



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, February 6, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Installation of Officers



WELCOME!

For the safety and protection of your church family, please continue to wear a mask before, during, and after worship. Thank you.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Doerksen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elaine Coffey

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.

INTROIT "Breathe" Barnett

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is by grace that we are who we are:

People: People who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.

Leader: It is by God's grace that we can become followers:

People: People who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.

Leader: It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:

People: People who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.

† HYMN "I Come with Joy"

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

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, (in love laid down for me.) (x2)

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love (in Christ's communion bread.) (x2)

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, (and strangers now are friends.) (x2)

The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known: (alive and among us here.) (x2)

Together met, together bound, by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world, (the love that makes us one.) (x2)

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS **Isaiah 6:1-8**

(New International Version)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook

and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Dorsey

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours, to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, to honor your leadership and to assist you so that together, we may be the faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Let us pray together:

ALL: Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you, in Strongsville United Church of Christ and in the world. Send your Holy Spirit on them and on us all, that our service may be diligent and faithful. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name alone. Amen.

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

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

OFFERTORY "In This Very Room" Harris

† 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 5:1-11**

(New International Version)

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

SERMON "Casting Our Nets"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

It is so simple to say, yet so difficult to live out: "Do not be afraid!" Yet, whatever fear burdens us, God will lift from our souls. Whatever foolishness we have uttered, God whispers mercy to us. Whatever wrong we have done, God's forgiveness is poured out upon us. Join me as we pray to the One whose love is constant in every moment, in every corner of our lives.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We long to be like family, but don't want to intrude into our friends' lives. We yearn to be more

compassionate. Yet we are so busy, that we have trouble hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us. Forgive us, God. You invite us into your kingdom, so we might show the others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might become your children once again. (silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The One who alone is Holy became fully human so we might see the face of grace. The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation. This is our good news: we are forgiven!

People: By God's grace, through God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, and called people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP (TO GO)

Sarah Keenen, vocalist "How Beautiful" Paris

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 343 "Amazing Grace"

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

† 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 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" African-American Spiritual

SERVING

TODAY – FEBRUARY 6 **NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 13**

Greta Rich & Doug Turnbull	Greeters	Laura & Dan Winrod
Judi Pavisich	Liturgist	Dave Williams
Volunteers needed	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Dave Sekorky/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Chancel Choir/Sarah Keenen	Special Music	Matt Horwich/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—
With Gratitude for my Church Family--Judy Carte

Our steeple will light the sky this week—
Happy 3rd Birthday to Walter McKane on February 9th!
With love, Grammy
Happy 4th Birthday to Ella Rose Hayes on February 5th!
Love, Your Church Family





Our condolences to the family and friends of church member, **Peg Weakley**, who passed away on January 25, 2022. She had been a member here since 2015. Peg was 88 years old.



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 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—

We appreciate the musical contributions of our **Chancel Choir, Sarah Keenen, Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich.**



PENNY SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Sunday School for Penny Sunday! We collected a total \$410.00 toward refurbishing our classrooms.



**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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.

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, Elaine Coffey, 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, George Kapcar, Tony Koussa, 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 Rothe, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen & Bob Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Ron Adams (Judi Pavisich's friend), Dorene Baldridge, 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), Ron Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), 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), Marty Hassel (Judi Pavisich's friend), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mhlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothe'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), 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 \$2,931.00
Difference (-\$718.37)



Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 61

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, February 17, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
(We're still open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP
Statements of giving are in the Gathering Area in the alphabetized Church Family Mailbox. Please take yours today.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



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



ANNUAL ALL-FAMILY WINTER RETREAT
February 18 - 20, 2022--Temple Hills Camp
We still have room for folks to come up on Saturday! Please see Irene Joyce if you would like to join us for the day.

TODAY: Retreat planning meeting in the church after the worship service.

OFFICERS FOR 2022

Elected January 30, 2022 * = 1 year term

Moderator Greg Dickson
Vice-Moderator Jennifer Barry
Treasurer Sally Herzog
Clerk Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Co-Superintendents
Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

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Myron Costin Diana Creecy Bill Giuliano* Herb Hampson
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Judy Carte* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak
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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a Special Meeting of the congregation to vote on the installation of new windows in the Sunday School wing (upstairs & downstairs) following the worship service on Sunday, February 13, 2022.