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Sunday, August 9, 2026– 10 A.M.



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 always welcome here.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Agnus Dei" Smith
Sarah Keenen, Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, trio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lora Rung

INTROIT "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship our God, to listen to the One who calls us here.

People: We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days, as surely as our grandparents came trusting in God's faithfulness.

Leader: We come to worship our God, to shout with joy to the God of all people.

People: We come to the Creator of all things, to be bathed in the waters of life.

Leader: We come to the Feast of God's faithful, to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

People: We come to worship our God, to sing aloud to the One who saves us.

† HYMN "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"
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 ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry 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 hearts, 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 Psalm 146:1-10
(New International Version)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within that place; she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; God lifts his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations God has brought on the earth.
God makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.
God breaks the bow and shatters the spear; God burns the shields with fire.
God says, "Be still, and know that I am God."
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;
People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING 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 "In Christ Alone" Getty/Townsend

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Breathe" Barnett

† 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 Philippians 4:6-7
(New International Version)
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

REFLECTION "No Worries!" Elaine Coffey

† HYMN 589 "Here I Am, Lord"

† BENEDICTION

Go now in peace, knowing that the Lord walks beside you on every road you travel. May quiet fill your spirit and rest fill your home. May the Lord bless you with tranquility. May God's peace be your companion as you go from this place, and may the God of all peace settle every storm within you and around you. Go in God's rest. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL POSTLUDE "Three Little Birds" Marley
Singin' Don't worry about a thing,
'cause every little thing's gonna be all right
Singin' Don't worry (don't worry) about a thing,
'cause every little thing's gonna be all right

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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**.

ATTENDANCE CARDS ARE IN YOUR BULLETIN!
Please take a moment to complete the card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may write prayer requests on the reverse side, if you wish to have us pray for someone and add a name to the prayer chain.



A NOTE OF THANKS—We thank Sarah Keenen, our Praise Team (Ken Wills, Mike Willis, Sharon Maresco, Ingrid Dickson, and Irene Joyce), as well as our Music Team of Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, and Sharon Heinrich for today's music! Special thanks to Elaine Coffey and Lora Rung for leading worship this morning.

SERVING	
TODAY – AUGUST 9	NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 16
Lynne McCray	Greeters Ingrid & Greg Dickson
Mike Willis	Liturgist Dave Williams
Bill Robinson	Head Usher Judi Pavisich
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
Praise Team	Special Music Dave Williams
Sharon Heinrich	Summer Sunday School Linda Elkins

Today's altar flowers are given—

Celebrating the August birthdays of our family and friends
Ingrid & Greg Dickson, Irene & Jim Joyce



A 2026 SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ALTAR FLOWERS IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL.

Please note: the cost of flowers is \$18 for 1 vase and \$36 for 2 vases. We still have a few Sundays available in 2026!

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In loving memory of Aimée J. Jannsohn and Erik O. Jannsohn
The Jannsohn-Dickson-Joyce Family

Happy Birthday today to Schyler Thorn!

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Mission Outreach Committee will meet TODAY following the worship service.
- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **August 11th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will not meet in August.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **August 25th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

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FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL: PENNY SUNDAY



Save your coins, dollars, and checks to UCC! The next Penny Sunday will be **August 30th** and will go to Snow School.

A SIGN-UP FOR TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL! We still have some slots left!



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are accepted during our Thursday sale hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs. Please do not abandon items outside the church doors.



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT COLUMBIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & CELEBRATION OF MUSIC Saturday, August 22nd at 5 p.m. Music provided by Mayhem Quartet

Bring your own chair or sit in our pavilion. If weather is extreme, we will meet in the sanctuary. 25453 Royalton Road Columbia Station

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—



LAST CHANCE TO GIVE ITEMS TO THE STUDENTS AT SNOW SCHOOL! Please place your donations in the bins in the Gathering Area today.

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Dove body wash
- Football/soccer balls
- New fun hats
- New games for kids
- New marker sets
- New small toys
- New water bottles
- Toothbrushes
- Good hair conditioner/lotion/shampoo
- New children's books (ages 5 and up)
- Fun snacks (individually bagged) or candy (non-perishable)
- Snack-sized chips (Like Takis)
- Power drinks (like Prime)
- Duffle bags
- Backpacks
- New fun socks
- New journals
- New puzzles
- New stuffed animals ("stuffedies")
- Old Spice deodorant
- Toothpaste

Please note: The school cannot accept anything sharp or things that can be used for injurious behavior (like spirals of a notebook, paper clips, glass mirrors, anything made of metal).

Thank you for supporting this outreach for the students at Snow School.



FREE LUNCH FOR ALL— Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers, especially our young people who are helping out during their summer break!



IMPORTANT INFO—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Irene Jannsohn, Connie Rebar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Jen Barry, Jean Bittinger, Mark Camp, Judy Carte, Diana Creecy, Sam Cuyler Jr., Roger Davis, Colette Emerson, Roz Fotos, Sue Hawk, Pam & Bruce Keenen, Erv Koch, Jill Kundtz, Carol Konet, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Ken Mehalko, Amanda Moulton, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Ron Rothel,



Jennifer Sekorky, Tracy Seneff, Peter Smith, Sandy Smith, Bruce Sperber, Linda Stepan, Debbie Thomas, Barbara White, Heather Williams, Jan Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Jim Wonnacott

Extended Church Family: Teresa Beba (Free Lunch friend), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), David Fargo (Sally Herzog's brother), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend, Kathy Ghatti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), David Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's grandson), Ellen Harrison (Linda Elkins' friend), Michaelene Hanrahan (Jim Joyce's sister), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), Ben Hoty (Tony & Jo-Ann Hoty's son), Tami Klammer (principal of Snow School); Helen Leckwatch (Dale Parson's mother-in-law), George Love (friend of the church), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Jeff Peacock (former member), Michael & Judy Richter (Roz Fotos' friends), Bob Ritchie (Dorothy's grandson), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Don & Pauline Wills (Judi Pavisich's friends), Julia Wright (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's granddaughter), the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Iran, and Israel, victims of violence and natural disasters, First Responders

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



Continued prayers for Pastor Heidi as she is on vacation this week and next. She is on an Alaskan cruise with her sister, Alice, and will return to the office this week.

THREE WITH GLEE!

Capital Campaign: We currently have \$65,148.72 in our capital campaign account. The wall in the kitchen has been repaired with the necessary point and tuck work. The acoustic tiles in Pilgrim Hall project has some additional work to be done prior to installation. A new roof for Pilgrim Hall and the church building may be on the horizon. Things are happening, but we still have more projects on the list. Please make sure you designate your donation for "Capital Campaign." Thanks for your continuing support.



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 5,212.00 Last Week's Offering Received \$ 3,207.00 Difference -(\$2,005.00)

Thank you very much for your support. PLEDGES RECEIVED: 62



THERE'S STILL TIME TO PLEDGE FROM YOUR H.E.A.R.T.!

Hospitality, Engagement, Activities, Resources, Time, Talent, & Treasure

United Church of Christ 2026 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2026:

Name

Address

I plan to give \$ each

week month other to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations \$

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) \$

I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking/savings account.

Signed Date / /

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21

CHURCH OFFICERS 2026

*Elected February 1, 2026 ** appointed by the Official Board

Moderator: Rachel Zielinski *

Vice-Moderator: Herb Hampson*

Treasurer: Sally Herzog* Clerk: Judy Gaumer*

Sunday School Superintendent: Linda Elkins

Board of Trustees

Karen Bates Jen Barry* Greg Dickson* Bill Giuliano* Chris Goff Les Fox* Cathy Hawk Sandy Pogozeleski* Bill Robinson * Cheryl Sobek Alex Tomoff Mike Willis

Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Linda Stepan* Dave Williams*

Diaconate

Jean Bittinger Elaine Coffey* Diana Creecy* Bobbi Cook Wayne Cook Judy Davis Judy Fox* Marsha Hemphill* Lynne McCray* Linda Ponstingle Lora Rung Cherie Teagno**

Christian Education Committee

Linda Elkins* Colette Emerson* Dale Hawk Sarah Hayes Amanda Marshall* Lora Rung

Music Committee

Karen Bates* Ingrid Dickson* Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko Mike Willis ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee

Ingrid Dickson Sue Gigliotti* Linda Stepan Rob Toth* Sarah Toth Dave Williams

Mission and Outreach Committee

Jen Barry * Gina Cathcart Bobbi Cook* Cathy Hawk Cindy Hurley** Sarah Hayes* Lora Rung Mary Willis Mary Ellen Zimmerman





CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM

If you like to cook or bake or reach out to others in love . . . as winter and circumstances continue to make it hard to stay connected, your Diaconate would LOVE to have you be a part of our team! (You don't need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.)

YES! I'D LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM.

NAME_____

PHONE_____

EMAIL_____



I AM INTERESTED IN:

_____ OFFERING OR RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

_____ CALLING FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN PRAYER CHAIN, BUT DON'T USE EMAIL

_____ PREPARING AN EXTRA MEAL AND DELIVERING IT TO SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ HELPING COOK A DISH AND OR SERVE MEALS AT FUNERAL LUNCHEON

_____ BECOMING A "PHONE BUDDY" AND PERIODICALLY CHECK IN WITH SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

_____ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO TAKE MEMBERS TO APPOINTMENTS

_____ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO OUR CHURCH SERVICES

_____ BE PART OF A CARD CREW TO SEND CARDS TO FOLKS ON HEIDI'S PRAYER LIST AND OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

_____ I WOULD BE WILLING TO...

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are the last or almost the last person to leave the church building on any given day, please make certain that all the lights are off, no water is running, and most importantly, that the door to the kitchen and the parking lot doors are locked and "undogged" using the Allen key provided. Thanks in advance for your diligence.
