



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday – July 7, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Communion



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.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "Here I Am" Schutte

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us sing praises to our Lord,

**People: Who heals us and makes us whole.**

Leader: Let us sing praises to our Lord as faithful children of God,

**People: Whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.**

Leader: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name.

**People: God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.**

† HYMN 686 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vv. 1-4)

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT 2 Kings 5: 1-9

PRAYING IN SILENCE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayers. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE "Sanctuary" Thompson/Scruggs

ANTHEM "Simple Gifts" arr. Young

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Blessed Jesus, We are Here" J.S. Bach

† 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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT 2 Kings 5: 10-14

SERMON "That's IT?!?"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Unlike our anger, God's anger does not last. But God's favor, God's grace, and God's forgiveness are for us, not just in this moment, but forever. Knowing the grace and forgiveness that await, let us join together in the prayer of confession:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others. We sow seeds of hurt and anger, then wonder why the harvest is bitter. We find ourselves constantly comparing ourselves to others; yet we prefer other paths, over following Christ's example. Help us to open our spirit to your mercy and grace. Help us embrace your love, wallow in your mercy, and joyfully accept your grace in our lives. Pour out your Spirit of gentleness; guide us as we strive to bring the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world. (silent prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news: By God's boundless grace and mercy, your sins are forgiven!

**People: By God's boundless grace and mercy, your sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to God he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks to God he gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

*Let us pray:* Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the sharing of this juice, we may know the presence of the Living Christ and be renewed as the Body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes again in final victory and we feast together at your Table forever. **Amen.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "Hymn Medley" arr. Denman

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.**

† HYMN 589 "Here I Am, Lord"

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "Let There Be Praise" Tunney

† POSTLUDE "*Allegro Maestoso*" Mendelssohn

SERVING

TODAY, JULY 7

Tom Gaumer  
Linda Plain  
Linda Plain  
Volunteer needed  
Tom Foley  
Mike Elkins  
Linda Elkins  
Megan Denman

**Liturgists**  
**Greeters**  
**Ushers**  
**Coffee Hour**  
**Director of Music**  
**Associate Director of Music**  
**Summer Sunday School**  
**Special Summer Music**

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 14

Kenn Oerkfitz  
Billie Cantrell  
Volunteers needed  
Volunteer needed  
Tom Foley  
Mike Elkins  
Linda Elkins  
Richard Densmore,  
Sandy O'Shea

The altar flowers are given—

*In loving memory of James Habart on the occasion of his birthday (July 4).  
Happy Birthday, Dad! Love always, Jamie, Josh, and Christian*

(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*With sincere thanks to everyone who worked the Garage/Bake Sale  
From the church family*

Happy Birthday today to Sara Grega!

The Board of Trustees will meet next Tuesday, July 9 at 7 p.m.

**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), go to Worship, and click on Service Videos.*

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Summer Sunday School**— Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our combined class on a Sunday in the summertime. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Please add your name to our sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you are willing to help—only 1 Sunday is left to fill. **Children will meet in the classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. Thanks to Linda Elkins for teaching today.**



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,522.02  
Last Week's Offering Received \$3,796.50  
**(Difference \$274.48)**



**During the summer months, the church often faces a shortfall. Please remember to keep up with your offerings and pledges as you enjoy the gift of God that is summertime.**



COMING SOON...LIFETOUCH  
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROGRAM

Our last photo directory was over a dozen years ago! We will soon be scheduling times for **Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20** from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. for our families and individuals to be photographed AT NO COST. Sign up for photo time slots will begin next **Sunday, June 14** and continue for 5 Sundays thereafter. We hope you will make the effort to be included in our church's photo directory.

**PENNY SUNDAY**—Last week's Penny Sunday collection of \$155.46 will go toward refurbishing the upstairs Sunday School classrooms. Thank you to everyone who supports Penny Sunday!





## OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.



**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Izabella Abruzzino, Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Mary Carey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Debbie Krause, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Christopher Minnick, Karen Morgan, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tilly Sekorky, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

**Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.**

**Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.**

## HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



**IMPORTANT: CLERK NEEDED.** The clerk is the legal representative of our church and also takes minutes at business meetings. Please contact moderator Rachel Zielinski or the church office for more information.



**Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned fruit, and family**

**meals.** Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board.

## SUMMER MUSIC—



**Thank you to Megan Denman**, daughter of Pastor Heidi and Chuck, sharing her talent with us. Megan is a pianist, instructor, and organist. She earned her Bachelor's in Piano Performance from Baldwin-Wallace University in 2008, and her Masters of the same emphasis from the University of Akron in 2010. Megan accompanies at Baldwin-Wallace University, and Cleveland State University. She is an MTNA member, and is co-chair for the 2018 Northeast Ohio Buckeye Auditions. We are happy to welcome Megan to our church this morning!

More summer musicians scheduled for July include organist **Richard Densmore**, vocalist **Sandy O'Shea**, vocalist **Sharon Metivier**, and guitarist/vocalist **Gary Hackett**, along with inspiring music from our own **Mike Elkins**, **Tom Foley**, and the **SUCC Band**. Be sure to join us every Sunday for worship!

## LOVE AND TRANQUILITY

A CD of Native American Flute, "Love And Tranquility" is now available for purchase! Music features **Ken Mehalko** on NativFlute, **Mike Elkins** on keyboards and other musicians affiliated with our church. **Sales will benefit our music ministry program. Suggested donation is \$15. CDs are available through the church office.**



## PLEASE SAVE YOUR WHITE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE CAPS!

White water bottle caps (ONLY) are needed to help a little girl in Florida with a rare cancer. For every 1,000 caps collected, she will receive a free cancer treatment. A can to collect them is located in Pilgrim Hall by the coffee pots.

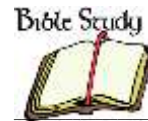


## DON'T MISS IT! HOMETOWN PRIDE

Our church will have a float in the **Strongsville Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, July 17.**

We will need helpers, float decorators, walkers, and riders! Wear your green and white! Please see Rachel Zielinski, Kristen Clotworthy, or Sarah Hayes if you would like to participate.

**We are now accepting donations of individually wrapped NON-CHOCOLATE candy to distribute at the parade. Please bring bags of candy to the church office any time.**



Please watch your bulletins and newsletters for our Adult Bible Study, "Uppity Women of the Bible," coming in September! See Linda Elkins if interested.



**GARAGE/BAKE SALE! Thank you to everyone for their support.** The

Garage Sale will make \$1,775.00 once everyone pays their tabs; the Bake Sale earned their biggest total ever, \$682.55; and the Thrift Shop made \$278.80 on that day. Thanks also to Volunteers of America for picking up the leftover boxes and bags.



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC at Volunteer Park in Strongsville

12410 Lunn Road, just west of Prospect, between Prospect and Foltz

**Sunday – JULY 28, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.**



**Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion**

*followed by Potluck Picnic Meal and Games*

Pavilion with Picnic Tables and Electricity  
Restrooms – Playground – Baseball Fields--Batting Cages

Hot dogs, buns, beverages, paper plates and disposable silverware will be provided; please bring a chair and a side dish, salad or dessert to share. **While we will be providing disposable table settings, in the interests of environmental awareness, guests are invited to bring reusable dinnerware from home if they so desire.**

If you have not already done so, please sign up for the potluck on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

## WE'VE GOT 'EM--COME GET 'EM!

**July Newsletters are available in the Gathering Area for those who choose to receive a printed copy.**

(March, April, May, and June newsletters that were not picked up have been discarded.)

## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## JULY 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

7	Sun	<b>Worship 10am--Communion</b> Coffee Hour Worship Team
9	Tues	Trustee Meeting 7pm
10	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Fit Club to <i>The Barber of Seville</i> 7pm
11	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
14	Sun	<b>Worship 10am</b> Coffee Hour
16	Tues	Diaconate Meeting 7pm
17	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm Fit Club to <i>Aida</i> , 7pm <b>HOMECOMING PARADE</b> 5:30pm
18	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
21	Sun	<b>Worship 10am</b> Coffee Hour
23	Tues	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
24	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
25	Thurs	Thrift Shop 10am-4pm Men's Lunch Gourmé Restaurant 11:30am
28	Sun	<b>Worship 10:30am—CHURCH PICNIC AT VOLUNTEER PARK</b>
31	Wed	Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm

## CHURCH SECURITY

**Friendly reminder:** If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned off. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are securely CLOSED. Thanks!



## COMING SOON: SANYUKA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our church is going to host concert by a choir comprised of orphaned children from Uganda.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 7** at 3 p.m. for an afternoon of music and

celebration with children's voices and traditional instruments. There will be no charge for the concert, but they will have a free will offering to benefit the Sanyuka Children's Ministries. The children will also have Ugandan handicrafts and CDs available for concert goers to purchase. [www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/](http://www.sanyukachildren.org/sanyuka-choir/).