



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**

**Sunday, July 18, 2021 – 10 A.M.**

**WELCOME!**

*Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the best interests of others. – Philippians 2:4*

For the safety and comfort of everyone, please continue to wear a mask in the Gathering Area and when entering or leaving the Sanctuary. When you are seated in the pews, you may lower your mask if you wish, while maintaining social distancing. **If you are not yet fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask at all times. Thank you.**

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE** "My Life Flows On" Lowry

**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.

Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate.

**INTROIT** "Agnus Dei" Smith

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.

**People: God gathers us together to sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved children.**

Leader: Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

**People: Christ gathers us together to share the good news of redemption for all people, everywhere.**

Leader: Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit, to serve creation and to serve one another.

**People: The Spirit gathers us together to dance in the fields of peace as God's Beloved Family.**

† HYMN 548 "As the Deer" (vv. 1 & 3)

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

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 23 (King James Version)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL 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** "You Set Me Free" Bécaud

**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** "Suo Gan" Traditional Welsh 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** **Mark 6:30-34; 53-56**

(New International Version)

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

**SERMON** "Everybody Needs One"

† **HYMN 572** "Blessed Assurance"

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

† **BENEDICTION** (from *A Celtic Blessing*)

May the blessing of Light be on you, light from without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine down upon you, warming your heart till it glows like a great peat fire, so that friend and stranger alike may come and warm themselves at it. And may the light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in two windows of a house, bidding the wanderer safety and shelter, to come in out of the storm. **Amen**

† **POSTLUDE** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Traditional

**SERVING**

**TODAY – JULY 18** **NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 25**

Judi Pavisich	<b>Greeter</b>	Elaine Coffey
Rick Teagno	<b>Liturgist</b>	Dale Hawk
Barbara Toth	<b>Ushers</b>	Elaine Coffey
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Supplemental Organist</b>	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	<b>Sound</b>	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Craig Hardy	<b>Special Music</b>	Sharon Metivier
Cathy Hawk	<b>Sunday School</b>	Sandy Pogozelski
	<b>Special Guest Minister</b>	Rev. Oommen Thomas

**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**.

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy (belated) Birthday to Joyce Reed and to Mike Clotworthy on July 16<sup>th</sup>



**Happy Anniversary today to Ann & Keith Sullen!**

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,473.27

Last Week's Offering Received **\$2,878.00**

Difference **-\$ 771.37**

**Thank you very much for your support.**

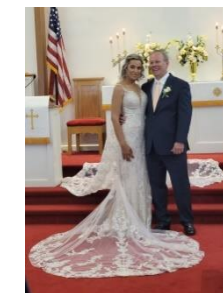


**A NOTE OF THANKS**

Thank you to Craig Hardy for sharing his music with us today!

**MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Manar (Elkhaiat)** and **Spencer Falvo**, who were married in our church on Friday, July 9, 2021.



**Congratulations** also to **Audrey (Ellman)** and **Justin Mills** who were married on July 11, 2021.

**"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"**  
Philippians 4:4

**WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE A GREETER OR AN USHER?**

Check out the sign-up sheets on the stand in the Gathering Area and add your name!

Remember : 4 ushers are needed very Sunday, so please feel free to fill up the line for each week.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR 2 MORE SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER!** Please call the church or contact Linda Elkins if you would like to sign up to teach on one of the Sundays (supplies and lessons will be provided).





## 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, Tom Gaumer, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Pam Keenen, Tony Koussa, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mihlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Rachel Zielinski, Bob Zimmerman

**Extended Church Family:** Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Jeff & Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's son & daughter-in-law), 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), Kay McGinty (Judi Pavisich's aunt), 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), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law), Daphne Wilson (Irene Jannsohn's niece)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.



From our friends at the  
**Strongsville Community Band:**  
Friday, July 23 at 7:30 PM- (Strongsville Middle School Front Lawn) Don't forget to bring your own lawn chair!

## GIFT CARDS

YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT IN A SAFE WAY THAT BENEFITS OUR CHURCH!



You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. Limited stock is available, but special orders may be accommodated with advance notice. **Thank you to those who continue to support this project by purchasing gift cards!**



**Are you an online shopper?** 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. **We received \$44.29 in May!** PLEASE KEEP SHOPPING!

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month,  
July 19, 2021 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(We're still open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)



Also, the Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers to help out for a couple of hours—sorting, organizing, and selling on Thursdays. Please call **Cathy Hawk (440-781-7512)** if you can help!

OUR BAG SALES WILL BEGIN AT THE GARAGE SALE JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, FOLLOWED BY 2 WEEKS OF CLEARANCE BAG SALES JULY 29<sup>th</sup> & AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>.

**THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK INCLUDING AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>**  
and REOPEN WITH ALL "NEW" MERCHANDISE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

## MUSICIANS NEEDED!

Would you like to be a part of the summer music program?



Instrumentalists and vocalists are needed for our worship services in August. If you are interested in joining us and sharing your talent, please contact **Tom Foley or Mike Elkins!**

## MEMORIAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF LONG-TIME MEMBER JEAN STRAUB

Jean joined our church in 1951 and was a member until her death on February 26, 2020. Because of the worldwide pandemic, her family was unable to celebrate her life with their Ohio friends and family. They are finally able to have a memorial service at our church on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m., preceded by the interment at the cemetery and followed by a luncheon in Pilgrim Hall.



The Board of Trustees, the Diaconate, and the Official Board will not be meeting during the month of July.



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REGULAR MEETINGS NOW ON WEDNESDAYS

As always, all ladies are welcome to all activities. Please feel free to do what YOU want to do!



Wednesday – August 4 – 10:00 A.M. – Pilgrim Hall  
"AGING GRACEFULLY"

with tips from Judy Carte

Wednesday – September 8 – 10:00 A.M.  
"OUTDOOR PICNIC AND WALKING"  
at a park – venue to be determined

Wednesday – October 6 – 10:00 A.M. – Pilgrim Hall  
VIEW THE MOVIE, "YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN"  
and dress up for Halloween – or – wear PJ's!

Wednesday – Nov. 3 – 10:00 A.M. – Pilgrim Hall  
"PREPARE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TEA"  
and make centerpieces with Joyce Reed

Sunday – December 5 – Pilgrim Hall  
(12:00 or 12:30 P.M. – time to be determined)  
"CHRISTMAS TEA"  
and ring tonechimes with Barb Fraunfelder

## IT'S HAPPENING! CHURCH GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6 P.M. – 8 P.M. AND  
SATURDAY, JULY 24<sup>th</sup>  
9 A.M. – 2 P.M.



Donations will be accepted through Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, but please keep in mind: "If you wouldn't buy an item in the condition it's in, please don't foist it on the church." Also, please plan to carry your items yourself or bring a helper (or two). Thanks!

We'll need lots of volunteers, too—TODAY after worship or if you can spare an hour or two during the day this week to sort merchandise—WE NEED YOU! Plus... Every evening this week, beginning around 6 p.m. and sorting until about 9 p.m.—just show up if you can help!

## BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL At the Garage Sale

Please bring your wrapped/bagged baked goods on Friday before 6 p.m. or Saturday morning before 9 a.m.

