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OPENING MUSIC "Word of God Speak" Millard/Kipley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Holy Ground" Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ever-seeing God, you do not leave us to drift on the currents of the world. You will not give us over to the power of evil. You have not left us alone. Compassionate Christ, you could have used the wise, but you work through the foolish. You could have chosen the most gifted talkers; instead, you speak through children. Holy Spirit, you fill us with a generous heart. When we are lonely or afraid, you surround us with loving sisters and brothers. Truly, you provide everything we need. Let the people say together: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning, Our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons--Blessed Trinity!

Holy holy holy, All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns, Around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, Falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art, And evermore shalt be.

Holy holy holy, Tho' the darkness hide Thee
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy-- There is none beside Thee.
Perfect in pow'r, In love, in purity.

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth and sky and sea.
Holy holy holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

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FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-6 (New International Version)

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire, it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

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 "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Tomlin

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY "It is Well with My Soul" Bliss

Within each heart, the Spirit dwells. Wherever you are, whenever you pause to worship, the ground upon which you stand or sit is holy, transformed by God. God blesses our lives through ordinary, everyday encounters. As we continue to commit our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue to walk with Jesus, even during this season of pandemic, we continually seek God's guidance and presence in our daily lives. 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 Romans 12:9-21 (New Revised Standard Version)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "*Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.*" No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

REFLECTION

Ubuntu

HYMN

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of life.
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty Teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life!

Christ the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of life.
Sinner, list to the loving call Wonderful words of life.
All so freely given, Wooing us to Heaven—
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life!

Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of life.
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of life.
Jesus only Savior, Sanctify forever.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life!

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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

"Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Tattersall

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Remembering our Aunt Rhea Clements on her 100th Birthday,
August 28th! –Becky and Bill Robinson*

SERVING

TODAY – AUGUST 30

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 6

Irene Joyce

Liturgist

Dave Williams

Tom Foley

Director of Music

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Associate Director of Music

Mike Elkins

Doug Thorn

Sound

Doug Thorn

Chuck McDougall

Video

Chuck McDougall

Sarah Keenen

Special Musicians

Dave Williams



Thank you to our vocalist, Sarah Keenen, for sharing her music with us today.

Happy Birthday 90th today to Lloyd Bridle!

Happy 51st Anniversary today to Larry and Christina Craig!

ROLLING RALLY DAY!

Celebrating our children as they return to school is something we have always looked forward to—but like so many other things, this year **Rally Day** will look a bit different.



On **Sunday, September 13 from 10:00-12:00**, church families are invited to drive through the church parking lot and greet the pastor and the Sunday School teachers. Children will receive a back-to-learning goodie bag. In this topsy turvy year, we want to remind our children how deeply your church family loves you. (**Please note: In order to comply with all state and local mandates and recommendations, this will be a drive-through event only.**)

We are still working on other surprises, so stay tuned!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 508.13
Difference (-\$ 2,965.14)



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

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, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Linda Elliott, Riley Hawk, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Tony Koussa, Lori Kovatich, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, 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), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, Ruby Cuyler (Sam's sister), Elaine Franzen (Barbara Craig's mom), 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!



Additional song credits

Word of God Speak

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Holy Ground

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

The Executive Team will be meeting in the next week to develop a plan and protocols for returning to in-person worship. The congregation will be kept informed as the plans evolve. In the meantime, please keep watching our online services. Thank you for your continuing support in these challenging times.