



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Pastor

Sunday – March 3, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Communion



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.

For questions about our church and ministries, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "The Potter's Hand" Zschech

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sally Herzog

INTROIT "Adoramus Te, Christe" Palestrina

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

People: God calls us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.

Leader: On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

People: With a word, and with wonder, God molds us into who we are.

Leader: On the playground, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

People: God's Spirit gathers up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offers them to God.

† **HYMN 2** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 34: 29-35

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "Lord, Hear Our Prayer" Elkins

ANTHEM "A Clean Heart" Harlan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Irish Tune

† **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.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 9: 28-36

SERMON Shining Like the Son

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF CONFESSION, RECONCILIATION AND PARDON

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor: Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with whirlwinds of wonders; instead, God quietly offers us whispers of grace. God is waiting to forgive us, so let us hold nothing back. Place your trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us with mercy.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

People: We admit that we sometimes hesitate to come near you, O God. For if we do, you might see how our faces fill with rage as we speak hurtful words, or become pale with fear of those who are different. We can become unable to see the faces that surround us, faces aching from loneliness, hunger, and hopelessness. Reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One, by pouring out mercy upon us. May we speak your love to all those around us. Send us out to do your justice, which brings hope to the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the Good News, and take it to heart: God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves!

People: By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP "Lamb of God" Paris

All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or the communion servers will come to you if you wish.

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.

† **HYMN 237** "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE/ POSTLUDE** "Shout to the Lord" Zschech

SERVING

TODAY – MARCH 3 **NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 10**

Dan Masuga	Liturgist	Linda Ponstingle
Linda Plain	Greeters	Billie Cantrell
Linda Plain/Judi Pavisich	Ushers	Bill Schneider
Volunteer needed	Coffee Hour	Nicole Rachid
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins

The altar flowers are given—

Happy Birthday to Mike Elkins on February 29! Love, Linda

Happy Birthday to Elena Joyce Love your family
(Please remember to take your altar flowers with you or give them to a friend after worship.)

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Eddy Bond on March 1!

From Your Church Family

Happy Birthday today to Elena Joyce, Erhardt Bell, and Analise Dragony!

Worship Team will meet today following the worship service.

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, go to Worship, and click on Service Videos.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 6** at 7 p.m. for a quiet, contemplative service commemorating Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.



NEXT WEEK...Lenten Study with Pastor Heidi.

Plan to participate in this meaningful 5-week course, *Interfaith: Being Love in the World*, starting March 10 at noon. A light lunch will be provided each Sunday for those who attend the studies. Please indicate your interest in participating on the back of your attendance card and place the card in the offering plate or beneath the office door.

OUR PRAYER LIST

If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.



Long-Term Care or Homebound: Betty Bushea at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Betty Babics, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Steve Herzog, Elena Joyce, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Phyllis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Fred and Kathe Lombardo, Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Karen Morgan, Harvey Pincombe, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Linda Stepan, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Adams Family (friends of Judi Pavisich), Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich's granddaughter), Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Margaret Haught (mother of Jen Barry), Rev. Erv Koch, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Jeff Perrin (cousin of Barb Fraunfelder), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga), Brad Williams, (friend of Judi Pavisich)

Our church has an e-mail prayer chain.

Please see Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added.



PENNY SUNDAY—Last week's Penny Sunday collection of \$144.71 went to St. Herman House of Hospitality in Cleveland, which serves the homeless with food, clothing, shelter, job assistance, and understanding. Thank you for your generosity. The next Penny Sunday is **March 31** for **Laura's Home for Women and Children**, which serves families in crisis, through the City Mission.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

(If the Strongsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be served.)

MARCH 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 Sun** **Worship 10am with Communion**
Children's Choir
- 6 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm
- 7 Thurs** Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
NO Bell Choir Rehearsal
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 8 Fri** Baby Shower in Pilgrim Hall 6pm
- 10 Sun** **Worship 10am**
Lenten Study Noon
Children's Choir
- 12 Tues** Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 13 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Adult Social Club Meeting 7pm
Fit Club, 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 14 Thurs** Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal **7pm**
Chancel Choir Rehearsal **8pm**
- 17 Sun** **Worship 10am**
Lenten Study Noon
Children's Choir
- 19 Tues** Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15pm
- 21 Thurs** Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Men's Lunch 11am
Bell Choir Rehearsal **7pm**
Chancel Choir Rehearsal **8pm**
- 24 Sun** **Worship 10am—Guest minister**
Children's Choir
- 26 Tues** Official Board Meeting 7pm
- 27 Wed** Free Lunch for All, 11:30am-12:30pm
Fit Club 7:15pm
Band Rehearsal 8:15 pm
- 28 Thurs** Thrift Shop 10am-4pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal **7pm**
Chancel Choir Rehearsal **8pm**
- 31 Sun** **Worship 10am--Penny Sunday**
Lenten Study Noon



DID YOU KNOW? Our church supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. They are especially in need of peanut butter & jelly, soup, and family meals. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and

place them in the collection box nestled in the corner of Pilgrim Hall next to the bulletin board. Thank you to **Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt** for delivering the donations to the Food Bank each week.



THE THRIFT SHOP is open for business on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a bonus Free Lunch for All sale day on Wednesdays once a month from 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **WE NEED HELP!** If you can spare a few hours on Thursdays to volunteer in our Thrift Shop, please consider helping at the Thrift Shop. **We truly appreciate your usable donations to the Thrift Shop, but please do not place boxes, bags or items in the stairwells. (Strongsville Fire Dept. regulations) Doing so is a safety hazard.**

YOU'RE INVITED!



Members of the church and friends of **Kyra Krause** are invited to her baby shower on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Please RSVP to Kyra at 440-444-8938 if you would like to attend. She is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Target.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,552.02
Last Week's Offering Received \$2,232.35
(Difference - \$1,289.67)



So far, we have received 75 pledges totaling \$128,232.00.

THANK YOU to everyone who uses **smile.amazon.com**. Our church has received \$45.35 from October – December, 2018.

ALTAR FLOWERS



You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$15 for one vase, \$30 for two vases. Near the flower chart in Pilgrim Hall are forms for submitting your bulletin information and envelopes for enclosing your payment to the church office. Thank you for placing flowers on the altar.

2019 Flower sign-up chart is posted and several Sundays, including next week--March 10, are still available for this year!

STEEPLE LIGHTING

To light the steeple, the minimum donation is \$5.00. Donation forms are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Multiple donations for the same week will be accepted. For questions, please call the church, (440) 238-6697. Thank you to all who light the steeple.



CHURCH SECURITY

Friendly reminder: If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure doors are locked and lights are turned out. Also, please push or pull on the doors to make sure they are secure. Thanks!



PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS!

A friend of Amanda Hawk is making a memorial bench constructed of plastic bottle caps. A red can for collecting them is located in Pilgrim Hall.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Sign-up sheets in Pilgrim Hall are waiting for **your name** to be added as a communion server, greeter, usher, coffee hour helper, or nursery helper! Another fun job is sorting and packing the bread and pastry donations from Panera on Mondays or Fridays. Please contact the church office and we will get you lined up with the right people! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



MUSIC REHEARSAL TIME CHANGE
Starting **March 14, 2019**, the **Bell Choir** will rehearse at **7 p.m.** and the **Chancel Choir** will rehearse at **8 p.m. on Thursday Evenings.**

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Orders are now being accepted. Please complete this form and place it in the Church Office or offering plate with your cash or check payment by the deadline of **Sunday, March 31, 2019**. The cost is **\$8.00**.

Wording for bulletin: _____

Given by: _____

Total number of plants: _____

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 place your order (with payment) in the church office, or mail it to: **The United Church of Christ**
13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136

Thank you for placing a lily on the altar on Easter Sunday morning.

Additional lily order forms **and envelopes** are available in the Gathering Area.

For Church Records **2019 Easter Lily**

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

Offering envelope number: _____ Cash/Check No. _____

Name: _____

*Order deadline is **Sunday, March 31, 2019.***

