



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday, June 20, 2021 – 9 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Father's Day

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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Runyan, arr. Raney

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 "This is My Father's World" Traditional English Melody

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in this place to worship our God,

People: A calming Presence in our times of confusion, Comforter in our nights of struggle.

Leader: We gather with fellow pilgrims as we seek to follow Jesus:

People: Brother and Sister to those swamped by fears, Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.

Leader: We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:

People: Holy Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

† HYMN 3 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (vv 1, 2, & 4)

(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 133

(New International Version)

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

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 "Be Thou My Vision" Irish Melody, arr. Raney

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

DEDICATING OUR LIVE AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "People Get Ready" Mayfield

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT 1 Samuel 17

(The Message--Selected Verses)

A giant nearly ten feet tall stepped out from the Philistine line into the open, Goliath from Gath. He had a bronze helmet on his head and was dressed in armor—126 pounds of it! He wore bronze shin guards and carried a bronze sword. His spear was like a fence rail—the spear tip alone weighed over fifteen pounds. His shield bearer walked ahead of him.

Goliath stood there and called out to the Israelite troops, "Why bother using your whole army? Am I not Philistine enough for you? And you're all committed to Saul, aren't you? So pick your best fighter and pit him against me. If he gets the upper hand and kills me, the Philistines will all become your slaves. But if I get the upper hand and kill him, you'll all become our slaves and serve us. I challenge the troops of Israel this day. Give me a man. Let us fight it out together!"

When Saul and his troops heard the Philistine's challenge, they were terrified and lost all hope.

SERMON "Boy Who Would Be King—Part Two"

† HYMN "We Shall Overcome"

(If you wish to sing with us, please have your mask in place.)

We shall overcome. We shall overcome.

We shall overcome someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

We shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in hand.

We'll walk hand in hand someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

We shall overcome someday!

The Lord will see us through. The Lord will see us through.

The Lord will see us through someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

We shall overcome someday!

† 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 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Nettleton, arr. Raney

SERVING

TODAY – JUNE 20

Lynne McCray
Barb Fraunfelder
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Carol Foley
Linda Elkins

Liturgist 9 a.m.
Liturgist 10:30 a.m.
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Supplemental Organist
Sound
Special Music
Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 27

Chuck McDougall
Carol Konet
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Carol Konet
Cathy Hawk

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 Honor of all Dads—past, present, and future!
Lola Millhoane



Celebrating our 57th wedding anniversary on June 21st
Linda & Jim Dettmer

Remembering our parents' wedding day-June 23, 1962
Ingrid Dickson & Irene Joyce

Happy Birthday today to Betty Yarnell, Darla Wickline, and Alex Metivier!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,363.75
Difference (-\$2,285.62)



Thank you very much for your support.



A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to Carol Foley (mom of Tom) for sharing her music with us today!



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, June 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Board of Trustees and the Diaconate will not meet in July.

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.



POSITION AVAILABLE

Adria Bond is set to retire as our church's Financial Secretary after many years of exemplary service. Consequently, the church is in need of a person who is familiar with Excel and other financial software and who has some bookkeeping experience to fill her shoes. This is a compensated, part-time position. If you are interested, or know of someone who is looking for supplementary employment, please contact Greg Dickson, chair of the Trustees, at gdickson2009@gmail.com for a detailed job description or to apply.

What is Juneteenth? Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. While the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863, it wasn't until June 19, 1865-- nearly two and a half years later-- that soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, the last city to receive the news that the Civil War was over and slaves were now free. While this is an important date in our history, there is still much work to be done. The United Church of Christ is committed to a just world for all, and we are proud to be part of that commitment, as well.

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, 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), Family of Katie Mikalacki (George Pavisich's friend), 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 (Schyler 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.



Our deepest sympathy to **Kelly Kling** of the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank and her family on the death of her father, **Robert Sanders**, on June 6, 2021.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Rev. Joe Santomen** on June 17, 2021. Joe was formerly the pastor at the Strongsville United Methodist Church and a regular substitute minister with us. We extend our condolences to his wife, **Betsey**, and their family.

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 will be accepted starting June 25th. We'll need lots of volunteers, too-- Please see Rachel Zielinski or Irene Joyce if you can help!



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!** KEEP SHOPPING!

COMING SOON...
Beginning Sunday, July 4th, we will have one worship service at 10 a.m.



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!

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,
June 21, 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!



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



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
A COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL BE OFFERED AT THE 10:30 A.M. SERVICE THROUGH JUNE.

We will not have class on the 4th of July. THEN, WE WILL RESUME COMBINED CLASSES AT THE 10 A.M. SERVICE, FOLLOWING THE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR AUGUST! 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!**



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!

