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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**  
**Sunday, July 17, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.**

**WELCOME!**

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.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" arr. Moglebust

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Joyce Reed

**INTROIT** "God So Loved the World" arr. Dorgan

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has called us to this place. What do you see?

**People: We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.**

Leader: God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

**People: We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as sister or brother.**

Leader: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

**People: We will do only one thing: welcome everyone in God's name!**

**† HYMN 63 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vv. 1, 2, 5)**

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 15  
 (New International Version)

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous,  
 who speaks the truth from their heart;  
 whose tongue utters no slander,

who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;  
 who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord;

who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
 and does not change their mind;

who lends money to the poor without interest;

who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SHARING 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.**

**ANTHEM** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Lamb

**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. You are the Hands and Feet of Jesus in the world.

**OFFERTORY** "How Great Thou Art" Swedish Folk Melody

**† 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 10:28-32  
 (New International Version)

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

**SERMON** "Martha, Martha, MARTHA!"

**† HYMN 597 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (vv. 1, 2, 5)**

**† 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.

**† RESPONSE** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Tomer

**† POSTLUDE** "Coro" Handel

**The altar flowers are given—**

*In celebration of July Birthdays for George on the 15<sup>th</sup>,  
 Joyce on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Granddaughter Alison on the 17<sup>th</sup>,  
 and daughter on the Joyce Lynn 18<sup>th</sup>!*  
 Joyce & George Reed

*In celebration of the marriage of Nick & Courtney Gigliotti,  
 who were married yesterday in Cleveland!*  
 The Gigliotti Family



**Our steeple will light the sky this week—**

*Happy Anniversary today to Rev. Erv & Grace Koch!*

**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](http://strongsvilleucc.com), select Worship, and click on Service Videos.**

**SERVING**

**TODAY—JULY 17**

Irene Joyce  
 Judi Pavisich  
 Volunteers needed  
 Chris Abruzzino/Riley Marshall  
 Tom Foley  
 Mike Elkins  
 Sharon Heinrich  
 Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich  
 We 3 Ring/EKCO Ringers  
 Mary Ellen Zimmerman

**NEXT SUNDAY—JULY 24**

**Greeters** Bobbie Krisak/Serena Abruzzino  
**Liturgist** Rick Teagno  
**Ushers** Bobbie Krisak/Serena Abruzzino  
**Acolytes** Aidan Hurtig/Luke Giuliano  
**Director of Music** Tom Foley  
**Associate Director of Music** Mike Elkins  
**Organist** Sharon Heinrich  
**Video/Sound** Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich  
**Special Music** Bernie Parker, Ken Mehalko  
**Summer Sunday School** Mary Ellen Zimmerman



**A NOTE OF THANKS—**

Many thanks to our guest bell ringers, **Ed Krzes, Cheryl Onesky**, (aka **EKCO Ringers**), and **Nicki Haire** (who joins Ed and Cheryl to form **We 3 Ring**), along with **Sharon Heinrich** and **Tom Foley** for sharing their music with us today.

**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL**

**Every Wednesday**

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

We have room for YOU! Please join us for a nutritious meal and warm fellowship.



**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, Lloyd Bridle, Mary Carey, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Lidiya Dordzhiyeva, 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 Mihlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothe, Tracey Seneff, Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joyce Glasgow (friend of the church), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mihlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothe's sister-in-law), Heather Overman (friend of Judi Pavisich), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Jeff Peacock, Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Bruce Unger (Steve & Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine and victims of violence

**Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. [h.e.denman@gmail.com](mailto:h.e.denman@gmail.com)**



## HELP US FILL THE DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER!

You know the UCC Disaster Relief trailer that has been patiently waiting in our parking lot for these past few months? You've been waiting and NOW is the time to fill it with relief kits! The UCC is very specific about what is useful in these kits, so please provide exactly what is required (size/brand/amount). We'll be putting the kits together this week. Here is what we need:



### Personal Hygiene kit

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (No fingertip, bath, dish, or micro-fiber towels.)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (Found at discount dealers like sallybeauty.com.)
  - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
  - No pocket combs or picks
  - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- One fingernail or toenail clipper (Either one is acceptable. Remove from packaging.)
- One bath size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

### School kit

- One pair of blunt scissors (Rounded tip only. Remove from packaging.)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (No loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- One 30-centimeter, 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener (Remove from packaging.)
- One large eraser (No pencil cap erasers.)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (Remove from packaging and use a rubber band to hold the pencils together.)
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (Solid color or kid-friendly fabric. No logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

### Clean-Up kit

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- NEW - One 4-8oz. pump spray air freshener
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64oz. or two 25oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent

- One 16-34oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-40oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)
- One 6-9oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SUNDAY, JULY 31<sup>st</sup>



On our church grounds following outdoor worship. Don't forget a lawn chair! Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert—the main dish and beverages will be provided.

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$3,409.00
Difference	-\$240.37

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 65



### IDEAS WANTED!

The Long Range Planning Committee is interested in your ideas on ways to make improvements for our Church. Some feedback already provided includes an extension of our parking lot and a new structure on the Royalton Road lot that could house outdoor gatherings. If you have any ideas, please email them to Sandy Pogozelski at [pogoze5@gmail.com](mailto:pogoze5@gmail.com). All ideas will be discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting for feasibility, funding and prioritization. Projects exceeding \$5,000 require approval by our Congregation.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of Strongsville United Church of Christ? Pastor Heidi will be holding a New Member Orientation class **Sunday, August 7** and **Sunday, August 14**, right after worship. Those wanting to join will be officially introduced and brought in on **Sunday, August 21**, during worship. Please mark these dates on your calendar and let Pastor Heidi or the church office know you will be attending.



### PHONE A FRIEND!

Are you interested in praying for others, but don't use email? Your Church Family Care Team has a number of folks who are willing to call you, typically once a week, to share with you the prayer requests Pastor Heidi shares via email. Please let **Linda Ponstingle** know.

### GIFT CARDS

WITH THOSE GRADUATION PARTIES COMING UP, YOU CAN GIVE GIFT CARDS TO YOUR FAVORITE GRAD AND 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!

### OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP DAY

Thanks to everyone who came out to help tidy up our church grounds. Your efforts are much appreciated!



From our Friends at Strongsville Community Band  
2022 Concert Schedule

Friday, July 22 7:30 p.m.  
Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band  
Strongsville Middle School Lawn  
Friday, July 29 7:30 p.m.  
Rotary Senior Center Cookout/Band Concert  
Ehrnfelt Event Center  
Friday, August 5 7:30 p.m.  
Strongsville Middle School Lawn  
Friday, August 12 7:30 p.m.  
Strongsville Middle School Lawn  
Friday, August 19 7:30 p.m.  
Bad Weather Make-up Concert  
Strongsville Middle School Lawn



### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL is underway! Who Do YOU Say I Am?

Investigating the Mystery of Jesus  
Using Detective Work and Mystery Solving  
We have a couple of Sundays still available to teach—please sign up in Pilgrim Hall. Call **Linda Elkins, (440) 655-8891** with questions.



### 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.



**THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR VACATION ON AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.**  
(Donations will NOT be accepted during those 2 weeks.)

HELP WANTED: Do you know anything about collectibles and/or antiques? If so, we need you! From time to time, donations come into the Thrift Shop that may be worth selling online or in a consignment shop. If you have any knowledge in this area, please contact Cathy Hawk about how you can help.



**DON'T FORGET!**

**Are you shopping online?** If so, why not benefit the church while you make your purchases from Amazon? It's incredibly easy! Here's what you do:

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.

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**UPCOMING BOARD MEETING**

- **The Official Board** will NOT meet on the fourth Tuesday of July. Members will be asked to email monthly reports. A reminder will be sent.

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**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022**

*Elected January 30, 2022 \* = 1 year term
\*\*appointed by the Official Board*

**Moderator:** Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry
**Treasurer:** Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

**Sunday School Co-Superintendents**
Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

**Board of Trustees**
Myron Costin Diana Creecy Bill Giuliano\*
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Cathy Hawk\* Linda Kapcar Bobbie Krisak
Sharon Maresco Linda Ponstingle Cheryl Sobek\* Cherie Teagno
Barbara White\* Mary Ellen Zimmerman\*\*

**Christian Education Committee**
Serena Abruzzino\* Mary Densmore
Linda Elkins Amanda Marshall Lora Rung

**Music Committee**
Richard Densmore Ingrid Dickson
Pam Keenen\* Ken Mehalko\* Rob Stepan
*ex officio:* Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

**Stewardship Committee**
Sue Gigliotti\* Beth Giuliano\* Judi Pavisich
Bill Schneider\*\* Richard Taylor Rob Toth

**Mission and Outreach Committee**
Judy Carte\* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak
Lora Rung\* Jennifer Sekorky Bev Wehr\*

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