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OPENING MUSIC "Just As I Am" Bradbury

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Hassler

CALL TO WORSHIP

You, Almighty God, have forgotten more than we will ever think of; you have forgiven more than we will ever do. You have shattered our stone cold hearts, and written your name on them. Redeemer of all, we praise you. Plant the seeds of grace and hope within our softened hearts, Creator God; water them with your love. Call us to follow, so we may join you in serving one another in Love. Journey with us; lead us closer to the cross. Center us on your Way; Guide us to see your Truth; Point us to the Light of your generous Spirit of Love. **Amen**

HYMN "Make Us One"

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FIRST READING **Psalms 51, excerpts** (New International Version)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
 according to your great compassion; blot out my transgressions.
 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
 wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
 Create in me a pure heart, O God,

and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation
 and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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 "He Leadeth Me" Bradbury

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

Blessings don't always make sense. They can be hard to recognize. They can be frightening-- terrifying, even. Yet together, we see the Good News, and pass it along to others. We continue to 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. To give online, you may go to:
<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.

OFFERTORY "Seasons of Love" Larson

SECOND READING **Jeremiah 31:31-34** (The Message)

"The time is coming when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won't be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master." GOD's Decree. "This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them—write it on their hearts!—and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about GOD. They'll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I'll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I'll forget they ever sinned!" GOD's Decree."

REFLECTION

The Lord Declares...

HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart And hope to meet again.

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BENEDICTION

Go forth to sing God's good news to others. Go forth knowing that you do not lack anything you need to be a servant saint of God. Go forth to be that servant for others. You have met God revealed in unexpected places. Go forth to reveal God to others. And may the God of timeless gifts, surprises and revelations go with you on your journey. Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Lead Me, Lord”

Wesley

SERVING

TODAY – MARCH 21

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 28

Sandy O'Shea	Liturgist	Irene Joyce
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn	Sound/Video	Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall	Video	Chuck McDougall
Sandy O'Shea	Special Music	Tanis Merimee, Ken Mehalko

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*In loving memory of Richard Craig
Love, Betty*

Many thanks to Sandy O'Shea for providing music and serving as liturgist for today's worship service! Thank you also to Doug Thorn for putting together our 1 year of COVID remembrance video and to our “Seasons of Love” musicians: Mike Elkins, Tom Foley, Robert Foley, Irene Joyce, Bruce & Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Sandy O'Shea, and Pastor Heidi & Chuck McDougall.



**Happy Birthday today to Ron Rothel and Carol Foley
Happy Anniversary to Mary and Ron Mortus!**

OFFERINGS RECEIVED



Weekly Offering Needed	\$ 3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received	\$ 3,662.00
Difference	\$ 12.63

Thank you very much for your support of our church and its ministries

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING



The annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received throughout the month of March. The gifts you give to OGHS are leveraged with those of others across the United Church of Christ, bringing a greater impact to the work being done with local and global partners. Your support enables the UCC

to respond to a variety of global and local concerns by addressing advocacy, sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, migration, and disasters, and assisting those most in need and vulnerable among us. The COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and flooding have ravaged communities in the United States and worldwide, leaving families and communities in desperate need of assistance and our gifts will help.

THRIFT SHOP



The Thrift Shop is **OPEN** on Thursdays from **10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** with enhanced safety protocols in place and lots of interesting merchandise. Donations are being accepted, but you must **call** the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.

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, Don Gleichauf, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Elliott Joyce, Carole Kapcar, Tony Koussa, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Brigitte Matchett, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mihlack, Lola Millhoane, Joyce Reed, Dorothy and Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldrige, 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), 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), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Terry Robson (the Camps' friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Richard Sazima & Kathy Sazima (Judi Pavisich's friends), Anneke Scholtz (Irene Jannsohn's sister), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Daphne Wilson (Irene Jannsohn's niece)

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



PALM SUNDAY—

The sanctuary of the church will be open on Sunday morning, March 28th from **9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.** to provide an opportunity for our members and friends to come in and be in prayerful communication with God. Pastor Heidi will provide a printed meditation, should you desire a focus for your quiet time, and will be available for prayer and spiritual support as needed.

At 10:30 a.m., we will go outside for a PALM PARADE around the perimeter of the church building—rain or shine!

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday – Maundy Thursday – Good Friday – Easter Sunday

3/28 PALM SUNDAY Drop-in Meditation 9:30 a.m.

OUTDOOR PALM PARADE at 10:30 a.m.

4/1 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Drop-in Meditation/Communion 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

4/2 GOOD FRIDAY

Online rebroadcast of the Song of the Shadows

From combined choirs at the Columbia United Methodist Church

4/4 EASTER SUNDAY

7: 30 a.m. Outdoor Sunrise Service

9 a.m. Easter Worship Service (Reservations required)

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service (Reservations required)

Of course, we will still be offering our online worship services, view by going to: <http://www.strongsvilleucc.com/> and clicking on **WORSHIP**, then you can drop down and select **SERVICE VIDEOS** or access our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCynOZfg4uKoX7HMnKORbXfQ/videos>