



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Sunday, June 18, 2023 – 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.

PRELUDE "Fugue in C Major" J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Greg Dickson

INTROIT "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Traditional

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

People: We come, trusting God will speak to us; we come, hoping God will surprise us.

Leader: On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:

People: We follow, believing Jesus will be with us; we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.

Leader: On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

People: We open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us; we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.

† HYMN 2 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS **Psalm 100**
 (New International Version)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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 "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Tom Foley

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Rainbow Connection" Williams

† 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 EPISTLES **Romans 5:1-8**
 (New International Version)
 God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

SERMON "Yep. ALL of us."

† HYMN 143 "This is My Father's World"

† BLESSING Based on Psalm 103
 As you go from here, remember this: God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, from generation to generation. Just as a father has compassion on his children so God has compassion on those who revere him, who listen to God's voice, and who do God's will. Go out in the knowledge that the everlasting love of God goes with you. Amen.

† RESPONSE/POSTLUDE "Fughetta" W. H. Clarke

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**.

<u>SERVING</u>		
TODAY – JUNE 18		NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 25
Jan Meier	Greeters	The Abruzzinos
Herb Hampson	Liturgist	Dan Winrod
Jan Meier	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Chris Abruzzino	Acolytes	Luke Giuliano/Aidan Hurtig
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Richard Densmore	Special Music	Carol Foley
Colette Emerson	Summer Sunday School	Volunteer needed



ATTENDANCE CARDS ARE IN YOUR BULLETIN!
 Please take a moment to complete the card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may write prayer requests on the reverse side, if you wish to have us pray for someone and add a

name to the prayer chain.

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO ORDERS

Due next Sunday, June 25th

If you would like to purchase an 8" x 24" congregational photo, please contact the church office. The cost is \$29.95 (Checks to UCC.) Orders are due NO LATER than June 25th. *****This is a change so that we may order all together and get bulk pricing.**

The altar flowers are given—
In honor of our Father in heaven and all fathers and men who follow His teachings and lessons
 Peter Smith



Our steeple will light the sky this week—
Celebrating Brandi Garsteck & Sarah Hayes on their birthday week--The Nursery Kids

FRESH FLOWERS EACH WEEK! Please sign up for 2023 altar flowers on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. We still have some Sundays available to honor a special date or loved one.



A NOTE OF THANKS—

We thank **Richard Densmore, Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich** for sharing their music with us today.

CALLING ALL SINGERS, ENSEMBLES, AND INSTRUMENTALISTS!

Do you want to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, but can't commit to joining the music team throughout the year? How about providing music for a service on one Sunday this summer? Please see **Tom Foley** or **Mike Elkins** and choose a summer Sunday--We're happy to work with you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Summer Sunday School is underway! We are still looking for folks to commit to teaching a single Sunday with our children. All lessons and materials will be provided in advance. Start thinking about which

Sunday you're available for this special ministry, and then add your name to the sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall.

NEXT WEEK IS PENNY SUNDAY

Start saving those coins, dollars, and checks to UCC-- The next Penny Sunday will be on **June 25, 2023**. This



month, our collection will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which provides help to those who come to the church office in immediate need. Our church provides gas cards and sometimes grocery assistance to persons who seek our help on a one-time basis. (For greater needs, our church works in cooperation with other churches and service organizations in our area.)



FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND— Summer Concert Schedule

Friday, June 30: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Middle School Lawn
 Friday, July 7: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Middle School Lawn
 Friday, July 21: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Middle School Lawn

Friday, July 28: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Rotary (Ehrnfelt Center)
 Friday, August 4: Strongsville City Jazz 7:30 p.m. SMS Lawn
 Friday, August 11: 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Middle School Lawn
 *Concerts will be held at the Strongsville Senior Center in case of rain.



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **June 20th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **June 27th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Joan Beckwith, Mary Carey, Laurie Meister, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Maggie Struhar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Barb Camp, Diana Creecy, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Bruce Lerch, Reggie McCray, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Bill Schneider. Peter Smith, John Toth, Sharon Wilson, Dave Williams, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Edward and Sharon Acton (Sally Herzog's friends), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Angie Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dr. Angelo Gagliani (Ingrid Dickson's friend), Joanne Garipey (Sally Herzog's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Bill Luca (Marianne's husband), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Zora Roundtree (FL4A volunteer), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), Weston (Chelsey Cathcart Cox's friend's son), Don Wills (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by natural disasters

OPT-IN: Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com



FREE LUNCH FOR ALL—Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Our Free Lunch for All Program welcomes everyone to enjoy a nutritious meal and warm fellowship. Faith in Action Grants Team of the Living Water Association, Ohio NorthEast, Heartland Conference United Church of Christ, awarded Strongsville UCC's Free Lunch for All project a grant of \$2,217.11.



PANERA PALS—HELP NEEDED



Are you able to give less than an hour of your time on a Monday or Friday morning to pick up and/or sort Panera bread, bagels, and pastries? Please contact the church office if you can help with this worthwhile ministry.

THRIFT SHOP



The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are being accepted during those hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs. Thanks, as always, to our dedicated volunteers!

BE A BUSY BEE IN 2023

Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area are waiting for **your name** to be added as a greeter or an usher. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know! Everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



IT'S HAPPENING!



CHURCH GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JULY 21st
from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M. AND
SATURDAY, JULY 22nd
from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Donations will be accepted starting July 2nd through July 20th. We accept household items, home décor, sporting equipment, craft supplies, books, games, toys, small electronics, furniture, kitchenware and dishes, plus clothing & shoes (for the Thrift Shop) **We DO NOT accept liquids of any kind, hazardous materials, or large televisions.**

Please keep in mind: "If you wouldn't buy an item in the condition it's in, please don't foist it 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 6 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 16 - 20 (or just show up)! WE ALSO NEED LARGE SHOPPING BAGS! (Marc's Bags) If you can spare some, please bring them to the church office anytime.

BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



At the Garage Sale

Please bring your wrapped/bagged baked goods on Friday, July 21st before 6 p.m. or Saturday, July 22nd before 9 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SUNDAY, JULY 30th



On our church grounds following outdoor worship. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert—the main dish and beverages will be provided.



Graveside Memorial Service for Paul E. Hirt Saturday, July 15th at Strongsville Cemetery Meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. and we will proceed to the gravesite. Paul, a United States Army Veteran, died January 4, 2023 and his ashes will be buried with military honors. He was a 50 year member of our congregation.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2023

**Elected January 29, 2023*

Moderator: Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry
Treasurer: Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Co-Superintendents
Linda Elkins Mary Densmore*

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Laura Winrod* Rachel Zielinski

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Pam Keenen Ken Mehalko* Mike Willis*
ex officio: Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

Stewardship Committee
Judi Pavisich Bill Schneider* Richard Taylor
Rob Toth Mary Willis*

Mission and Outreach Committee
Judy Carte* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak Lora Rung*
Jennifer Sekorky Peter Smith* Bev Wehr
Mary Ellen Zimmerman*

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

We commemorate Juneteenth, on June 19, 1865, when enslaved peoples of African descent in Texas finally gained their freedom.

We remember them. We honor their memory. We celebrate freedom for all.