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**Sunday, August 2, 2020 – Online
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sacrament of Baptism**

OPENING MUSIC "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Break Thou the Bread of Life" Sherwin

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the moment we open our eyes each morning, O God, until we close them each night, you are with us. In times when our struggles seem nearly insurmountable, we find Hope in surprising places, and remember that you are with us. When we feel as if the world has disowned us, we know we are welcome in the Family of Christ. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Love, unconditional and perfect. **Thanks be to God!**

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 recreation of the new day.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 55:1-3** (*New International Version*)

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

SHARING AND PRAYERS

MUSIC "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" Witt

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Henry Harrison Hayes

Son of Sarah and Jonathan Hayes

Sponsors: Rachel Hayes, Amanda Lavoie, John Marshall

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

We promise our love, support and care.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

Christ be with you. (*And also with you.*)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy with the gift of Jesus. Bless this child, Henry Harrison; fill him with your strength and courage for life's journey; joy for all to see; freedom of love; hope for a new life. May he never be ashamed to confess his personal faith in you. Bless us, O God, that we, too, may be faithful to your Word, united in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY "Blessed Assurance" Knapp

Remember being taught as a child, how important it is to share what we have? Whether it's cookies or time on the computer, when we are living as community, everything goes further when we share. 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

Matthew 14:13-21 (*The Message*)

When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with compassion, and healed their sick. Toward evening the disciples approached him. “We’re out in the country and it’s getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper.” But Jesus said, “There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper.” “All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they said. Jesus said, “Bring them here.” Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

REFLECTION

Together in the Time of COVID

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

In this world where hope and faith, patience and peace have been sold for a quick profit, O God, we seek your face and beg your forgiveness for the many times we have turned our eyes away from you. Together we pray, confessing our sin to the One who frees us forever from judgment:

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy One, we admit we often fall short of the aspirations you hold for our lives. We desire your presence; yet we chase after the things the world values. Forgive us, Loving God. Fill us with the desire to take up whatever task you give us; strengthen our faith to trust in your plan, that we might find eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (*silent prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God hears our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and listens to the cries of our hearts. In Christ, we receive new life. We are free to walk in the Light of the Lord.

This is the Love which binds us to God forever. There is nothing, in this world or beyond, that can keep us from your presence or deny us a seat at the Table. Thanks be to God. Amen.

A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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.

HYMN

“We’ve a Story to Tell”

We’ve a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We’ve a song to be sung to the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil,
and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We’ve a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us His Son to save us,
And show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Baloche

SERVING

TODAY – AUGUST 2

Dave Williams
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall
Dave Williams

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

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 9

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall
Satori Winds

The steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Isabella Jannsohn on August 1st

In loving memory of Brooke M. Akins

With love, the Jannsohn-Joyce-Dickson family

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 1,378.00
Difference (-\$ 2,095.27)



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

Happy Birthday today to Autumn and Summer Zoscak!



PENNY SUNDAY WEEK WINDING UP MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd

Tomorrow is your last chance to bring your coins to the church for our virtual **Penny Sunday** collection. We will have a bucket in the vestibule off the parking lot of the church to safely gather the coins until 3 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd. The collection will go to **St. Herman's House** in Cleveland, which shelters and supports the homeless on the path to well-being and independence and meets the basic needs of people in the community by offering prayer, serving meals, providing job assistance, and finding housing. (Some of the Panera Bread donations have been going there during the pandemic shut down.) Thank you!

HEARING AIDS

Judy Carte has a set of hearing aids she is willing to donate to someone in need. They're in their original container, but need batteries. Please contact Judy at alacartej@gmail.com if you know of someone who would be able to use them.

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, Joe Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Evan Joyce, 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 (friends of Judi Pavisich), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Ruby Cuyler (sister of Sam), Gwen Giddings (sister of Linda Dettmer), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Donna McDonald (friend of the Ritchies), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Chris Vozniak (friend of Lora Rung), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

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

The baptism of
Henry Harrison Hayes.
July 26, 2020

**The Thrift Shop is selling
raffle tickets to win a Coach
purse. Tickets are \$1 each and
available in the shop.**

