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Sunday, August 7, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.
Sacrament of Holy Communion

WELCOME!

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 stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Allegro in B Minor" Walther, arr. Norris

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "Suo Gân" Welsh Melody

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: In every moment, God is with us.

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

People: 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:

People: In every person, God is with us.

† HYMN 408 "How Firm a Foundation"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 33:12-22
(New Revised Standard Version)

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

From where he sits enthroned, he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—
he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might, it cannot save.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYING IN SILENCE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: Hear our prayers. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Brisk Young Sailor" Grainger

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. You are the Hands and Feet of Jesus in the world.

OFFERTORY "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Sklater

† 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 Hebrews 11 excerpts
(New Revised Standard Version)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

SERMON "Faithful Hall of Fame"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: As we stand before God, we think of all the ways we bicker with others, all those times we have not shown mercy and grace to those around us. Let us bow our hearts and confess our sin to God, as we pray together.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

People: It is never easy for us to confess, but deep down inside, we know that while graced, we have trouble offering grace to others; while forgiven, still we are eager to judge and punish those who have hurt us; while freed, we find ways to put restrictions on people we fear. Forgive us, Servant God. You show us mercy more often than we deserve; you pardon us more times than we can count. And why? Because we are the Lord's - sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, who died and lived again, so we might live beyond death with you. (silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's hand of mercy is stretched out to us, making a way through all that threatens us, to touch us with grace and hope.

People: We stand before our God, giving praise to the One who turns our despair into joy, our fears into faith. Amen.

A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC "People Get Ready" Mayfield

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.

† HYMN 767 "For All the Saints" (vv 1, 2, 4, and 5)

† BENEDICTION Hebrews 13:20-21 *The Message*
May God, who puts all things together, makes all things whole, who made a lasting mark through the sacrifice of Jesus, the sacrifice of blood that sealed the eternal covenant, who led Jesus, our Great Shepherd, up and alive from the dead, now put you together, provide you with everything you need to please him, make us into what gives him most pleasure, by means of the sacrifice of Jesus, the Messiah. All glory to Jesus forever and always!
Amen.

† RESPONSE "Interlude in C" Wedemann

† POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress is our God" Luther

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.

SERVING

TODAY – AUGUST 7	NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 14
Linda Plain	Greeters Dale & Cathy Hawk
Elaine Coffey	Liturgist Lynne McCray
Teri Barbish, Roz Fotos	Ushers Roz Fotos
Chris Abruzzino/Riley Marshall	Acolytes Aidan Hurtig/Luke Giuliano
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Dick K. Ingersoll	Special Music Satori Winds/the Keenens
Linda Elkins	Summer Sunday School Cathy Hawk

The altar flowers are given—

Celebrating 40 years of marriage today! Happy Anniversary!
Dale & Cathy Hawk

In celebration of the wedding of Kevin J. Toth and Bethany Kriss, who were married last weekend in West Virginia. The happy parents are John and Barbara Toth. In loving memory of my mother, Helen Miller, on her birthday. Miss you, Mom! --Barbara and John Toth

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In Loving Memory of Erik O. Jannsohn and Aimée J. Jannsohn
With love, Irene Jannsohn

In celebration of Jim Heinrich's birthday on August 5th and Sharon Heinrich's birthday on August 8th!

Happy 40th Anniversary today to Cathy and Dale Hawk!



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to **Sally Herzog, Sarah & Dale Toth, Andrew & Mallory Herzog and Aiden**, on the passing of **Steve Herzog** on July 29, 2022. Steve, a U.S. Navy veteran, had been a member of our church since 1996. He was 72 years old. (*Pictured with Sally and their beloved dog Abby*) A memorial service will be held here

on Saturday, August 13th at Noon, preceded by a gathering of family and friends beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow the service.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,733.00
Difference -(\$1,916.37)

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 65



A NOTE OF THANKS—

Many thanks to our musicians **Dick K. Ingersoll, Tom Foley, Sharon Heinrich,** and **Mike Elkins** for sharing their music with us today.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We have room for YOU! Please join us for a nutritious meal and warm fellowship.



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Lloyd Bridle, Mary Carey, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Lidiya Dordzhieva, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Len Lane, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Sharon Wilson, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joyce Glasgow (friend of the church), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Heather Overman (friend of Judi Pavisich), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Jeff Peacock, Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Bruce Unger (Steve & Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine and victims of violence

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com

IDEAS WANTED!



The Long Range Planning Committee is interested in your ideas on ways to make improvements for our Church. Some feedback already provided includes an extension of our parking lot and a new structure on the Royalton Road lot that could house outdoor gatherings. If you have any ideas, please email them to Sandy Pogozeleski at pogoze5@gmail.com. All ideas will be discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting for feasibility, funding and prioritization. Projects exceeding \$5,000 require approval by our Congregation.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of Strongsville United Church of Christ? Pastor Heidi will be holding a New Member Orientation class **TODAY** and **Next Sunday, August 14**, right after worship. Those wanting to join will be officially introduced and brought in on **Sunday, August 21**, during worship. Please grab a cup of coffee in Pilgrim Hall and then report to the Parlor for the orientation meeting.



PHONE A FRIEND!

Are you interested in praying for others, but don't use email? Your Church Family Care Team has a number of folks who are willing to call you, typically once a week, to share with you the prayer requests Pastor Heidi shares via email. Please let **Linda Ponstingle** know.



From our Friends at Strongsville Community Band 2022 Concert Schedule

Friday, August 12 7:30 p.m.

Strongsville Middle School Lawn

Friday, August 19 7:30 p.m.

Bad Weather Make-up Concert

Strongsville Middle School Lawn



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL is underway!

Who Do YOU Say I Am?

Investigating the Mystery of Jesus

Using Detective Work and Mystery Solving

We have a couple of Sundays still available to teach in August—please sign up in Pilgrim Hall. Please call **Linda Elkins, (440) 655-8891** with questions.



COMING SOON...

Penny Sunday will be on August 28th to benefit Backpack ministries. More information on ways to help will be provided soon.



Mark your calendar for September 11th, when we begin a new Sunday School year of learning and growing together!



THRIFT SHOP

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR VACATION THROUGH AUGUST 18th. (Donations will NOT be accepted during this time.)

HELP WANTED: Do you know anything about collectibles and/or antiques? If so, we need you!

From time to time, donations come into the Thrift Shop that may be worth selling online or in a consignment shop. If you have any knowledge in this area, please contact Cathy Hawk about how you can help.



GIFT CARDS

GET YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING DONE AND BENEFIT THE CHURCH!

You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.**



Can you carry a tune? Why not share your voice in praise and worship with the **Chancel Choir**? A new season begins with our first rehearsal for 2022-23 season on **Thursday, August 25th** at 7:30 p.m. We have a place for you! (*Rehearsals will be at 8 p.m.*

starting September 8th.)

Can't sing but can read music and ring? How about checking out the Bell Choir? Rehearsals begin on **Thursday, September 8th** at 7 p.m. Also, if you can play an instrument and are willing to play for worship, we would love to have you! Please see **Tom Foley** or **Mike Elkins** if you're interested in joining our Music Ministry.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022

*Elected January 30, 2022 * = 1 year term
**appointed by the Official Board*

Moderator: Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry

Treasurer: Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Co-Superintendents

Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

Board of Trustees

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Herb Hampson Dale Hawk Sarah Hayes
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Rachel Zielinski

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Teri Barbish Barbara Camp* Elaine Coffey
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Barbara White* Mary Ellen Zimmerman**

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Serena Abruzzino* Mary Densmore
Linda Elkins Amanda Marshall Lora Rung

Music Committee

Richard Densmore Ingrid Dickson
Pam Keenen* Ken Mehalko* Rob Stepan
ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Sue Gigliotti* Beth Giuliano* Judi Pavisich
Bill Schneider** Richard Taylor Rob Toth

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak
Lora Rung* Jennifer Sekorky Bev Wehr*

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The **Board of Trustees** will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **August 9th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The **Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **August 16th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The **Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **August 23rd** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



Dishes and platters are left from last week's picnic. Please check the kitchen if you're missing yours.