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**Sunday, June 21, 2020 – Online
Father's Day**

OPENING MUSIC "This is My Father's World" Traditional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Showalter

CALL TO WORSHIP

We sing glad songs to you, O God, as you enter our hearts with thanksgiving on our lips, for you are that love which never ends; that joy which overflows; that faith which is always full. We worship you, O God, as you would send us into the world in which we live, for you are the Word we speak to power; the healing we offer to the broken-hearted; the justice which replaces oppression. We offer our hands and hearts in service to you, O God, for you are a breath of hope and an unconditional invitation to grace. With heart and voice, we offer joyful noise to you.

HYMN "O, For a Thousand Tongues"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad, The honors of your name.

FIRST READING Matthew 10:24-31 (New International Version)

"The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!" "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight;

what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

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 "Faith of Our Fathers" Henry

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Maker

Each one of us is of infinite value to the Almighty. God has numbered the hairs on our heads and cares deeply when we hurt. God brings us together as the Strongsville *United* Church of Christ, and commissions us on our journey *together* to share the Good News. Again we commit our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue to walk with Jesus, even during this season of pandemic. We appreciate your commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you.

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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 10:29-39 (The Message)

"What's the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries. "Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I'll cover for you? "Don't think I've come to make life cozy.

I've come to cut—make a sharp knife-cut between son and father, daughter and mother, bride and mother-in-law—cut through these cozy domestic arrangements and free you for God. Well-meaning family members can be your worst enemies. If you prefer father or mother over me, you don't deserve me. If you prefer son or daughter over me, you don't deserve me. "If you don't go all the way with me, through thick and thin, you don't deserve me. If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me.

REFLECTION

Follow My Leader

HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

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I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

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 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Tomer

SERVING

TODAY – JUNE 21

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 28

Ingrid Dickson	Liturgist	Irene Joyce
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn	Sound	Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall	Video	Chuck McDougall
Ingrid Dickson	Guest Musician	Carol Konet

Happy Birthday today to Lauren (Deertz) Raymond !

Happy Anniversary today to Linda and Jim Dettmer!

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Remembering our mom & dad's wedding day 58 years ago
The Dicksons, Joyces, and Jannsohns*

In loving memory of Bill Fraunfelder—always remembered

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,473.27
Last week's Offering Received \$ 2,831.00
Difference (-\$ 642.27)



Thank you very much for your support of our mission and ministry.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.



Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields
Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Judy Carte, 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 Mihlack, 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: Dorene Baldrige, 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), 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)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.