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Minister

Sunday – May 20, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.  
*Pentecost and Confirmation*

WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning.  
No matter who you are and where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.

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

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

BAND PRELUDE “Find Us Faithful” Jon Mohr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rachel Zielinski

INTROIT “I Was Glad” Albin C. Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!  
Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!  
**People: For God has done wondrous things for us.**  
Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!  
Fill us with the power of the rushing wind  
that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.  
**People: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!**  
Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.  
**People: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.**

† HYMN 21 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-4

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Native American Flute

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and OUR 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.

ORGAN PRAYER RESPONSE “Amen”

ANTHEM “Testify to Love” Paul Field

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:5-13

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” Chris Tomlin  
Sarah Keenen, Vocalist

† DOXOLOGY HYMN 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

† HYMN 391 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:14-21

REFLECTIVE MUSIC “In Christ Alone” Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONFIRMANDS Lora Rung

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS/PROJECTS BY CONFIRMANDS

Alysha Brooke Rolland  
Jordyn Ruby Miller  
Emma Helene Haleaka Clotworthy  
Olivia Marie Mapuana Clotworthy  
Clara Marie Barry  
Benjamin Michael Kaniunohea Clotworthy

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Friends, let us all stand, now, as we confess with one voice our faith  
in the triune God:  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and  
earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he  
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead  
and ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection  
of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Let’s pray together in silence.

Let’s pray together:

Almighty God, who in baptism received these, your servants,  
into your church, forgave their sins and promised them eternal  
life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant them  
love for others; joy in serving you; peace in disagreement;  
patience in suffering; kindness toward all people; goodness in  
evil times; faithfulness in temptation; gentleness in the face of  
opposition; self-control in all things. In these ways, strengthen  
them for their service to you in the world, through Jesus Christ  
and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE ACT OF CONFIRMATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION

We rejoice, O God, in welcoming these new members into the  
family of Christ. We give you thanks for the many ways your  
Spirit has been at work in their lives, and ask that you continue  
to abide in their hearts, helping them keep straight their paths.  
Keep them strong in hope, unwavering in their commitment to  
do what is right and good in the world. We promise to you our  
continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and  
labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy  
Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge  
and love, and be faithful witnesses to our risen Savior. Amen.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC “In Christ Alone” Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

PASTORAL REFLECTION

† HYMN 444 “I Love to Tell the Story” Verses 1, 2, 4

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE “Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace” Whitworth

† BAND POSTLUDE “Just a Little Talk with Jesus” Cleavant Derrick

The altar flowers are given—  
*In Celebration of Our Anniversary on May 24*  
Ron and Ginger Rothel

Our steeple will light the sky this week—  
*Happy Birthday on May 22 to Ryan Craig and to Tracey Hill and*  
*Happy Anniversary on May 25 to*  
*Adam and Kristina Craig and to Stacie and Dan Sauter*  
With love, Grammy

Official Board meets Tuesday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Membership – If you are interested in becoming a member of Strongsville  
UCC, please contact Pastor Heidi or call the church office, (440) 238-6697.

**The Strengthen the Church** offering will be received today. The offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Thank you for your support.

**Thank you to everyone who participates in our Penny Sunday collections.** The next Penny Sunday will be on May 27 and will go toward our own Sunday School programs and scholarships.

**Giving statements for those who pledged** are available for pickup in the Gathering Area after worship today and on Sunday mornings in May. If you do not pledge but you would like a statement, please contact Adria Bond at (440) 227-8410. Please know we will accept pledge cards at any time and not just during the Stewardship Campaign.

**Church Kitchen** – Please check with Betty Craig before you leave donations for the kitchen, but know that donating to the coffee hour jar is the best way to ensure that needed supplies are purchased. Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

**Cleaning of church freezers and refrigerator** continues this week. Items that are not **dated** and **marked** may disappear. Please take time to check the freezers and refrigerator for unmarked items that belong to you or your group. Thank you. Betty Craig

**Graduates within our church family will be recognized in church on Sunday, June 10.** If someone is graduating within your family, please complete the form on the top of the cabinet in the Gathering Area, and submit it to the church office by next Sunday, May 27. Thank you.

**The memorial service bulletin** for our former member, Millie Lantzer, is posted on the Pilgrim Hall bulletin board. A beautiful write-up about Millie’s life is included in the bulletin.

**Stewardship** – Just a reminder that the church still has expenses during the summer months when you may be away and church activities slow down. If possible, please continue your regular giving by mailing your offering to the church: Strongsville UCC, 13740 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136. For your convenience, church-addressed mailing envelopes are available in the Gathering Area on the cabinet. Another option is electronic giving (myEoffering) for anyone interested. Instructions for myEoffering will be in the June Church Newsletter. Thank you very much for your continued financial support of our church.

**News from the Corner Office** – After more than 26 years as our faithful Church Secretary, Sharon Heinrich will be retiring in June. We are indebted to her for her service and devotion as she completes her many years of employment with us. The Board of Trustees voted to hire Irene Joyce as her replacement at their May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Irene will be training with Sharon for the next few weeks to assure a smooth transition. Thank you for your patience and prayers during this upcoming period of adjustment.

S E R V I N G			
TODAY – MAY 20		NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 27	
Pastor Heidi	<b>Liturgists</b>	Ted Bickley and Teddy Bickley	
Sharon and Karl Kuhlenschmidt	<b>Greeters</b>	Eddy and Adria Bond	
Chuck McDougall	<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck McDougall	
Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Myron Costin	

## WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP TOTE BAGS PROJECT

Women’s Fellowship Spring Project is to fill about 60 Tote Bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11” x 12”. Donations of any of the items listed below or monetary donations (so we may purchase items) are appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked “Tote Bag Project” and placed in the church office.

Collection continues until May 31. **A collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Travel size is best and can be found at Marc’s or Target.

### PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE FAMILY-SIZE ITEMS.

soap (facial size or smaller)	small tissue packets
shampoo	small cars or trucks
body lotion	decks of cards
deodorant	activity books
tooth brushes	coloring books
toothpaste (small tubes)	small stuffed toys (no bigger than 8”)
wash cloths	blowing bubbles (small bottles)
combs or brushes	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 or 24 count)	

## 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, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

**Church Family:** Eddy Bond, Rev. Larry Craig, Steve Herzog, Margot James, Bobbie Krisak, Karl Kuhlenschmidt, Martha Liebert, Sandra Manos (mother of Eli), Lacey Marshall (daughter of Amanda and John), Lynne McCray, Laurie Meister, Karen Morgan, Joyce Reed, Barbara Toth at Fairview Hospital, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Dave Woodward, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Luke Bazan (friend of Judi Pavisich’s granddaughter), Michele Cortese (friend of the Heinrichs), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Joyce Freeman (sister of Carol Woodward), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Karen Greenway and daughters (friends of Judi Pavisich), Sam Harteis (friend of Reeds), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Muriel McKeever (mother of Pastor Heidi), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)



## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,649.31
Weekly Offering Received 5/13/2018	<u>\$2,340.75</u>
Difference	(\$1,308.56)



## MAY 2018

22	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7pm
23	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club 7pm Men’s Luncheon, 11:30am
27	Sun	Penny Sunday Deadline for submitting graduate information
30	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club 7pm
31	Thu	Collection for tote bags concludes

## JUNE 2018

3	Sun	Communion Summer Sunday School begins Recognition of Instrumentalists, during worship Worship Committee Meeting, after worship
6	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 12:30pm Women’s Fellowship Meeting, 10am Fit Club, 7pm
10	Sun	Recognition of graduates in worship Recognition of vocalists, during worship
12	Tue	Trustees Meeting, 7pm
13	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm
15	Fri	July 2018 Newsletter Deadline
17	Sun	Father’s Day
19	Tue	Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
20	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm
24	Sun	Adult Social Club trip to the aquarium
27	Wed	Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-12:30pm Fit Club, 7pm
31	Sun	Penny Sunday

**Strongsville Community Band** will present a concert today at 3:00 p.m. at Strongsville Senior Center. Several of our church members are involved in this event. All are welcome to this free concert.

**Men’s Luncheon** will meet on Wednesday, May 23, at 11:30 a.m.

**Summer Sunday School starts June 3** – Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are invited to sign up to teach a lesson for our combined class on a Sunday in the summertime. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Please add your name to our sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall if you are willing to help.



GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 10, 2018, during worship.** Please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We are interested to have an accurate list of graduates from high school, college, and schools of higher learning.

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date (month at least): \_\_\_\_\_

Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Honors and Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

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Diploma / Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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The graduate \_\_\_\_\_will \_\_\_\_\_will not attend church on June 10.

In addition, we would like **a graduation announcement and photo of the graduate for our church graduation bulletin board** that will be displayed in June. The announcement and photo will be returned to you.

Please place graduation information in the church office, or call the church office at (440) 238-6697 with this information **by Sunday, May 27.**



ADULT SOCIAL CLUB UPDATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Mark your calendars now for these Sunday events!*

- June 24** - Cleveland Aquarium (via Lakefront Bus with meal stop)
- July 22** - All Church Picnic at Volunteer Park on West Lunn Road
- August 19** - Botanical Gardens (via Lakefront Bus) Dinner in Little Italy
- September 14** - The Platters (Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's
- September 16** - Jilbert Winery & Brewery in Valley City
- October 7** - The Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet Mansion (via Lakefront Bus)
- November 13** - A Branson Country Christmas (Dinner & Show) at Carrie Cerino's
- December 12** - Downtown Holiday Lights Tour (via Lakefront Bus with meal stop)

*The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at church.*  
*As always, all adults are welcome to the events and meetings.*  
**Please see Linda Plain to make reservations for these events.**

**Thrift Shop –** Due to overwhelming donations and limited space, please hold your donations until further notice. Please do not leave donations on the Royalton Road landing, on the steps, or on the railings. If the fire marshal sees items in those places, the Thrift Shop will be fined. Thank you very much for your cooperation.