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Sunday, August 15, 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 “10,000 Reasons” Myrin/Redman

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 “Eye is on the Sparrow” Gabriel

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Watch what God does: God loves us, all the time.
People: Teach us, O God. Help us learn a life of such love, that we might love as God loves.
Leader: Watch how Christ loves us: Christ loves us, not cautiously, but extravagantly!
People: Teach us, O Christ. Help us practice such lavish love, not noticing what it costs us.
Leader: Watch how the Spirit loves us: Christ’s Spirit of love moves in us, breathing love into our hearts and lives.
People: Teach us, O Spirit. Help us learn to have such love for others, keeping company with God.

† HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)
I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to follow Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Ephesians 5:15-20
(New International Version)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 “Word of God Speak” Millard/Kipley

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

OFFERTORY “We Give Thee But Thine Own” Mason/ Webb

† 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 EPISTLES 1 Kings 3: 3-14
(New International Version)

“Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

SERMON “A Dream Come True”

† HYMN 147 “How Great Thou Art”
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

† BENEDICTION (From The Uniting Church of Australia)
Go out into the world in peace, and in Christ’s name, be: the humble who make others proud; the poor who have riches to share; the weak who help others be strong; the empty who overflow with loving kindness. And the largesse of the love of God, and the treasure of the grace of Christ Jesus, and the buoyant health of the Holy Spirit will be with you now and forever. Amen.

† POSTLUDE “Go Now in Peace” Besig

SERVING

TODAY – AUGUST 15

Judi Pavisich
Dave Williams
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Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Dave Williams
Ginger Rothel

Greeters
Liturgist
Ushers
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Supplemental Organist
Sound
Special Music
Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 22

Serena Abruzzino & Bobbie Krisak
Herb Hampson
Chuck McDougall
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Carol Foley
Mary Densmore

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—
Happy Anniversary to Bill & Pam Craig on August 19th
With love, Mom
Happy Birthday to Ingrid & Irene on August 21st!



A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to Dave Williams, along with Tom Foley and Mike Elkins, for leading us in worship today!

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

Check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall and add your name!



Remember: 4 ushers are needed very Sunday, so please feel free to fill up the line for each week.

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 Camden Cemetery (49840 Route 20, Oberlin, OH 44074) at 11 a.m. and followed by a luncheon in Pilgrim Hall. RSVP for luncheon attendance is requested at 775-742-3061 (Jean’s daughter, Kathy Herzing).

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, Roy Merkle, 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 Filiautra (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Linda Harbison (Jan Meier's sister-in-law), 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), Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), 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.

GIFT CARDS

YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT IN A SAFE WAY THAT BENEFITS OUR CHURCH!



You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. Limited stock is available, but special orders may be accommodated with advance notice. **Thank you to those who continue to support this project by purchasing gift cards!**



Are you an online shopper? If so, why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:

1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in **smile.amazon.com**.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church. PLEASE KEEP SHOPPING!



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!



THE THRIFT SHOP WILL
REOPEN WITH ALL "NEW"
MERCHANDISE ON THURSDAY,
AUGUST 19th

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- 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.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



REGULAR MEETING FOR
SEPTEMBER
OUTDOOR PICNIC

Wednesday, September 8th at 10 AM
East River Park Pavilion
7878 Lewis Road in Olmsted Falls
(restroom near pavilion)

Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

Picnic will be held rain or shine.

If it is raining heavily, we may move to the church parlor; please watch for texts on your cell phone.

Directions to the picnic are at the church.

As always, all ladies are welcome!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

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| Weekly Offering Needed | \$3,649.37 |
| Last Week's Offering Received | \$8,783.75 |
| Difference | \$5,134.38 |

Thank you very much for your support.



READY FOR PICK-UP

The September/October 2021 **Upper Room** Daily Devotional Guide is available (large print and pocket size) in the Gathering Area. Pick up your free copy today!



MUSICIANS NEEDED!

Would you like to be a part of the music program? Instrumentalists and vocalists are needed for our various music groups. If you are interested in joining us and sharing

your musical 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 the remainder of this year!

Strongsville U.C.C. Sunday School presents

RALLY DAY & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

It's time to welcome a new school year of learning and growing!

FAMILIES: PLEASE BRING A BACKPACK, BRIEFCASE, DIAPER BAG, OR ANY BAG FOR BLESSINGS!

Students, please report to Pilgrim Hall at 9:45 a.m. and we will sit with our classes.

We can't wait to see you there!

