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**Sunday, February 14, 2021 – Online
Transformation Sunday**

OPENING MUSIC "Allegro" Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Days of Elijah" Marks

CALL TO WORSHIP

While we cannot be together here, in this sacred space, we are inseparable under the sheltering wings of God's love and hope. We worship with family, with folks we know well, joined together as one family, with all of God's beloved, sisters and brothers of Jesus. Wherever we are, our hearts yearn to hear God's voice, calling us to be eyewitnesses to the presence of God's Holy Spirit in the world around us. Bring us closer to You, O God, as we worship Your holy name. Amen.

HYMN "Bind Us Together"

Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken.

Bind us together Lord; Bind us together Lord;
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God; There is only one King.
There is only one body; That is why we can sing:

Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken.

Bind us together Lord; Bind us together Lord;
Bind us together with love.

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FIRST READING **Psalm 50:1-6** (New International Version)

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and will not be silent;
a fire devours before Him, and around Him a tempest rages.
He summons the heavens above, and the earth,
that He may judge His people:
"Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
And the heavens proclaim His righteousness, for He is a God of justice.

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 "Irish Suite" arr. Hall

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY "The Gift of Love" Hopson

We are so much more together than we are as individuals. Over the past year, we have mourned, grieved—and grown. Today, we commit our lives and our resources to continuing to find new, innovative ways to walk with Jesus, even during this season of pandemic. 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.

SECOND READING **Mark 9:2-9** (The Message)

Six days later, three of them did see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus.

Peter interrupted, "Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah." He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing. Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: "This is my Son, marked by my love. Listen to him."

The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus.
Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. "Don't tell a soul what you saw. After the Son of Man rises from the dead, you're free to talk." They puzzled over that, wondering what on earth "rising from the dead" meant.

REFLECTION

Inside Out

HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free;
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

To Him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end,
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever, that name to us is Love.

CCLI Song # 1515603 James Montgomery 1821, Psalm 72 Music: Public Domain *Gesangbuch der H.W.k. Hofkapella* 1784, harmonized W.H. Monk, 1868 United Methodist Hymnal

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

"Adagio"

Mozart

SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 14 NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 21

Irene Joyce	Liturgist	Irene Joyce
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn	Sound/Video	Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall	Video	Chuck McDougall
Venner Clarinet Quartet	Special Music	Carol Foley, Sarah Keenen

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to the "bestest" daughters:
Baby A—Valerie Hopkins and Baby B—Vicky Masuga!
With Love, Mom Lola Millhoane*

*Congratulations to Elliott James Joyce on his baptism
Love "Banny" Lola*

*Happy Birthday to Barbara Craig on February 18th
With Love, Mom*

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Many thanks to the Venner Clarinet Quartet: Amy Dragga, Dick K. Ingersoll, Marc Paige, and Vicki Smith for recording music for today's service!

Happy Birthday today to Vicky Masuga and Valerie Hopkins, Heather Holmes, and Aidan Camp!

Happy Anniversary today to Eddy and Adria Bond!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED



Weekly Offering Needed	\$ 3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$ 4,036.00
Difference	\$ 386.63

Thank you very much for your support of our church and its ministries

Additional song credits

Allegro from K 157 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Music: Public Domain Venner Clarinet Quartet

Days of Elijah CCLI Song # 1537904 Robin Mark © 1996 Song Solutions Daybreak (Admin. by Song Solutions www.songsolutions.org)

Irish Suite: Irish Minstrel Boy/Molly Malone arranged by Percy Hall Venner Clarinet Quartet

The Gift of Love CCLI Song # 67327 Hal H. Hopson © Words: 1972 Hope Publishing Company Music: 1972, 2015, 2018 Hope Publishing Company

Adagio from Serenade B flat, Gran Partita Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Music: Public Domain Venner Clarinet Quartet

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LENT IS COMING.

As Lent approaches, we are offering a packet of helpful and fun items and devotional activities for you to use to enhance your Lenten journey. If you are interested in receiving a packet, please stop by the church and pick one up during church office hours (M-F, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)



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CHURCH LOCKS



The outdoor locks to the church, including the parking lot doors, the Royalton Road doors, and the kitchen have been changed. Church officers: please contact the office to be issued a new key.

PENNY SUNDAY TO BENEFIT THE FOOD BANK



Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to donate coins, cash, and checks to the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. We collected \$184.67!

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, Adria Bond, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Linda Elliott, Don Gleichauf, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Elliott Joyce, Carole Kapcar, Tony Koussa, Lori Kovatich, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Brigitte Matchett, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Joyce Reed, Dorothy and Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldridge, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), 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), 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), Richard Sazima & Kathy Sazima (Judi Pavisich's friends), Anneke Scholtz (Irene Jannsohn's sister), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung'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.



GIFT CARDS--YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT IN A SAFE WAY THAT BENEFITS OUR CHURCH.

You may 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. You may arrange to pick up your cards at the church office with your payment at a convenient time. **Thank you to those who continue to support this project by purchasing gift cards!**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th IS ASH WEDNESDAY,
THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT.

The United Church of Christ Heartland Conference and
Living Water Association is offering an online worship
experience for anyone interested in beginning their
Lenten journey through prayer and the Word.



ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT

Our Retreat would have taken place at
Templed Hills next weekend, had it not been
cancelled for safety reasons. Why not do
something special with your family this
week? Sledding, hiking, snacking, playing,
and praying—the things we love about
Retreat—as we dream of next year.



**Please save the dates for President's Day weekend,
February 18-20, 2022!**



The popular devotional guides, *The Upper Room*, are available at
the church for anyone who would like to pick one up. The
March/April edition is out and we have a few of left of the
January/February edition as well. These devotional booklets come
in regular pocket size or large print and are free of charge.

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SO LOVED THE
WORLD THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY
BEGOTTEN
SON, SO
THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE ETERNAL
LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

