



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**

**Sunday, March 27, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent—Penny Sunday**



## 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** "Rondo" from Sonata in D Major, Opus 6 Beethoven

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Greg Dickson

**INTROIT** "Ask, Seek, Knock" Larson

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lent calls us to journey every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**People: Lent calls us to journey to the place where God covenants with us.**

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

**People: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.**

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

**People: Lent calls us to take up our cross, to trust in the One who bears it with us.**

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

**People: Let us worship God, who walks with us, today and every day.**

† HYMN 797 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 32 excerpts  
(New International Version)

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;  
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**Leader:** The Word of God, for us, the people of God;  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

## SHARING OF 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** "In Pilate's Hall" Beall/Carter

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Penny Sunday

## 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.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

**OFFERTORY** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hughes

† 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 GOSPELS** Luke 15: 11-32  
(New International Version)

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them."

**SERMON** "God's Prodigal Love"

† HYMN 479 "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"

## † BENEDICTION

Peace to you in whatever place you call home. Peace to you wherever you find yourself on the road of life. Peace to you within and without. May you know, deep in your heart, that you are God's beloved child. Go in peace. Amen.

† RESPONSE "Sabbath Prayer" adapted from *Fiddler on the Roof* Stein

† POSTLUDE "Allegro Molto" from Sonata in D Major, Opus 6 Beethoven

## SERVING

TODAY – MARCH 27	NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 3
Elaine Coffey	<b>Greeters</b> Linda Plain
Herb Hampson	<b>Liturgist</b> Judi Pavisich
Elaine Coffey	<b>Ushers</b> Volunteers needed
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b> Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b> Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	<b>Organist</b> Sharon Heinrich
Chuck McDougall/Jim Heinrich	<b>Video/Sound</b> Chuck McDougall/Jim Heinrich
Chancel Choir	<b>Special Music</b> Erin DiFrancesco, Choir

**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](http://strongsvilleucc.com), select **Worship**, and click on **Service Videos**.



## A NOTE OF THANKS—

Many thanks to our **Chancel Choir, Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich** for sharing their music with us today.

The altar flowers are given—

*In loving memory of Gordon Cockrell*  
Kathryn Cockrell and the Cockrell Family

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Rob Wentz on April 1<sup>st</sup>!*  
Love, Grammy



## IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



Please note that there will be visitation for **Bob Zimmerman** at **Sunset Memorial Park** on **Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 11-12:00, with a memorial service following at noon.

## COMING SOON

Plans are underway for our church to lead a community-wide project to put together Disaster Relief kits and fill a trailer with these much-needed supplies for victims of any sort of disaster. **STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!**



## PENNY SUNDAY TODAY

You've been saving your coins, dollars, and checks (to Strongsville UCC) for our Penny Sunday! The money collected will go toward the church's **Disaster Relief project**.



## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesdays, Pastor Heidi, along with Linda Elkins, is leading a Lenten Bible Study called, **"Reading Between the Lines: Exploring Our Story through Biblical Stories."** We meet from 1:00-2:00 p.m. All are welcome and it's not too late to join us.

## WE NEED YOU IN 2022!

Sign-up sheets are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or bread/pastry sorter. Don't know how to do any of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. If you like to cook . . . or bake . . . or reach out to others in love . . . as winter and circumstances continue to make it hard to stay connected, your Diaconate Committee is organizing a **Church Family Care Ministry Team** and would LOVE to have you take part! (You do not need to be a member of the Diaconate to participate, and you may come and go as you are led.) **Response forms are located in the Gathering Area.**



## IT'S A BOY!



Congratulations to **Pastor Heidi** and **Chuck** on the arrival of the fourteenth grandchild! **Helios McDougall** was born on March 22, 2022 at 7 lbs., 8 oz. His parents are **Greg and Anais McDougall**, and his sisters are **Kalistee** and **Eowyn**.



## TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



The United Church of Christ responds to humanitarian and development needs in the world. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing® carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. Through our work with local churches, conferences, international partners and organizations, One Great Hour of Sharing provides sources of clean water, food, education, health care, small business micro-credit loans, advocacy, resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, emergency relief and rehabilitation as well as disaster preparedness and response. We will be collecting throughout the month of March. **Envelopes are in the pews.**



**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**LIMITED RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389  
(To-go meals will be available.)**

**Reminder:** When the Strongsville City Schools are closed for weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served that day. We love you and want you to stay safe.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Janet Kato, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Linda Elliott, Tom Foley, Ramona Glaze, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mihlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Judi Pavisich, Sandy Pogozeleski, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Owen Woodward, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



**Extended Church Family:** Ron Adams (Judi Pavisich's friend), Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Jerry Cergol, (Barb Fraunfelder & Dennis Smith's friend), Hunter Colao (Barb & Mark Camp's grandson), Mary Ann Csory (Judi Pavisich's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mihlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend) Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, 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), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Sandra Wentz (Debbie's daughter-in-law), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby)

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

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37  
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,765.70  
Difference (-\$1,883.67)

**Thank you very much for your support.**

**PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 62**



## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- **The Board of Trustees** will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **April 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **April 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **April 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thursday** of the month, **April 21, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

## DIACONATE "WING" NIGHT

**FRIDAY, MAY 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**at the Grindstone Tap House in Berea.** It is \$25 per ticket. Ticket includes boneless wings, pizza, pasta, salad, draft beer, well drinks, wine, soda. There will be a basket raffle, sideboards, and a great chance to socialize. Ticket sales will begin March 27th

in Pilgrim Hall. Please provide cash or check only.

In addition, we are looking for basket donations for wing night. There will be a sign up for your name and your themed basket on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.



## FIRST AID SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE— NOW THROUGH APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>

Our church is collecting first aid supplies for Ukraine with Olmsted Falls Middle School and a non-profit organization in Cleveland called [MedWish International](https://www.medwish.org/), which saves lives and the environment by repurposing discarded medical supplies and equipment to provide humanitarian aid to people in need. MedWish is asking for basic emergency supplies for the humanitarian emergency in Ukraine. Here's what we need:



**Individual first aid kits**  
**Hydrogel dressings**  
**Alcohol wipes**  
**Sterile gauze**  
**Blood pressure machines (battery operated)**  
**Surgical tape**  
**Band-Aids**  
**Antibacterial ointment**

## OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS, WHO WERE WELCOMED INTO OUR CONGREGATION LAST WEEK!



Dan & Laura Winrod, Roz Fotos, Chris Goff, Brian Kohler, Kristen Burgess

## EASTER LILIES/TULIPS ORDER FORM

You may choose a lily or tulips (no color choice). Please turn in this form or email the church prior to the deadline of **Sunday, April 3, 2022 at NOON**. The cost is **\$8.00**. Payment is due **April 10, 2022**.

Wording for bulletin:

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

(# of plants) Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$8) Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$8)

Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will take my plant(s). ☐ I will leave my plant(s) for someone who needs some cheer.

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**, and call or email the church with your order.

**For Church Records**

**2022 Easter Lily/Tulip**

Total number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Offering envelope number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Order deadline is  
**Sunday, April 3, 2022 at NOON.**  
Payment deadline is  
**April 10, 2022.**





## CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022

Elected January 30, 2022 \* = 1 year term

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

### Sunday School Co-Superintendents

Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

### Board of Trustees

Myron Costin Diana Creecy Bill Giuliano\* (Vice-chair) Herb Hampson  
Dale Hawk Sarah Hayes Sandy Pogozelski\*  
Dave Sekorky Ed Sobek\* Rachel Zielinski (Chair)

### Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Greg Dickson Linda Stepan Joyce Reed\*

### Diaconate

Teri Barbish Barbara Camp\* Elaine Coffey Cathy Hawk\*  
Linda Kapcar Bobbie Krisak Sharon Maresco Linda Ponstingle  
Cheryl Sobek\* Cherie Teagno Barbara White\*

### Christian Education Committee

Serena Abruzzino\* Mary Densmore  
Linda Elkins Amanda Marshall Lora Rung

### Music Committee

Richard Densmore Ingrid Dickson  
Pam Keenen\* Ken Mehalko\* Rob Stepan  
*ex officio:* Sharon Heinrich Tom Foley Mike Elkins

### Stewardship Committee

Sue Gigliotti\* Beth Giuliano\* Judi Pavisich  
Richard Taylor Rob Toth

### Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte\* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak  
Lora Rung\* Jennifer Sekorky Bev Wehr\*



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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.

## GIFT CARDS

### AN EASY WAY TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH!



You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order.

**Limited stock is available for purchase on**

**Sunday mornings.**

Thank you to those who continue to support this project by buying gift cards!

## YES! I'D LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY CARE TEAM.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



### I AM INTERESTED IN:

\_\_\_\_\_ OFFERING OR RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

\_\_\_\_\_ CALLING FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PRAY, BUT DON'T USE EMAIL

\_\_\_\_\_ PREPARING AN EXTRA MEAL AND DELIVERING IT TO SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

\_\_\_\_\_ HELPING COOK A DISH AND OR SERVE MEALS AT FUNERAL LUNCHEON

\_\_\_\_\_ BECOMING A "PHONE BUDDY" AND PERIODICALLY CHECK IN WITH SOMEONE WHO'S HOMEBOUND

\_\_\_\_\_ OFFERING AN OCCASIONAL RIDE TO TAKE MEMBERS TO APPOINTMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ I WOULD BE WILLING TO...



# HOLY WEEK

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

With the traditional processional of the Palms



**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Maundy Thursday**

Worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.



**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday**

"Song of the Shadows" at 8:15 p.m.

Ecumenical collaboration

At Whitehall in Columbia Station

(formerly Copopa Elementary School)

14161 W River Rd, Columbia Station



**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter**

Sunrise Service at 7 a.m.



Easter Breakfast 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship with Brass at 10 a.m.

