



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**

**Sunday, June 14, 2020 – Online  
Graduate Recognition Sunday**

**OPENING MUSIC**      “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”      Spiritual

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**      “I Offer My Life”      Cloninger/Moen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The word has come for us from God, who promises to shelter with us, under the wings of Hope and Grace. The word comes to us as Jesus, the Encourager, who reminds us of the Good News spoken for *all* God’s children. The word flows to us, and in us, and through us, by God’s Holy Spirit, who reminds us that our hope is found in nothing less than Jesus the Christ and God the Eternal One. Lead us, O God, as we seek to be your presence in the world.

**HYMN**      “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest—to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest—the true life of all.  
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,  
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**FIRST READING**      **Psalm 100** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.  
Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**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**      “As the Deer”      Nystrom

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

**CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES** “Pomp and Circumstance”      Elgar

**BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART**

**OFFERTORY**      “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”      Converse

This morning we are celebrating hope. We are celebrating the future in the young lives of our graduates at every level. No matter where life leads them, they know and trust and believe that the love of their church Family goes with them. One thing is certain: even in uncertain times, God’s Love is unchanging, as is our commitment to being bearers of that love. We are committed to finding new, innovative ways to continue the work of Jesus, no matter what. We hope you are committed, as well, to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you. Please follow the prompts for online giving at:

<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 **Matthew 9:35-10:8** (excerpts)

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

The prayer was no sooner prayed than it was answered. Jesus called twelve of his followers and sent them into the ripe fields. He gave them power to kick out the evil spirits and to tenderly care for the bruised and hurt lives. \* \* \* \* Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge: "Don't begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don't try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously."

### REFLECTION

Think BIG. (Act small)

### HYMN

#### "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.

### 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

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Johnson

## Happy Birthday today to Laurie Meister!

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

*Happy Birthday today to Dan Sauter!*

With love, Grammy

*In loving memory of James Joyce, Sr.*

Irene & Jim, Erik, Evan, and Elena Joyce

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### OUR PRAYER LIST

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

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Joe Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue

Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Lori Kovatich, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie Trinckes, Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

**Extended Church Family:** Fred Beba, Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Hunter Colao (grandson of Mark & Barb Camp), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), 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), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)



## 2020 GRADUATES



**Robert C. (Bobby) Foley**

Strongsville High School

Activities: Marching Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Optimist Club,  
Awards/ Honors:

Future plans: Attend Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music  
Parents: Tom and Suzi Foley



**Louis Gigliotti III**

University of Akron  
Masters in Business Administration  
with Business Analytics concentration

Future Plans: IT Business Analyst at Goodyear  
Parents: Sue and Lou Gigliotti



**Trevor Halley**

Solon High School

Activities: Marching Band, Symphonic Orchestra, Varsity Wrestler (SHS), Solon Community Band, Strongsville Community Band  
Honors: John Phillip Sousa Outstanding Musician Award; Eagle Scout

Future Plans: U.S. Marine Band; Akron University  
Parents; Jodi and Scott Halley  
Grandparents: Jim and Linda Dettmer



**Makenna Hampson**

Oak Creek High School

Activities: Band, Cheerleader.  
Awards/ Honors: National Honor Society

Future plans: Attend Moody Bible Institutes.  
Grandparents: Herb and the late Lois Hampson



**Jeffrey A. (Jay) Hassel**

Brecksville Broadview Hts. High School

Activities: Superintendent's Student Advisory Board 3 yrs., Marching Band 4 yrs , Cymbal Squad Leader, Percussion Section in Concert Band 4 yrs., Pep Band 2 yrs., Greenhouse Assistant 3 yrs.  
Honors: Honor Roll

Future Plans: Attend The Ohio University, Majoring in Applied Plant Biology.

Parents/ Grandparents:  
Jeff & Tiffany Hassel, Mckenna sister,  
Judi & George Pavisich, proud grandparents.



**Isabella R. Jannsohn**

Columbia College/Cleveland State University  
Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Currently employed at Kohl's

Future plans: Finding employment in her field  
Parents: Charles and the late Aimee Jannsohn  
Grandparents: Irene and the late Erik Jannsohn



**Rachel Kovatich**

Strongsville High School

Activities: Color Guard 4 years, Color Guard Captain Sr. Yr.; Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus 6 years; National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, National Art Honor Society.  
Academic Recognition; AP Scholar; Summa Cum Laude

Future plans: Attend University of Cincinnati, Majoring in Biochemistry

Parents: Bob and Lori Kovatich  
Grandparents: Jack and Beth Remaly; Lois Remaly



**Meghan McDougall**

James Garfield High School in Portage County

Activities: Volleyball, Track, Cross Country; National Honor Society; Student Leadership Council.

Awards/ Honors: 7 Varsity Athletic letters; four year academic letter; graduated Magna Cum Laude

Future plans: Hoping to join the Air Force.

Parents: Michelle & Angus McDougall

Grandparents: Pastor Heidi & Chuck McDougall



**Alison Rose Schafer**

Denison University in Granville, OH

Bachelor Of Arts Degree in Communications

School Achievements:

4 Year Division All Star/All Conference Women's Basketball Player, Scored 2nd highest points in a single game (40). Only 13th woman in schools history to score over 1000 career points (1664)

Member Denison Athletic Association & Tri Delta Sorority

Future Plans: Has secured a Marketing position with a large language translation company in Columbus, OH

Parents: Dr. Holly and Mr. Martin Schafer

Grandparents: Joyce and George Reed



**Madison Wentz**

Archbishop Hoban High School in Summit County

Activities: Volleyball

Awards/ Honors: Academic scholarship, Volleyball scholarship

Future plans: Attending Mount Union University Nursing program

Parents: Rob and Sandra Wentz

Grandparents: Larry and Debbie Wentz

Great Grandmother: Betty (Grammy) Craig

**SERVING**

**TODAY – JUNE 14**

Irene Joyce

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Doug Thorn

Chuck McDougall

**Liturgist**  
**Director of Music**  
**Associate Director of Music**  
**Sound**  
**Video**

**NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 21**

Ingrid Dickson

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Doug Thorn

Chuck McDougall

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,473.27

Last week's Offering Received \$ 4,512.00

Difference (+\$1,038.73)



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**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**



The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



**Our Sunday School Scholarship recipients for 2020:**

**Robert Christopher Foley**

“SUCC means family, acceptance and love to me. The most meaningful thing I will take forward with me is that I know I always have a place where people care about me.”

**Rachel Lindsay Marie Kovatich**

“To me, SUCC means the unconditional tolerance and love for everyone, regardless of race, mental health, or background. I think that is also the most important thing that I will treasure throughout my life.”