



# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Minister



**Sunday – August 5, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.**

## WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

For questions about our church and ministries, you may call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it into the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**PRELUDE** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Traditional

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Irene Joyce

**INTROIT** "How Great Thou Art" Traditional

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Come worship God, for God offers goodness and grants rest for weary souls.

**People:** **We draw near to God, the One who is able to dispel our despair and eliminate our fears.**

**Leader:** Ours is the true victory in Christ.

**People:** **Let us prepare in this hour to fully live our lives in the Lord's name.**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE 139** "Great is thy Faithfulness"

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

**PRAYER HYMN 393** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (Verse 1)

### PASTORAL 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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Piano Interlude" Elkins

**ANTHEM** "Sacred Sounds" Mehalko/Elkins  
Ken Mehalko, Native American flute and Mike Elkins, keyboard

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Pastor Larry's Lunchbox"

### THE OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** "The Gift of Love" Traditional

† **DOXOLOGY** **HYMN 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.

### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Acts 16:11-15, Luke 10:1-11

**SERMON**  The Magical Folger's Coffee Can  
Reverend Larry Craig

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**INVITATION HYMN 460** "Let us Break Bread Together"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Almighty and loving God, We come to this table, not because we have earned the right to be here. We come not because we have been good enough or faithful enough to deserve our place. We come because, by Your grace, You have welcomed us here. We ask Your forgiveness for all our sins and misgivings.**

**As we take this bread and this cup, remind us of the depth and the breadth of Your love and Your mercy. May we find here the wisdom to celebrate and live a vision of your kingdom, a kingdom whose doors are open to all who would enter in. For we pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### CONSECRATION AND SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament You have given us Your Son, who is the light of the world and gives us God's light to reflect to others. So strengthen us in Your service that our daily living may show our thanks and accomplish Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† **CLOSING HYMN 665** "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"

### † BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE/POSTLUDE** "Do Lord" Spiritual

## SERVING

### TODAY – AUGUST 5

Lora Rung  
Linda Plain  
Linda Plain/Marty Winch  
Jim Joyce  
Kelly Bickley  
Elena Taylor  
Rev. Larry Craig

### NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 12

**Liturgist** Ted Bickley  
**Greeters** Betty Craig  
**Ushers** Chuck McDougall  
**Coffee Hour** Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz  
**Summer Sunday School** Sharon Heinrich  
**Director of Music** Elena Taylor  
**Guest Minister**

The altar flowers are given—

*In celebration of our Anniversary*  
Bob and Sue Gross  
*For the Children's Ministry*  
Doris Soucie

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Jim Heinrich on August 5*  
*and to Sharon Heinrich on August 8!*

Worship Team will meet this Tuesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Music Ministry –Thank you to Ken Mehalko and to Mike Elkins for providing music for today's worship.

We welcome the return of **Rev. Larry Craig** and his wife, **Christina** and thank them for joining us this morning. Rev. Craig is retired as minister of West Park United Church of Christ and has preached in our church on several occasions. Pastor Heidi and Chuck have traveled to Colorado to visit family. They will be returning for the Meet & Greet on August 11 and for worship on August 12.

Happy Birthday today to Jim Heinrich!

Happy Anniversary today to Fred and Kathe Lombardo!

**From the Pulpit Search Committee:** After an exhaustive and thorough process of searching for our settled pastor, and prayerful consideration, your Pulpit Search Committee has chosen a candidate to lead our church. The Committee received almost fifty profiles which were carefully and diligently investigated. Through countless meetings, emails and most importantly, lots of prayer, it became clear to us that God had sent us the minister who is the best fit for our congregation. It is with great joy that we recommend to extend the call to **Reverend Heidi Denman McDougall** to be our settled pastor.

To that end, a **Congregational meeting** will take place next Sunday, **August 12, 2018**, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of voting to accept the Search Committee's recommendation. There will also be a "meet and greet" (for most of us, just a "greet") this **Saturday, August 11 from 3 pm – 5 pm** to welcome and talk with Pastor Heidi and her husband, Chuck.

The Committee would like to thank the congregation for its ongoing support, patience and prayers these past thirteen months, as we determined whom we would unanimously choose to recommend.

Your Pulpit Search Committee: Ted Bickley, Judy Carte, Kristen Clotworthy, Jim Dettmer, Ingrid Dickson, Sally Herzog, and Bill Schneider



**Summer Sunday School combined classes continue** –Classes will meet in the Confirmation classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. **Thanks to Kelly Bickley for putting together the lessons, based on “Fruit of the Spirit,” and for teaching today!**

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

*If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.*

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Betty Babics, Eddy Bond, Lloyd Bridle, Gordon Cockrell, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Dan Davis, Keana Dickson (daughter of Greg and Ingrid), Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Autumn Schneider, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward



**Extended Church Family:** Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Karen Greenway and daughters (friends of Judi Pavisich), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.31  
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,107.00  
(Difference -\$ 1,496.31)



**Giving Statements for the first half of the year are in the Gathering Area for pick up. Thank you for giving.**

**Stewardship** – Just a reminder that the church still has expenses during the summer months when you may be away and church activities slow down. If possible, please continue your regular giving by mailing your offering to the church: Strongsville UCC, 13740 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136. For your convenience, church-addressed mailing envelopes are available in the Gathering Area on the cabinet. Another option is electronic giving (myEoffering) for anyone interested. Instructions for myEoffering are in the July Church Newsletter. Thank you very much for your continued financial support of our church. **Also, if you miss attending church on a Sunday and would like a copy of the bulletin e-mailed to you, please notify the church office.**

**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB NEXT SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 19** --Botanical Gardens and Dinner in Little Italy  
**Friday, September 14** – The Platters (Dinner and Show) at Carrie Cerino's  
**Sunday, September 16** – Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City  
**Please see Linda Plain to make reservations.**

**INTERFAITH FIELD TRIP**

We will be taking a tour of The Grand Mosque on Thursday, September 6th around 6:30 pm. **If you are interested, please write "mosque" on the back of your attendance card or notify the church office.** Everyone is welcome! More details will follow.

**MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**

**Elena Taylor's** last Sunday as our Music Director will be August 19. On that day, we will have a reception for her to wish her and her family well on her new adventures as they move to New Jersey! We have truly enjoyed Elena's talent, faithfulness, and musicianship during her time with us, first at Organist, then as Music Director. She will be missed, but we know that she will continue to bring glory to God wherever she goes.



The Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of the Music Committee, has voted to hire **Thomas M. Foley** as our Music Director. Tom will begin his service with us on August 19. Tom and his wife, Suzi, are residents of Strongsville and are members here at Strongsville UCC, with Tom having served as Music Director here from 1998 – 2007. The Foleys have three children: Jimmy, a future freshman at Ohio University, Jackie, a future freshman at the University of Cincinnati, and Bobby, a rising junior at Strongsville High School. We welcome Tom and his family back to Strongsville UCC! **The first meeting of the Chancel Choir and any interested singers will be on Thursday, August 16 at 7 p.m.**

**AUGUST 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 5 Sun Worship with Communion, 10am  
Special guest minister, **Rev. Larry Craig**
- 7 Tue Worship Team meeting 6:30pm
- 8 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm
- 9 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
- 11 Sat Clean-up outdoor space 8am  
Meet & Greet Pastor Heidi & Chuck 3pm-5pm
- 12 Sun **Worship 10am**  
**Congregational Meeting**
- 14 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am – 4pm  
September 2018 Newsletter Deadline  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm**
- 19 Sun **Worship 10am**  
**Farewell Reception for Elena Taylor**
- 21 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
**No Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
- 26 Sun **Worship 10am**
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Wed Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
Fit Club, 7pm  
Band Rehearsal 7pm
- 30 Thurs Thrift Shop 10am-4pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm



**FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND: Friday, August 10 at 7:30 PM at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Recreation Center.** The Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band will present jazz and swing classics from the Great American Songbook.



**HELP NEEDED!**



On Saturday, **August 11 at 8 a.m.**, we will have a quick cleanup of our Outdoor Worship space. General weeding and grooming is needed. Please sign up on the sheet in Pilgrim Hall if you can help. (Don't worry, you will still have time to meet and greet Pastor Heidi and Chuck later in the day!)

**Frequently Asked Question: Is the church having a Garage Sale this year?**



**Answer: Yes, the Official Board is planning to have our annual fun fundraiser on Saturday, September 8 from 9 am – 2 pm.**

Naturally, donations will be needed, but we are asking our dear members and friends to **hold their donations until after Sunday, August 19** (Elena Taylor's farewell reception). Please remember we accept clean, usable household items, small electronics, lamps, toys, books, furniture, and anything else that is not a liquid. Also, the Sunday School will have a Bake Sale during the Garage Sale as their main fundraiser for the year. We appreciate your cooperation and support!

**DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S BAKE SALE!**

Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, and cakes are needed to sell. This is our main fundraiser and everyone's support is appreciated. Please bring wrapped baked goods to the church any time on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> or before 9 a.m. on the day of the sale Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



**HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?**



Sign up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.

Thanks to everyone who participates in our **Penny Sunday** program! Last week, we collected \$90.78 for our Sunday School programs and scholarships. The next **Penny Sunday** is August 26!

**Membership** – If you are interested in becoming a member of Strongsville UCC, please contact Pastor Heidi or call the church office, (440) 238-6697.