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**Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor**  
**Sunday, May 22, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**The Sacrament of Baptism**

**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** "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" Mozart

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Joyce Reed

**INTROIT** "In Christ Alone" Getty/Townend

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

**People: We come, with the pain of our burdens; we come to hear God's Word for us.**

Leader: Together, we will sing songs of joy; each of us will hear God whisper our name: 'Beloved of my heart.'

**People: We join our voices in prayer and praise; we sing of our longing for new lives of peace and hope.**

Leader: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light; here we discover that God dwells with us.

**People: And not just with us, for God would teach all to love; God's Spirit will lead all peoples in peace.**

† HYMN 13 "Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!"

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 67  
(New International Version)

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make His face shine on us—  
so that Your ways may be known on earth,  
Your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise You, God; may all the peoples praise You.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for You rule the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God, may all the peoples praise You.

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

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.**

**ANTHEM** "Awake, My Heart" Marshall

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Leonardo Preston Mustee**  
**Son of Gabriella and Jordan Mustee**  
Sponsors: Leah Mustee and Christian Hohl



**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY WORDS**

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FAMILY**

**CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE**

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Leo and his family, as he lives and grows in Christ?

**(We promise our love, support and care.)**

**PRAYER OF BAPTISM**

Christ be with you. **(And also with you.)** Let us pray.

Gracious God, bless this water by your Holy Spirit. By that same Spirit, save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ, that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in the child baptized this morning, that he may rise in Christ. All glory and honor be to you, Eternal God, who was, who is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

**BAPTISM OF LEONARDO PRESTON MUSTEE**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God, You have filled the world with joy with the gift of Jesus. Bless this child, Leonardo Preston; fill him with your strength and courage for life's journey; joy for all to see; freedom of love; hope for a new life. May he never be ashamed to confess his personal faith in You. Bless us, O God, that we, too, may be faithful to Your Word, united in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**HYMN** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

**Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
With this water God has sealed you Unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love's expression, Love's creation, loved indeed  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; Into joy and laughter lead.**

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are; from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you; Live as one who bears Christ's name.**

**Child of God, your loving Parent, Learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; Trust and love God more than all.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**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.myoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

**OFFERTORY** "Bourrée in G" Bach

† **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** John 5: 1-9

When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

**SERMON** "Healing Waters"

† **HYMN 750** "Peace Like a River"

† **BENEDICTION** Uniting Church of Australia

May the love which overcomes all differences, which heals all wounds, which puts to flight all fears, which reconciles all who are separated be in us and among us, now and always. And the blessing of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit-- be upon you this day and for ever more. **Amen.**

† **RESPONSE/POSTLUDE** "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" Mozart

SERVING		
TODAY – MAY 22		NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 29
Barbara & John Toth	<b>Greeters</b>	Elaine Coffey
Rick Teagno	<b>Liturgist</b>	Elaine Coffey
Volunteers needed	<b>Ushers</b>	Elaine Coffey
Aidan Hurtig/Luke Giuliano	<b>Acolytes</b>	Oliver & Matilda Sekorky
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
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	<b>Video/Sound</b>	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Carol Foley, Roger Davis, Choir	<b>Special Music</b>	Roger Davis, Band, 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**.

**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 **Chancel Choir, Roger Davis, Rob Toth, Clay Williams, Jackie Foley, Tom Foley, Sharon Heinrich, Carol Foley, and Mike Elkins**, for sharing their music with us today.



**REMINDER: PENNY SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK, MAY 29<sup>th</sup>!**



The altar flowers are given—

To celebrate George and Joyce's 54th wedding anniversary on May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
And to wish our Grandson, Tucker a very Happy 14th Birthday on May 31<sup>st</sup>!!

Joyce and George Reed

In Loving Memory of my dad, George R. Norris--Ginger Rothel

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Ryan Craig and Tracey Hill today  
and to Sandra Wentz on May 28<sup>th</sup>—with love, Grammy



Happy Birthday today to Ryan Craig!

### 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, 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 Baldrige, 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), 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), The people of Ukraine

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. [h.e.denman@gmail.com](mailto:h.e.denman@gmail.com)

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37  
Last Week's Offering Received **\$5,579.20**  
Difference +\$1,929.83

Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 65



### IDEAS WANTED!

The Long Range Planning Committee is interested in your ideas on ways to make improvements for our Church. Some feedback already provided includes an extension of our parking lot and a new structure on the Royalton Road lot that could house outdoor gatherings. If you have any ideas, please email them to Sandy Pogozeleski at [pogoze5@gmail.com](mailto:pogoze5@gmail.com). All ideas will be discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting for feasibility, funding and prioritization. Projects exceeding \$5,000 require approval by our Congregation.



**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.)



### UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **May 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

### IT'S HAPPENING!

## CHURCH GARAGE SALE

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**  
from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M. **AND**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>**  
from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.



Donations will be accepted starting June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 24<sup>th</sup> before 6 p.m. or Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> before 9 a.m.



The Strongsville Community Band will present their Spring Concert TODAY, 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.

Women's Fellowship will meet on **Wednesday, June 1**, at 10 a.m. in Pilgrim Hall. Our program is "Getting to Know You." To learn about each other in a fun way, 10 ladies will each make a 5 to 10-minute presentation about themselves--their hobbies, collections, careers, etc. As always, all ladies are welcome!



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL starts June 5<sup>th</sup>

### 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](mailto:strongsvilleucc@gmail.com) by **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**.



**GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> at NOON.**





## 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, **June 16, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

### NEW WINDOWS INSTALLATION



This project is almost complete. The windows look beautiful and they *sound* even better! The next step is window treatments and bids are currently being sought. Please take a moment to look upstairs, in any of the classrooms, or the nursery.

### 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...

\_\_\_\_\_