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Sunday, January 31, 2021 – Online

OPENING MUSIC "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Barnby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Holy Ground" Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word of the Lord came, hope for all people cradled in the arms of a faithful young woman. The Word of the Lord comes each day, in the voice of the stranger, the giggle of a child, calling us out of our comfort zones, leading us where grace is needed most, showing us how to be Jesus in this place. The Word of the Lord will come, again and again, until all are gathered together in God's loving Presence, and there are no "outsiders," no "other," but only one community, the Kingdom of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come just as you are before your God...Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God...Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives; willingly our knees will bow.

With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to worship.

Come just as you are before your God...Come.

Come...Come...Just as you are...come.

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FIRST READING

Psalm 111 (New International Version)

Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—

holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

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 "El Shaddai" Card/Thompson

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY "Majesty" Hayford

We all have choices to make. Our choices speak loudly of what we find important or valuable. Sometimes, it may seem as if there will never be enough to go around. But together, we pledge our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue 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:

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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.

SECOND READING **Mark 1:21-28** (Common English Bible)

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out. Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

REFLECTION **Were You There?**

HYMN **"Forward Through the Ages"**

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
Move we on together to the shining goal.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

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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 "Breathe" Barnett

SERVING

TODAY – JANUARY 31 **NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7**

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
Sharon Metivier	Special Music	Sarah Keenen

The steeple will light the sky this week—

In loving memory of Erik O. Jansohn
The Jansohn-Dickson-Joyce Family

In celebration of Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt's
57th Wedding Anniversary on February 1st

OFFERINGS RECEIVED



Weekly Offering Needed	\$ 3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$ 1,246.00
Difference	(-\$2,403.37)

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



Many thanks to Sharon Metivier for being a part of today's service!

Additional song credits

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**PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY
WINDING UP**

Today is the last day to donate peanut butter for the Strongsville Emergency Food—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.



PENNY SUNDAY TO BENEFIT THE FOOD BANK



In-person drop-off of your coins, checks, and dollars will be **Today, 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. any day this week.

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 Mihlack, 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



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ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT

Upon consultation with the leadership at Temple 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 packet 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!)



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