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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**  
**Sunday, February 28, 2021 – Online**



## OPENING MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art"

Hine

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

"Make Us One, Lord"

Cymbala

## CALL TO WORSHIP

You love us, O God, like a mother who holds her son through the temper tantrums, works with him through the ball-broken windows, tempers the smart-alecky remarks with caring wisdom. You love us, O God, like a father who cradles his daughter through the terrible twos, dances with her through the giggling fours, gives her space and support through the confusion and chaos of adolescence. You love us, O God, through the dark days of pandemic, into the brightening days filled with the Hope of springtime, always and forever. You love us, O God! **Amen.**

## HYMN

**"The God of Abraham Praise"**

The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above,  
The Ancient of eternal days And God of love.  
Jehovah, Great I AM, By earth and heaven confessed:  
We bow and bless the sacred name, Forever blest.

He by Himself hath sworn; We on His oath depend.  
We shall, on eagles' wings upborne, To heaven ascend.  
We shall behold His face; We shall His power adore  
And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.

The God who reigns on high, The great archangels sing.  
And "Holy, holy, holy" cry "Almighty King!"  
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be;  
Eternal Father, Great I AM, We worship Thee.

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## FIRST READING

**Psalms 22 excerpts** (New International Version)

You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him, but has listened to his cry for help.

The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,  
for dominion belongs to the LORD.

## 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

"These Alone Are Enough"

Schutte

## TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

## BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

God's promises are more than a "pinkie swear" with a childhood friend. In making covenant with us, God brings us into community together, as well, encouraging us to commit our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue to walk with Jesus, even to the foot of the Cross. 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:

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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.

## OFFERTORY

"Earth and All Stars"

Johnson

## SECOND READING

**Genesis 17:1-7** (Common English Bible)

When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am El Shaddai. Walk with me and be trustworthy. I will make a covenant between us and I will give you many, many descendants." Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, "But me, my covenant is with you; you will be the ancestor of many nations. And because I have made you the ancestor of many nations, your name will no longer be

Abram but Abraham. I will make you very fertile. I will produce nations from you, and kings will come from you. I will set up my covenant with you and your descendants after you in every generation as an enduring covenant. I will be your God and your descendants' God after you."

## REFLECTION

Promises Made in God's Name

## HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee And Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, Nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, First in my heart,  
High King of heaven, My treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, My victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, Bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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## BENEDICTION

The love of the faithful Creator, the peace of the wounded Healer, the joy of the challenging Spirit, the hope of the Three in One surround and encourage you, today, tonight and forever. Amen.

(Source: Kathy Galloway, *The Pattern Of Our Days*, Wild Goose Publications, 1998).

## POSTLUDE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Runyan

## SERVING

### TODAY – FEBRUARY 28

Irene Joyce  
Tom Foley  
Mike Elkins  
Doug Thorn  
Chuck McDougall  
Brittany Fernandez

**Liturgist**

**Director of Music**

**Associate Director of Music**

**Sound/Video**

**Video**

**Special Music**

### NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 7

Dave Williams  
Tom Foley  
Mike Elkins  
Doug Thorn  
Chuck McDougall  
Dave Williams

## The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Larry Wentz on February 29<sup>th</sup>  
And to Mikey Craig on March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
With Love, Mom/Grammy*



Many thanks to Brittany Fernandez for  
recording music for today's service!

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Happy Birthday "today" (actually  
February 29<sup>th</sup>) to Mike Elkins and Larry Wentz!

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED



Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,649.37  
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 1,824.00  
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**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, 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 Baldrige, 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.



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