



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sunday, July 31, 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.

GATHERING MUSIC "Morning Has Broken" Scottish melody

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Heidi

INTROIT "Sanctuary" Thompson/Scruggs

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers, called out from our sanctuary;

People: We gather in this place, where God's steadfast love meets us in our worship.

Leader: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims at every stage of life's journey.

People: Each of us seeking to follow Jesus, the compassionate one.

Leader: Builders of bridges in fractured communities, we stand with one another as the Family of Christ.

People: The spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people—God's people!

† HYMN "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"
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;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place (Sing twice)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 107: 1-9
(New Revised Standard Version)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;

he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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 "What a Wonderful World" Weiss/Thiele

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Kocher

† **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 12:13-21
(The Message)

Speaking to the people, he went on, "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot." Then he told them a story. . . .

SERMON "Can't Take it with You..."

† HYMN "What the World Needs Now is Love"
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No not just for some, but for everyone

Lord, we don't need another mountain
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross
Enough to last 'til the end of time

What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No, not just for some, but for everyone

Lord, we don't need another meadow
There are cornfields and wheat fields enough to grow
There are sunbeams and moonbeams enough to shine
Oh listen, Lord, if you want to know

What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No, not just for some, oh, but just for every, every, everyone

† 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.

† **CLOSING MUSIC** "Put Your Hand in the Hand" MacLellan

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, select Worship, and click on Service Videos.
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SERVING	
TODAY – JULY 31	NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 7
Elaine Coffey	Greeters Linda Plain
Herb Hampson	Liturgist Elaine Coffey
Elaine Coffey	Ushers Teri Barbish, Roz Fotos
Oliver & Matilda Sekorky	Acolytes Chris Abruzzino/Riley Marshall
Tom Foley	Director of Music Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Music Team, Dave Williams	Special Music Dick Ingersoll
Church Picnic	Summer Sunday School Linda Elkins

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Isabella Jannsohn on August 1st!

With love, "Oma" Irene Jannsohn

Happy Birthday today to Sharon Metivier and Mary Carey!



Following worship today, please join us for lunch in Pilgrim Hall, then activities for all ages outside.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES:
Because of outdoor worship and the picnic, we will not have class today.

===== OFFERINGS RECEIVED =====

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,297.00
Difference -(\$2,352.37)

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 65



A NOTE OF THANKS—

Many thanks to our musicians **Dave Williams, Tom Foley** and **Mike Elkins** for sharing their music with us today and to **Jim Heinrich** and **Doug Thorn** for taking care of the sound system.

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.



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences to **John** and **Martha Hattery** and their son, **Joe**. John's dad, **John Hattery, Sr.** died Monday, July 25, 2022 at the age of 80.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: 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, Len Lane, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Sharon Wilson, Janis Williamson, 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 Mhlack'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 Rothel'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), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), 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

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 Pogozeleski at 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 next **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.

From our Friends at Strongsville Community Band 2022 Concert Schedule

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 in August—please sign up in Pilgrim Hall. Call **Linda Elkins, (440) 655-8891** with questions. **(We will not have class today.)**



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 4th & 11th.

(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.

GIFT CARDS

GET YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING DONE 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.**



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*
Herb Hampson Dale Hawk Sarah Hayes
Sandy Pogozeleski* Dave Sekorky Ed Sobek*
Rachel Zielinski

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Teri Barbish Barbara Camp* Elaine Coffey
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*

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, August 9th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, August 16th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, August 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



UPPER ROOM

The September/October issue of the Upper Room Devotional Guide (pocket size and large print) is available in the Gathering Area.

