

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Our hope, our help, our peace, our joy all come from God, the One who loved us, and the whole world, so much, that God chose to become human and pitch a tent among God's people. People: Keeper of our souls, be with us; Watcher of our days, lead us; Salvation of our lives, have mercy on us. Amen.

#### A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP	"Restless"	Assad		
Sarah Keenen, vocalist				

#### 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 147

"How Great Thou Art"

## **+ 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.

† RESPONSE	"Shaker Parting Song"
<b>† POSTLUDE</b>	"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. Carter "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian \_\_\_\_\_

arr. Purdum

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.

We thank the Children's Choir, Carol Foley, Sarah Keenen, and the Chancel Choir, along with Tom Foley, Mike Elkins, and Sharon Heinrich for sharing their music with us today. \*\*\*\*\*\* The altar flowers are given—





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Weekly Offering Needed Difference



**ATTENDANCE CARDS ARE IN YOUR BULLETIN!** Please take a moment to complete the card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may write prayer requests on the reverse side, if you wish to have us pray for someone and add a name to the prayer chain.

# "It Causes Me to Tremble" Raney CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## **OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Raney

(New Revised Standard Version)

I lift up my eyes to the hills-from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

Leader: Companion of our sleepless nights, Watcher in the night:

Leader: Word which creates out of nothingness. Spirit of new life

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

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

#### **PRAYING IN SILENCE**

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, ALL: Hear our prayers. Amen.

#### **ANTHEM**

Psalm 121

who would fill us with life: People: Be in us, we pray. Transform us into faithful disciples.

# **† HYMN 23**

People: Walk with us, we pray.

People: Stay with us, we pray.

### "The God of Abraham Praise"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

	NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 12
Greeters	Judi Pavisich
Liturgist	Elaine Coffey
Ushers	Judi Pavisich
Acolytes	Oliver & Matilda Sekorky
<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
ciate Director of	Music Mike Elkins
Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
/ Special Music	Elaine Coffey, Chancel Choir
ecial Guest Minis	ster Rev. Patricia Jefferis
	Greeters Liturgist Ushers Acolytes Director of Music ciate Director of Organist Sound y Special Music

## A NOTE OF THANKS-

In loving memory of Lloyd N. Bridle With Love from his family I love vou. Mom-Audrev McQueen

Our steeple will light the sky this week— Happy Birthday to Elena Joyce on March 3<sup>rd</sup>! With love from your family

Happy Birthday today to Samuel Cuyler!

FRESH FLOWERS EACH WEEK! Please sign up for 2023 altar flowers on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Many Sundays are available to honor a special date or loved one.

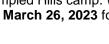
**PENNY SUNDAY!** Thank you to everyone who contributed to last week's for UCC Outdoor Ministries, Templed Hills camp. We collected \$230.95. The next Penny Sunday will be on March 26, 2023 for Berea Animal Rescue Friends.

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED** 

\$3,617.01 Last Week's Offering Received \$3,379.35 -(\$ 237.66)

Thank you very much for your support. Pledge cards received to date: 62 

**LENTEN STUDY: Discovering the** S.A.C.R.E.D. Pastor Heidi and Linda Elkins will be offering a six-week Lenten study by Ann Voskamp, whose contemplative, hope-filled teachings will help Study Series us rediscover the need for meditative, quiet time in our lives. We meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Gatherin Area.









SERVING

#### CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO MAY 14<sup>th</sup>

You may recall that our church had a congregational photo scheduled in 2020, which was cancelled by the global pandemic. Well, three years later, we are trying again! The

Smile

congregational photo is important to the historic records of the church and the last group picture of our congregation was taken in 2010. Please try to include this rare event in your Mother's Day plans. (The photo is scheduled to be taken immediately following the benediction of the worship service, so you will still have plenty of time to take your mom to brunch.)

# meeting

#### **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **March 14**<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, March **21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.**
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.**

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#### EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

United Church of Christ Disaster Relief Ministry is on the ground providing humanitarian aid in Turkey and Syria. To donate to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) go to https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/turkey-syria-emergency-

appeal/donate?inf\_contact\_key=f5bc4cb2d41410f840a0988bee0ee0b7842e902fbef b79ab9abae13bfcb46658 and follow the prompts.

#### **OUR PRAYER LIST**

Please provide updates for this list to the church office. Long-Term Care or Homebound: Joan Beckwith, Mary Carey, Laurie Meister, Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Maggie Struhar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Diana Creecy, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Bruce Keenen, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Reggie McCray, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, Sandy Pogozelski, Cade Raymond, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Peter Smith, John Toth, Sharon Wilson, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch



Extended Church Family: Ron & Yvonne Adams (Judi

Pavisich's friends). Dorene Baldridge, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister). Ron Colosimo (Judi Pavisich's friend), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Jennifer Gleichauf (Don & Sandy's daughter-in-law), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tom Irelan (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Patty Kubancik (Sue Gigliotti's sister), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Bruce Unger (Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by earthquakes and severe weather

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

#### \_\_\_\_\_ WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

#### Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

"Guess Who" Bring and old photo of yourself & games!



Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Pie Day for  $\pi$  Day (3/14). Join us in sharing a slice of pie for Coffee Hour in honor of Pi Day. ALL are welcome to attend our programs!



#### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering Envelopes should be mailed out this month. However, please know that you may use any envelope to give your offering--we still need your donations to maintain our ministries! Plus, envelopes are in the pews to

use until mailings resume.

#### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THRIFT SHOP

#### The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are being accepted during those hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special

involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration,

and development ministries throughout the

displaced or made refugees by violence or

world. When a disaster strikes or people are

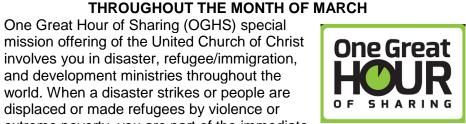


As always, special thanks to our dedicated volunteers and to everyone who supports the Thrift Shop with donations or by shoppina!



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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** 



extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Envelopes are in the pews. \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE DON'T FALL FOR A SCAM! Pastor Heidi will never ask you for cash or gift cards via text or email. If there is a need, she will approach you in person.

### FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND--Come and hear live music for FREE TODAY at 3 p.m.

The Strongsville Community Band Winter Concert on Sunday, March 5, 2023, will feature a program of exciting music which will include Klezmer Classics, a selection of well known Jewish songs performed in a traditional Klezmer style. Also being featured on the program will be vocalist Carl Fernstrum, music director of the Strongsville Methodist Church, performing music from Les Misérables. The free concert is on Sunday, March 5 in the Strongsville Middle School Auditorium at 13200 Pearl Rd.



cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.

You may choose lilies, hyacinths, or tulips (no color choice). To order, please email the church prior to the deadline of Sunday, March 19, 2023 at NOON. The cost is \$8.00. Payment is due March 19, 2023.

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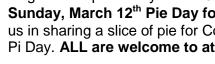
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# **FREE LUNCH FOR ALL--Wednesdays**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Reminder: For the safety of our volunteers and friends, when the Strongsville City Schools are closed on a Wednesday for the weather, the Free Lunch for All will not be serving lunch.



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### PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT THIS EASY, CONVENIENT PROGRAM THAT BENEFITS THE CHURCH. You can order gift

### EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

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

> Tulips (x \$8)

> (x \$8) Hyacinths

> > Total amount due: \$

 $\Box$  I will take my plant(s).  $\Box$  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.

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#### **CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2023**

\*Elected January 29, 2023

 Moderator:
 Greg Dickson
 Vice-Moderator:
 Jen Barry

 Treasurer:
 Sally Herzog
 Clerk:
 Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Co-Superintendents Linda Elkins Mary Densmore\*

#### **Board of Trustees**

Diana Creecy Chris Goff\* Herb Hampson Cathy Hawk Sarah Hayes Cheryl Sobek\* Dan Winrod\* Laura Winrod\* Rachel Zielinski

#### Endowment Fund Subcommittee

Greg Dickson Linda Stepan Dave Williams\* Diaconate

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#### **Christian Education Committee**

Serena Abruzzino\* Mary Densmore\*

Linda Elkins Amanda Marshall Lora Rung

#### **Music Committee**

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

#### Stewardship Committee

Judi Pavisich Bill Schneider\* Richard Taylor Rob Toth Mary Willis\*

Mission and Outreach Committee

Judy Carte\* Sarah Hayes Bobbie Krisak Lora Rung\* Jennifer Sekorky Peter Smith \* Bev Wehr Mary Ellen Zimmerman\*

#### BEE A BUSY BEE IN 2023

Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area are waiting for **your name** to be added as a greeter or an usher. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know! Everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.

