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OPENING MUSIC

"Native Flute Meditation"

Mehalko

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"We Will Glorify"

Paris

CALL TO WORSHIP

When good news is hard to find, Knowing God, you swaddle us in your comforting hope. Lead us, wherever you call us to serve. When the good news sounds like fake news, Jesus calls us to speak the truth of God's grace, in a world that's chosen to believe in lies. When good news seems rare, give us courage to share your gospel of Love, even when our voice quivers in fear. Amen.

HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day, His sweet voice soundeth, Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, Saying "Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

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FIRST READING

Psalm 62:5-8 (New International Version)

My soul finds rest in God;
my hope comes from Him.

Truly, He is my rock and my salvation;
He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;
He is my mighty rock, my refuge.
Trust in Him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Zundel

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Bradbury

Every day brings new challenges; every day offers new hope. As followers of the Christ, we are called to speak truth to light, and to offer hope to the hopeless. Together, we commit our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue to be the Hands and Feet of 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 1:14-20 (The Message)

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message." Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed. A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee's sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed.

REFLECTION

...and then?

HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I have made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.
I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.
I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night
I will go Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

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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

“God Be With You”

Tomer

SERVING

TODAY – JANUARY 24

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 31

Irene Joyce	Liturgist	Irene Joyce
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn	Sound	Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall	Video	Chuck McDougall
Ken Mehalko	Special Music	Sharon Metivier

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*In celebration of Jack Hayes' birthday on January 23rd
In honor of Linda Stepan's birthday on January 24th*

Additional song credits

Native Flute Meditation Ken Mehalko, Native American Flute,
accompanied by Mike Elkins, keyboard

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God Be With You Till We Meet Again CCLI Song # 49273 Jeremiah
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**Many thanks to Ken Mehalko for
participating in today's service!**

**Happy Birthday today to Linda Stepan,
Steven Skrant, and Madeleine Haluska
Gulgas**

OFFERINGS RECEIVED



Weekly Offering Needed	\$ 3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$ 1,560.00
Difference	(-\$2,089.37)

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

PENNY SUNDAY TO BENEFIT THE FOOD BANK



In-person drop-off of your coins, checks, and
dollars will be on **Sunday, January 31st from
10 a.m. – Noon.** Can't make it then? Please stop
by during church hours: Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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, Judi Pavisich, 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.



ANNUAL REPORTS

Although we are not meeting in person, we still compiled our Annual Report. The reports are to be distributed via email and there will be a limited

number of printed copies available for pick-up during church office hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The Strongsville Emergency Food Bank is in need of peanut butter—all sizes and brands, crunchy or creamy. Please bring new, unopened jars of peanut butter to the church during office hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



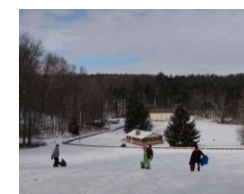
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ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT

Upon consultation with the leadership at Templed Hills and the Heartland Conference Outdoor Ministries team, this year's Retreat has been cancelled for safety reasons. **Please save the dates for President's Day weekend, February 18-20, 2022!**



LENT IS COMING. As Lent approaches, we will be putting together a bag of helpful and fun items and devotional activities for you to use to enhance your journey. If you would be interested in receiving a bag, please let the church office know as soon as possible, so we can have one waiting for YOU. (Stay tuned for dates and pickup opportunities!)