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OPENING MUSIC

"Allegro"

Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Doerksen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law
day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that
the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the
judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing; Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dew fall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight; Mine is the morning.
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's re-creation of the new day.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 Music: Traditional Gaelic melody

FIRST READING **Genesis 2:15-20** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

SHARING AND PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

MUSIC

"In Christ There is No East or West"

Reinagle

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Tom Foley

(Assisted by the Satori Winds)

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Croft

Our congregation is so fortunate to have so much talent! Truly, we illustrate what it means to be the Family of Christ. Together, we again commit our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue to walk with Jesus, even during this season of pandemic. We appreciate your commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you. To give online, you may go to:

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

or mail your offering to **Strongsville UCC 13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136. You may also save a stamp and drop your envelope in the church mailbox at any time.**

DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

SECOND READING **Revelation 22:1-7** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the

leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place." "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

REFLECTION

Rev. Oommen Thomas

HYMN

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Now the Savior, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear!
All His saints, by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear!

Yes, amen! Let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own.
O come quickly! O come quickly! Everlasting God, come down!

Words: Charles Wesley and Martin Madan; based on John Cennick
Music: Henry T. Smart (REGENT SQUARE)

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

"Cascade"

Joplin

The steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary to Bill & Pam Craig on August 19th!

Happy 18th Birthday to Madison Wentz on August 22nd!

With love, Mom/Grammy

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SERVING

TODAY – AUGUST 16

Pastor Heidi
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall
Satori Winds
Rev. Oommen Thomas

Liturgist
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Sound
Video
Guest Musicians
Guest Minister

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 23

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall
Sharon Heinrich

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$ 3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received	\$ 3,831.00
Difference	+\$ 357.73



Thank you very much for your support of our mission and ministry.



**We again thank the Satori Winds
for sharing their music.**

Ken Mehalko-Clarinet

Richard Ingersol, Jr.- Bass Clarinet

Brian Maskow- Clarinet

Dick Ingersol, Sr.- Clarinet

REV. OOMMEN THOMAS IS WITH US!

**Our warmest welcome is extended
to Rev. Oommen Thomas and we
thank him for joining us in worship
today. He is a retired Presbyterian
minister who has served many
churches and is currently preaching at John
Knox Presbyterian in North Olmsted. Rev.
Thomas and his wife, Leela, have been
attending our church for several years.**



Happy Birthday today to Linda Elliott!

Happy Anniversary today to Mary and Richard Densmore!

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Judy Carte, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Riley Hawk, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Lori Kovatich, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Ron, Yvonne, & Ronnie Adams (Judi Pavisich's friends), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Ruby Cuyler (Sam's sister), Elaine Franzen (Barbara Craig's mom), Gwen Giddings (Linda Dettmer's sister), Rebecca Gordon (Irene Jannsohn's niece), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Pat Masuga (Dan's mom), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), 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), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Terry Robson (the Camps' friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Sherry Sheeks (Mark Camp's sister), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Brad Williams (Judi Pavisich's friend), 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 NEWS

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



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

Officers elected on Jan. 26, 2020, have an asterisk* by their names.

** = appointed by the Official Board



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