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Sunday, May 15, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.



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 "We Will Glorify" arr. Bettcher

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sally Herzog

BELL INTROIT "As the Deer" arr. Bettcher

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

People: Let praise to God fill the earth!

Leader: Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

People: Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits today.

People: Let us praise the Lord today and always! Amen.

† HYMN 97 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 148
(New Revised Standard Version)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all his angels; praise Him, all his host!

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars!

Praise Him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever he fixed their bounds,

which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

His glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to Him.

Praise the Lord!

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.

BELL ANTHEM "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" arr. Keller

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Rebekah Rathman-Wingrove

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 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Dykes

† 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 BOOK OF ACTS Acts 11:1-18

When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision."

REFLECTION "Picky Eaters" Rev. Rebekah Rathman-Wingrove

† HYMN 428 "In Christ There is no East or West"

† 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/POSTLUDE

SERVING

TODAY – MAY 15		NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 22
Judi Pavisich	Greeters	Barbara & John Toth
Pastor Heidi	Liturgist	Rick Teagno
Judi Pavisich	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Chris Abruzzino/Riley Marshall	Acolytes	Aidan Hurtig/Luke Giuliano
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Video/Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Bell Choir	Special Music	Carol Foley, Chancel Choir
Rebekah Rathman-Wingrove	Guest Minister	

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**.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The annual Strengthen the Church offering will be received throughout the month of May. It is a special mission offering Through Strengthen the Church, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to support United Church of Christ ministries throughout the world. Envelopes are available in the pews.



A NOTE OF THANKS—

Many thanks to our **Bell Choir** (Elaine Coffey, Linda Elkins, Linda Ponstingle, Barbara Toth, Sharon Heinrich, Barb Fraunfelder, Sarah Toth, Ingrid Dickson, Irene Joyce, Rob Toth, Mary Densmore, John Hattery and subs **Mike Elkins & Nicki Haire**) **Tom Foley**, and **Mike Elkins**, for sharing their music with us today. We also welcome and thank our guest minister, **Rev. Rebekah Rathman-Wingrove**.

The altar flowers are given—

Happy Birthday to Gina Cathcart!

Love, Mom & Dad

In Loving Memory of my sister, Rita--Ginger Rothel

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy 1st Birthday to Iris Craig on May 21st

With love, Grammy

Happy Birthday today to Gina Cathcart!

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, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Linda Elliott, Sue Hawk, Bob Heddleson, Sharon Heinrich, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Bruce Keenen, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Peter Smith, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Doug Thorn, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Carol Woodward, Gary Zielinski, Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldridge, Fred Beba (Theresa's husband), Jerry Carleton (Judi Pavisich's friend), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), 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 Mhlack'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), Bruce Unger (Steve & Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), 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



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, May 17th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, May 24th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
Last Week's Offering Received \$4,268.60
Difference + \$619.23



Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 65

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 Thursday of the month, May 19, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

NEW WINDOWS INSTALLATION



The starting date for installation of our new windows has been moved to Monday, May 16th. The project is expected to take three days to complete.

IT'S HAPPENING!

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JUNE 24th
from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M. AND
SATURDAY, JUNE 25th
from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.



Donations will be accepted Starting June 5th.

We accept household items, home décor, sporting equipment, craft supplies, books, games, toys, small electronics, furniture, kitchenware and dishes, plus clothing & shoes (for the Thrift Shop) We DO NOT accept liquids of any kind, hazardous materials, or large televisions.

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 June 19-24 (or just show up)!

BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the Garage Sale

Please bring your wrapped/bagged baked goods on Friday, June 24th before 6 p.m. or Saturday, June 25th before 9 a.m.



The Strongsville Community Band will present their Spring Concert on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 PM in The Strongsville Middle School Auditorium at 13200 Pearl Rd. The concert will feature light classics and show tunes. Featured soloist will be Strongsville's own Cindy Smith singing highlights from the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I." The concert is FREE.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
RESERVATIONS--Call (440) 238-5389
(To-go meals will be available.)



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.) Please complete and turn in this response form:

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...

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL starts June 5th

Who Do YOU Say I Am?

Investigating the Mystery of Jesus
Using Detective Work and Mystery Solving

We need volunteers to sign up to teach a lesson during the summer months. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Lesson plans and materials provided and no experience is required. Any questions? Please contact Linda Elkins, (440) 655-8891, or the church office.



GRADUATES

Our church would like to recognize our graduates, so please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. Send the following information and a PHOTO of your high school, college, or tech graduate.

Name of graduate: _____

Graduate's address: _____

Graduate's email: _____

School: _____

Graduation Date (month at least): _____

Church Family member: _____

Relationship to church member: _____

Activities: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Diploma / Degree Earned: _____

Future Plans: _____

Parents/Grandparents: _____

Please email the above information, along with a photo of the graduate, to the church office at strongsvilleucc@gmail.com by Sunday, June 5th.

