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Sunday, February 27, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.
Transfiguration Sunday--Penny Sunday

WELCOME!

For the safety and comfort of everyone, please continue to wear a mask in the Gathering Area and when entering or leaving the Sanctuary. When you are seated in the pews, you may lower your mask if you wish. Thank you.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

BELL PRELUDE "Prayer" Butler

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sally Herzog

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.

BELL INTROIT "Lead Me, Lord" arr. Wagner

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

People: Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.

Leader: On mountaintops, and in our neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

People: With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.

Leader: On the playground, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

People: Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offering them to God.

† HYMN 2 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS **Psalm 99**

(New Revised Standard Version)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees,

and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF 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.

BELL ANTHEM "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Behnke

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday

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. Thank you. To give online, please go to:

<https://www.myoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

OFFERTORY "Transfiguration Melody" Elkins

† 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 GOSPELS **Luke 9:28-36**

(New International Version)

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

SERMON "Wow!"

† HYMN 408 "How Firm a Foundation"

(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

† BENEDICTION

Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

† POSTLUDE "Fantasia" Pachelbel

SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 27 **NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 6**

Judi Pavisich **Greeters** Greta Rich & Doug Turnbull

Dale Hawk **Liturgist** Linda Ponstingle

Judi Pavisich **Ushers** Bill Schneider

Tom Foley **Director of Music** Tom Foley

Mike Elkins **Associate Director of Music** Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich **Organist** Sharon Heinrich

Chuck McDougall/Jim Heinrich **Video/Sound** Dave Sekorky/Jim Heinrich

Richard Densmore/Bell Choir **Special Music** Chancel Choir

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**.

The altar flowers are given—
Happy 70th Birthday to Mike Elkins on February 29th!

Love, Linda
In Celebration of Penny & Oliver's 7th birthday on February 24th!
The Zielinski Family



Our steeple will light the sky this week—
Happy Birthday to Larry Wentz on February 29th!
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday today to Jenna Miller!

Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. Pastor Heidi will offer three



opportunities for those who wish to receive ashes. The Sanctuary will be open **6:45-7:30 A.M.** for quiet meditation and to receive a blessing and the mark of the Cross. **Come and go as you wish.** Then at **10:00 A.M.**, Women's Fellowship will meet for fellowship, but will begin

their time together with a brief service and imposition of ashes for those who desire to participate. At **7:00 P.M.**, Pastor Heidi will lead a meditative service, culminating in the reception of ashes. All are welcome to join us.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning **Wednesday, March 9**, Pastor Heidi, along with Linda Elkins, will be leading a six-week Lenten Bible Study called, "**Reading Between the Lines: Exploring Our Story through Biblical Stories.**" We will meet from 1:00-2:00 p.m., in Pilgrim Hall. Materials will be provided; if you wish to bring your Bible, please do so. The study will center around the Lectionary passages from Luke. Feel free to email Pastor Heidi with any questions. If you are interested in joining us, please let Pastor Heidi or the church office know.



WE NEED YOU IN 2022!



Sign-up sheets are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or bread/pastry sorter. Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. 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 Committee is organizing a **Pastoral Care Ministry Team** and would LOVE to have you take part! (You do not need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.) Watch for more details to come!

A NOTE OF THANKS—



Special thanks to **Richard Densmore** for playing the organ for us today. Thank you to our Bell Choir, (**Elaine Coffey, Linda Elkins, Linda Ponstingle, Barbara Toth, Sharon Heinrich, Ingrid Dickson**, substitute **Mike Elkins, Irene Joyce, Rob Toth, Mary Densmore**, and new member **John Hattery**) under the direction of **Tom Foley**, and **Mike Elkins** for their musical contributions today.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of our congregation? Pastor Heidi will lead two "Getting to Know Us" classes following the worship services on March 6th and March 13th, with reception of new members on March 20th. Please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office if you are interested in joining our church.



PENNY SUNDAY

Today, we are collecting those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and yes, DOLLARS for our Penny Sunday collection. All money collected will go to **Heifer Project, International. (Checks to SUCC)**



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

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



Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Linda Elliott, Tom Foley, Ramona Glaze, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Judi Pavisich, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struher, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Owen Woodward, Mary Ellen & Bob Zimmerman

Extended Church Family: Ron Adams (Judi Pavisich's friend), Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Jerry Cergol, (Barb Fraunfelder & Dennis Smith's friend), Hunter Colao (Barb & Mark Camp's grandson), Lou Conté (Diana Creecy's partner), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend) Rudy Matjazic (Judy 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), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby)

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

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
 Last Week's Offering Received \$1,592.00
 Difference -(\$2,057.37)



Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 62

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with lots of interesting merchandise. Donations are being accepted, but you must call the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.



THRIFT SHOP BONUS HOURS
 The 3rd Thursday of the month,
 March 17, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(We're still open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- **The Board of Trustees** will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, March 8th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, March 15th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, March 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



COURTESY PLEASE!



Tissues are provided in the sanctuary for people's use. Please be considerate and do not leave used tissues in the pews; dispose of them as you leave the service. Thanks!

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th, 2022
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



LIMITED RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389
 (To-go meals will be available.)

Reminder: When the Strongsville City Schools are closed for weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served that day. We love you and want you to stay safe.

NEW WINDOWS COMING SOON

At a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, February 13th, the congregation unanimously voted to accept a proposal from Smart Choice Windows to replace the windows upstairs and downstairs in the Sunday School wing of the church building, including the Nursery, classrooms, stairwells, and Pastor's office. Measurements were taken on Tuesday, windows were ordered on Wednesday—this



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 project is underway!

GIFT CARDS

AN EASY WAY TO 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.**

Thank you to those who continue to support this project by buying gift cards!



The Strongsville Community Band will perform a free concert on Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 PM in the Strongsville Middle School Auditorium. The concert will highlight music from Swing Era. Vocalist Brittany Fernandez will also be featured in music from *The Sound of Music*.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - This week!

The ladies will meet on **Wednesday, March 2, at 10 a.m.** In observance of Ash Wednesday, Pastor Heidi will administer ashes and then we will enjoy "Game Day." Various games will be set up on the tables in Pilgrim Hall, so you can choose what you'd like to play. Please join us for a morning of fellowship. If you want and your schedule permits, bring your lunch and beverage; and we will have lunch together. As always, all ladies are welcome to attend all our events.

HAVE YOU DONE THIS ALREADY?



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1. Instead of typing amazon.com into your search bar, type in smile.amazon.com.
2. Select United Church of Christ Congregational Strongsville by clicking this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1298100>
3. Shop as you would normally—that's it!

Your addresses, billing information, and shopping cart are still saved and your Prime membership privileges still apply. A small percentage of your purchase price will go toward supporting the church.

OFFICERS FOR 2022 Elected January 30, 2022 * = 1 year term

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 Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

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