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**Sunday, July 19, 2020 – Online**



**OPENING MUSIC** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Runyan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Akers

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 86  
Teach me Your way, O LORD. Let me walk in Your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere Your name. I give thanks to You with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever. For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths. You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**HYMN** "Surely the Presence"  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
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**FIRST READING** **Psalm 139:1-12; 23-24** (*New International Version*)  
You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue, you, LORD, know it completely.  
You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"  
even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.  
Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**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** "Bless This House" Brahe

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US**

**BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART**

**OFFERTORY** "I Love to Tell the Story" Fischer  
Wherever you are, God is there. In the Family of God, there are no strangers; everyone belongs. Everything works together, not for our glory or gain, but for God's glory. Together, we again commit 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:  
<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.**

**DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**SECOND READING** **Genesis 28:10-19a**  
Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had

a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Early the next morning, Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel.

**REFLECTION** Welcome to Beth-El

**HYMN** "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"

All praise to our redeeming Lord, Who joins us by His grace  
And bids us, each to each restored, Together seek His face.

He bids us build each other up; And gathered into one,  
To our high calling's glorious hope, We hand in hand go on.

And if our fellowship below In Jesus be so sweet,  
What greater blessings shall we know When round His throne we meet?

**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** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Naegeli

**SERVING**

<b>TODAY – JULY 19</b>		<b>NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 26</b>
Irene Joyce	<b>Liturgist</b>	Irene Joyce
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn	<b>Sound</b>	Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall	<b>Video</b>	Chuck McDougall

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

*Thank you to all of our front line workers  
who keep our world going and to those bringing us our  
online worship services each week  
Betty (Grammy) Craig*

**Happy Anniversary today to Drew and Diane (Keenen) Kuzmickas!**

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

*Please provide updates for this list to the church office.*



**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Janet Kato, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields  
**Church Family:** Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Judy Carte, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Joe Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Evan Joyce, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Lori Kovatich, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch  
**Extended Church Family:** Ron, Yvonne, & Ronnie Adams (friends of Judi Pavisich), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Ruby Cuyler (sister of Sam), Gwen Giddings (sister of Linda Dettmer), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Donna McDonald (friend of the Ritchies), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Chris Vozniak (friend of Lora Rung), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

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

**THE THRIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN ON THURSDAYS! The hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., with enhanced safety protocols in place. Thank you to all the hard workers who put in the time and effort to get the shop ready for reopening!**

