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Sunday, August 29, 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 “Pavane” Fauré, arr. Bowen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

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 “Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling” Thompson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe, in ordinary days of work and play:

Pastor: In every moment, God is with us.

Leader: Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud, or standing on faith's shoreline:

Pastor: In every place, God is with us.

Leader: In those who teach us and those who trouble us;
in those who surprise us, and those who forgive us:

Pastor: In every person, God is with us. Thanks be to God!

† HYMN “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

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

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God...Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God...Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives; willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart soul mind and strength, we gladly choose You now.
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God...Come.
Come...Come...Just as you are...come.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 15

(New International Version)

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;
who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;
who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

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 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” arr. Moklebust

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 “On Faith's Shoreline” Elkins

† 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

James 1: 17-27

(New International Version)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, so that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created. My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

SERMON

“Word and Deed”

† HYMN 169 “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” (vv. 1, 2, 5)

(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 “Abide with Me” Monk, arr. Moklebust

TODAY – AUGUST 29

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 5

Sharon & Karl Kuhlenschmidt	Greeters	Linda Plain
Sharon Maresco	Liturgist	Barb Fraunfelder
Chuck McDougall	Ushers	Linda Plain
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
We3Ring, EKCO Ringers	Special Music	Richard Densmore
Elaine Coffey	Sunday School	Serena Abruzzino

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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The altar flowers are given—

Celebrating Betty Jacobson's 100th Birthday on August 27th!

With Love from Lola Millhoane and Mary Carey



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Pastor Heidi on September 2nd!



A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to the EKCO Ringers (Ed Krzes and Cheryl Onesky) and to We3Ring (Nicki Haire, with Cheryl and Ed), and Diana Creecy, along with Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, and Sharon Heinrich for their music today!



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**HELP
WANTED!**



**CAN YOU BE A TEMPORARY
REPLACEMENT BREAD
BUDDY?**

Our usual Monday mall Panera pick-up person, Sally Herzog, is unable to do this task for a short while. If you can be at

Southpark Mall at 10 a.m. on a Monday to pick up bread and pastries for our bread ministry, please see Sally or contact the church office. No experience is necessary!

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Become a Member!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE STRONGSVILLE UCC?

Pastor Heidi is hosting two information sessions in the Parlor right after the worship services on **September 19th** and **September 26th**. Please let Pastor Heidi or the church office know if you are interested in finding out more about membership in our congregation. (Please note: dual membership is accepted.) New members will be welcomed into our church family on **World Communion Sunday, October 3rd**.

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, 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, Tony Koussa, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mihlack, 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, Mary Ellen and 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), 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.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with lots of refreshed merchandise on display. 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,
September 16, 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 still 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!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$1,847.15
Difference	(-\$1,802.22)

Thank you very much for your support.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REGULAR MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER OUTDOOR PICNIC Wednesday, September 8th at 11 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. *NOTE TIME CHANGE

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!

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!

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CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE RESUMED THURSDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY, at 8 p.m. with safety measures in place. 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

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 there are still some Sundays that are available for the remainder of this year!

With the return of fresh altar flowers, we are in need of large plastic sour cream/cottage cheese/chip dip containers to transport the flower arrangements home. Please bring your clean containers to the church, if you have some to donate.



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS THE OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 31st at 7 P.M.



- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, September 14th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, September 21st at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, September 28th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

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!**



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!



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- Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
- 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!



MANY THANKS to John Toth and Herb Hampson, who have been working on restriping the parking lot! We really appreciate your initiative and efforts, gentlemen!

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Heidi will not have office hours on Thursday, September 2nd, due to a "universally celebrated holiday." (Her birthday)