



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, August 1, 2021 – 10 A.M.



WELCOME!

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the best interests of others. – Philippians 2:4

For the safety and comfort of everyone, please continue to wear a mask in the Gathering Area and when entering or leaving the Sanctuary. When you are seated in the pews, you may lower your mask if you wish, while maintaining social distancing. **If you are not yet fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask at all times. Thank you.**

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Minuet" Boccherini

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

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 complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate.

INTROIT "Great is the Lord" Smith, arr. Larson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God.

People: We come, trusting God will speak to us; we come, hoping God will surprise us.

Leader: On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:

People: We follow, believing Jesus will be with us; we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.

Leader: On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

People: We open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us; we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Amen

† **HYMN 424** "The Servant Song" (vv 1-5)

(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS **Matthew 25: 31-36**

(New International Version)

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'"

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF 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.

ANTHEM "You Raise Me Up" Lovland/Graham

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Serena Abruzzino

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.myoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

OFFERTORY "You Are My All in All" Jernigan, arr. Larson

† **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 **Matthew 25: 37-40**

(New International Version)

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

SERMON "Why?"

† **HYMN 589** "Here I Am, Lord"

(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

† **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** "Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Irish Melody

SERVING

TODAY – AUGUST 1 **NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 8**

Linda Plain	Greeter	Ginger Rothel
Linda Ponstingle	Liturgist	Cherie Teagno
Linda Plain	Ushers	Serena Abruzzino & Bobbie Krisak
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Sharon Metivier	Special Music	Ken Mehalko
Mary Densmore	Sunday School	Linda Elkins
Sharon Lempner	Special Guest Speaker	

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**.



Our steeple will light the sky this week—
*In loving memory of Brooke M. Akins
The Jannsohn-Dickson-Joyce family*

Happy Birthday today to Isabella Jannsohn!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$1,722.00
Difference	-\$1,927.37

Thank you very much for your support.



A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to Sharon Heinrich and Lisa Heinrich for sharing their music with us today!

WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER!

Today, we welcome and thank our guest speaker, **Sharon Lempner**, a member of the Pentecostal Church of Christ in Cleveland, who works with the homeless and helps with distributing bread in conjunction with our Panera ministry. Sharon is a retired educator and she and her husband, Dave, live in North Royalton. Pastor Heidi and Chuck will return next week and we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.



HELP WANTED!



line for each week.

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE A GREETER OR AN USHER?

Check out the sign-up sheets on the stand in the Gathering Area and add your name!

Remember: 4 ushers are needed very Sunday, so please feel free to fill up the

IT'S A BOY!

Francis (Frankie) Joseph McKane was born on July 24, 2021 at 8.5 lbs., 21" in California. Congratulations to parents **Hayley and Joey McKane**, big brother, **Wally**, grandparents **Joe and Barbara Craig** and of course, great-grandmother **Betty (Grammy) Craig!** Frankie is Betty's 13th great-grandchild!



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, Tom Gaumer, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Pam Keenen, Tony Koussa, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Rachel Zielinski, Bob Zimmerman

Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), 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), Kay McGinty (Judi Pavisich's aunt), 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), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law), Daphne Wilson (Irene Jannsohn's niece)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with lots of interesting merchandise. Donations are being accepted, but you must call the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.

THRIFT SHOP BONUS HOURS

The 3rd Thursday of the month, August 19, 2021 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(We're still open on our usual Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)



Also, the Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers to help out for a couple of hours—sorting, organizing, and selling on Thursdays. Please call Cathy Hawk (440-781-7512) if you can help!

WE WILL HAVE A CLEARANCE BAG SALE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th.

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK INCLUDING AUGUST 12th and REOPEN WITH ALL "NEW" MERCHANDISE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, August 10th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, August 17th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, August 24th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF LONG-TIME MEMBER JEAN STRAUB

Jean joined our church in 1951 and was a member until her death on February 26, 2020. Because of the worldwide pandemic, her family was unable to celebrate her life with their Ohio friends and family. They are finally able to have a memorial service at our church on Wednesday, August 25th at 12:30 p.m., preceded by the interment at the cemetery and followed by a luncheon in Pilgrim Hall.



From our friends at the Strongsville Community Band:

Friday, August 6 at 7:30 PM

(Strongsville Middle School Front Lawn)

Please note that concerts scheduled on the Front Lawn of Strongsville Middle School will be moved indoors to the Ehrnfelt Sr./Rec Center in case of inclement weather. Don't forget to bring your own lawn chair!



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REGULAR MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

Women's Fellowship will meet this WEDNESDAY, August 4, at 10:00 A.M. in Pilgrim Hall. Judy Carte will provide tips on "Aging Gracefully." As always, all ladies are welcome to attend. Women's Fellowship has changed our meeting day to the first WEDNESDAY of the month, to accommodate the Tuesday 10:00 A.M. AA group that will resume meeting in August.



Wednesday – August 4 – 10:00 A.M. – Pilgrim Hall "AGING GRACEFULLY" with tips from Judy Carte

MUSICIANS NEEDED!



Would you like to be a part of our music ministry? Instrumentalists and vocalists are needed for our various music groups. If you are interested in joining us and sharing your talent, please contact Tom Foley or Mike Elkins.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 at 8 p.m. We have room in the choir loft for any singers (Tenors, Altos, Sopranos, and Basses are welcome!). **BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 at 7p.m.**

FRESH ALTAR FLOWERS RETURNING SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Would you like to commemorate a special occasion, honor a loved one, or celebrate the memory of someone dear? Say it with flowers!

You may provide fresh 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 or better yet, email the church at strongsvilleucc@gmail.com. Envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office are also available. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.



The 2021 Flower sign-up chart is posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall and almost all Sundays are available for this year!

THANK YOU! TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AT THE CHURCH GARAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE



Updated totals are: \$2,800.00 for the Garage Sale, \$629.00



for the Bake Sale and \$303.00 for the Thrift Shop.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in any way. Your support is truly appreciated!

NEW ROUND TABLES IN PILGRIM HALL

Thanks to the Thrift Shop, Pilgrim Hall is now outfitted with 16 brand new round tables. The new tables are much lighter and easier to maneuver than the old wooden tables, plus these tables facilitate more convivial conversation!

THANK YOU



We appreciate all your prayers and support during the recent loss of our Mother and Grandma- Joanne Gigliotti. Sue Gigliotti and Family

STAFF CHANGES

The Board of Trustees has approved the hiring of Mike Elkins as our new Financial Secretary. Mike has been training with Adria Bond for the past couple of weeks to ensure a smooth transition. We welcome Mike in his new capacity and thank him for continuing as Associate Music Director, as well. Our most sincere thanks to Adria for her excellent work as Financial Secretary for these past four and a half years.

