spring colors, bring a (clean) joke and come worship as we also celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism!



To the Glory of God
Easter flowers were given...



For those who can't be with loved ones and those suffering
from depression, keeping them from loved ones.
The Abruzzino Family

In Loving Memory of Russ Bitlinger
Jean Bitlinger

In Memory of our parents' Warren and Hallie Strine
and Harold and Louella Camp
Mark and Barbara Camp

Happy Easter around the World!
In Loving Memory of My Grandparents—
Peter and Edna Lansell, LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie
Gina Cathcart

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

We remember and honor our families and friends
Jim and Linda Deltmer

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

In Honor of Tom Foley
In Loving Memory of William J. Foley
Carol Foley

Happy Easter!
Roz Fotos

In Loving Memory of Bill Fraunfelder
and Don and Betty Bushea
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
The Gigliotti Family

In Loving Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents,
Don and Lois Winch and Bill and Ruth Giuliano
Bill and Beth Giuliano, Nicole and Luke Giuliano

In Loving Memory of Lois Anne Hampson
Herb Hampson

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 Grandchildren:
Riley, Jack, Lacey, Ella, and Henry
Cathy and Dale Hawk

In Loving Memory of our Parents,
Franklin and Beatrice Jefferis and Paul and Dorothy Jackson
Rev. Pat and Frank Jefferis

In Celebration of the lives 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

Some have much; Some have nothing, but we have each other. God is Good.
Love to Family and Friends
Bobbie and Wayne Krisak

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

In celebration of the Life of Christ
and his faithful disciples at Strongsville UCC.
May we continue to worship and honor God together.
Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall

Blessings on Easter
Audrey McQueen

In Loving Memory of our loved ones in their Heavenly Home
With love, Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz

Easter Blessings to our Family and Friends!
George and Judi Pavisich

In Memory of Family Members
Paul and Eileen Mlincek, Dale Mlincek
George Reed Sr. and Marie Wolf
George and Joyce Reed

In Loving Memory of Peter and Edna Lansell
In Loving Memory of LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie
Bill and Dorothy Richie

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

In Memory of Rev. and Mrs. George A. Smith
In Honor of the Ukranian People
In Honor of All Special Olympians
Peter R. Smith

In Gratitude and Joy, we remember our friend and family: Tad and Gen Thorn,
Bernice Cooper, Susan Stevenson Tressa, Charles Garner, Jan Slough,
and Mike Lucan
Sandy O'Shea, Doug, Schyler, Devin and Leo James Thorn

Easter Blessings to our Beautiful Grandchildren
John and Barbara Toth

In Loving Memory of Donna Fargo
Sarah Toth

In Honor of our Granddaughter, Elizabeth
Bev Wehr and Ken Mehalko

For our Grandchildren:
Isaac, Jonah, Luke, Leila, and Hannah
Mike and Mary Willis

In Loving Memory of David Woodward
Carol Woodward

In Loving Memory of Bob Zimmerman
Mary Ellen Zimmerman