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Sunday, July 4, 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 “Sheep May Safely Graze” Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce
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 “Native American Flute Song” Mehalko

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come among us, Healing God; we wait for you.

People: We come, hungry for your Word to bless us.

Leader: Come among us, Compassionate Christ; we hope in you.

People: We come, hungry to be filled with the Bread of Heaven.

Leader: Come among us, Restoring Spirit; we wait and hope in you.

People: We come, eager to rest in your peace.

† HYMN 418 “Make Us One, Lord” (sing twice)
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 48:1, 9-14
(New Revised Standard Version)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.
We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with victory.
Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments.
Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,
consider well its ramparts;
go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.
He will be our guide 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 “America the Beautiful” Ward

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.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

OFFERTORY “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” Dykes

† 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: 1-13
(New International Version)

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

SERMON “Pack light!”

† HYMN 410 “Standing on the Promises” (vv 1, 4, & 5)
(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

† 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 “Grant Us Peace” Mozart

SERVING

TODAY – JULY 4		NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 11
Irene Joyce & Elliott Joyce	Greeters	Sharon Maresco
Mary Ellen Zimmerman	Liturgist	Carol Konet
Linda Plain	Ushers	Judi Pavisich
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Ken Mehalko	Special Music	Sarah Keenen
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sunday School	Mary Densmore

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**.

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*In Celebration of our granddaughter, Alaya Hitchens’s,
3rd Birthday today!*

With Love, Jim & Irene Joyce



**Happy Birthday today to Billie Cantrell,
Janis Williamson, and Alaya Hitchens!**

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,473.27
Last Week’s Offering Received \$1,478.00
Difference (-\$2,171.37)

Thank you very much for your support.



A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to Ken Mehalko, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich for sharing their music with us today! (Tom Foley is on vacation with his family this week.)



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR REV. JOE SANTOMEN

Wednesday, July 7th at 11 a.m.

at the Strongsville United Methodist Church.

13500 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH

A lunch will follow to share fellowship with Betsey and their family and friends.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR REV. LARRY CRAIG

Saturday, July 10th at Noon

at Sunset Memorial Park

6265 Columbia Rd., North Olmsted, OH

Christina has invited all of their SUCC friends to remember Larry with their family.



Our love and prayers are extended to the **Gigliotti family** on the death of Lou’s mom, **Joanne Gigliotti**, who passed away on June 29, 2021 after a difficult illness.

The service was Thursday, July 1 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

JULY/AUGUST UPPER ROOM

AVAILABLE—LARGE PRINT AND POCKET SIZE

Pick up your free copy in the Gathering Area.

Please feel free to take one for a friend!





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.

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 Mhlack, 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), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Amanda Stefanik (Schylar Thorn's 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.



IT'S HAPPENING! CHURCH GARAGE SALE

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



Donations are now being accepted, but please keep in mind: "If you wouldn't buy an item in the condition it's in, please don't foist in 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—

On the days of the sale and every evening the week before, beginning around 7 p.m. and sorting until about 9 p.m.

Please see Rachel Zielinski or Irene Joyce if you can give a couple of hours of your time from July 19-24 (or just show up)!

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 3rd 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!



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP-- NEXT GATHERING



As always, all ladies are welcome to all activities.

Please feel free to do what YOU want to do!

Tuesday – July 6 – 10:00 A.M. –
Pilgrim Hall
"SOCIALIZE WITH FRIENDS"

Sit, relax, and chat with friends – or –
bring and do your own craft like knitting, crocheting, counted cross stitch, mending, coloring, etc., while chatting with friends!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TODAY. A combined Sunday School class following the Children's Message will resume next week.

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).

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!



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

MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH meets at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at Gourmé Restaurant 15315 Pearl Rd. in Strongsville.



From our friends at the Strongsville Community Band:

Friday, July 9 at 7:30 PM – Strongsville City Jazz (Strongsville Middle School Front Lawn)—bring your own lawn chair.

May God shed His Grace on Thee.