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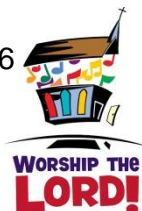
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Sunday, June 27, 2021 – 9 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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 "I Need Thee Every Hour" Hayes

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 "Amazing Grace" Traditional American Melody

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in this place to worship you, O God,

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

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

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

† HYMN 408 "How Firm a Foundation" (vv 1, 2, & 4)

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

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Lamentations 3: 22-31

(New Revised Standard Version)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not reject forever.

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 "In this Very Room" Harris

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>

OFFERTORY "The Lord's Hands" Elkins

DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Mark 5:21-43

(New Revised Standard Version)

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

SERMON "A HUGE Chance to Take"

† HYMN "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

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

He's got the whole world in His hands; He's got the whole world in His hands; He's got the whole world in His hands; He's got the whole world in His hands!

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands; He's got the wind and the rain in His hands; He's got the wind and the rain in His hands; He's got the whole world in His hands!

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands; He's got the little tiny baby in His hands; He's got the little tiny baby in His hands; He's got the whole world in His hands!

He's got you and me brother in His hands; He's got you and me sister in His hands; He's got you and me brother in His hands; He's got the whole world in His hands!

† 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 "Put Your Hand in the Hand" MacLellan

SERVING

TODAY – JUNE 27	NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 4
Chuck McDougall	Liturgist 9 a.m.
Judi Pavisich	Liturgist 10:30 a.m.
Tom Foley	Director of Music
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound
Carol Konet	Special Music
Cathy Hawk	Sunday School
	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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—

Happy Anniversary to Rob & Sandra Wentz on June 27th

Happy Birthday to Josh Sauter on June 30th

With Love, Grammy



Happy Birthday today to Everett Ashforth!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received	\$1,649.00
Difference	(-\$2,000.37)

Thank you very much for your support.



A NOTE OF THANKS



Thank you to Carol Konet for sharing her music with us today! Carol is a retired music educator as well as the accompanist for the Southwest Community Chorus, among her many musical endeavors. She and her husband, Glen, live in Middleburg Heights.

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 with their family.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR REV. JOE SANTOMEN

Wednesday, July 7th at 11 a.m. at the Strongsville United Methodist Church.

13500 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH
A lunch will follow to share fellowship with Betsey and their family and friends.



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.

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!



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, Tom Gaumer, 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), Joanne Gigliotti (Lou's mom), 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.

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 are now being accepted, but please keep in mind: "If you wouldn't buy an item in the condition it's in, please don't foist in 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 7 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 19-24 (or just show up)!

GIFT CARDS

YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT IN A SAFE WAY THAT BENEFITS OUR CHURCH!



You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. Limited stock is available, but special orders may be accommodated with advance notice. **Thank you to those who continue to support this project by purchasing gift cards!**



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!** PLEASE KEEP SHOPPING!

COMING SOON...

Beginning next 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,
July 19, 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 **Gourmé 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!**



The Board of Trustees, the Diaconate, and the Official Board will not be meeting during the month of July.

GOOD NEWS!

After over a year of silence, the **Strongsville Community Band** will perform its first concert of its 32nd Season this Friday, July 2 on the lawn of **Strongsville Middle School** at 7:30 PM. Please bring your own lawn chair.

