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Sunday, May 24, 2020 – Online

OPENING MUSIC "God of Our Fathers" Warren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Spirit of the Living God" Iverson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips! Even when we are apart from one another, we can glorify the One who holds our hands in all seasons. Come into the presence of the One whose presence makes every place and every space, holy and sacred. Even while we continue to stay safe at home, the doors of grace are flung wide open for us. In our living rooms, on our various devices, come and hear the stories of the One who loves you best of all.

HYMN "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God, Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God, Come

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives, Willingly our knees will bow
With all our hearts, soul, mind, and strength. We gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, Come...Come...Come,
Just as you are...Come.

FIRST READING **Psalm 68:32-35** (New International Version)
*Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord,
to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens,*

*who thunders with mighty voice.
Proclaim the power of God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the heavens.
You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.
Praise be to God!*

SHARING AND PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

MUSIC "America the Beautiful" Ward

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Dykes

Nothing happens apart from God. The disciples came to understand this—eventually. When Jesus told them his spirit would comfort and guide them after he was gone, he meant that. And not just for the twelve, but for all of us. We are so grateful for the trust you place in God's Holy Spirit and in us, as stewards of your resources. We appreciate your commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you. Please follow the prompts for online giving at:
<https://www.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

or mail your offering to **Strongsville UCC 13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, OH 44136**

You may also save a stamp and drop your envelope in the church mailbox at any time.

DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

SECOND READING **Acts 1:6-14** (*The Message*)
When they were together for the last time they asked, "Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?" He told them, "You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business. What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, “You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left.”

So they left the mountain called Olives and returned to Jerusalem. It was a little over half a mile. They went to the upper room they had been using as a meeting place: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas, son of James. They agreed they were in this for good, completely together in prayer, the women included. Also Jesus’ mother, Mary, and his brothers.

REFLECTION

All in This. Together

HYMN

“Spirit Song”

O let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love;
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you,
and His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy;
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness;
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

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.

POSTLUDE

“Memorial Day Medley”

arr. Elkins/Foley

Happy Birthday today to Owen Woodward!



The steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary to Adam and Kristina Craig on May 25th

Happy Anniversary to Stacie and Dan Sauter on May 25th

Happy Birthday to Sandra Wentz on May 28th

With love, Grammy

In celebration of our Wedding Anniversary on

May 24th! Ginger and Ron Rothel

Honoring those who have lost their lives in service to our country

Lola Milhoane

SERVING

TODAY – MAY 24

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall
Ken Mehalko
Bobby Foley

Liturgist
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Sound
Video
Saxophone
Drums

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 31

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,473.27
May 10 Offering Received	<u>\$6,135.00</u>
Difference	+\$2,541.73

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,473.27
May 17 Offering Received	<u>\$2,386.00</u>
Difference	(-\$1,087.27)



Thank you very much for your support of our mission and ministry.



Dear Friends,

I was profoundly touched by the caring get-well wishes, cards, messages, calls, and texts I received while recuperating from my sports(!) injury. I am thankful EVERY DAY that I am a part of this congregation. Love and miss you all, **Irene Joyce**

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato at Kemper House, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Lori Kovatich, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mihlack, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie Trinckes, Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch



Extended Church Family: Fred Beba, Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Hunter Colao (grandson of Mark & Barb Camp), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Elaine Fuelling (friend of Judi Pavisich), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Donna McDonald (friend of the Ritchies), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

EMAIL IMPOSTER

Hello friends,

Please be reminded that Pastor Heidi will never send out cryptically worded emails asking for unspecified amounts of money for vague purposes, mysterious requests for nebulous assistance, or erroneously capitalized missives. Her genuine email address is Heidi Denman McDougall H.E.Denman@gmail.com

If you receive an email from someone posing as Pastor Heidi, please double check and don't be fooled. Mark it as spam and delete. Thank you!



Our love and prayers to **Eddy and Adria Bond** and family; Eddy's dad, **Jesse Bond**, aged 105, went home to the Lord on May 18, 2020.

We also send our condolences to **Richard and Mary Densmore** and their family. Richard's stepmother, **Karen Densmore**, died at home on May 14, 2020 in Perry, Ohio. Karen had been in home hospice care for some time.

CALL FOR CARDS



Our longest (and oldest) church member, Ramona Glaze will turn 100 years old on May 25, 2020. If you haven't already done so, you may still send a card to: **Ramona Glaze**
18036 Ledgepoint Place Strongsville, OH 44136

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING May 31, 2020

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on 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. We will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020.



NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31st IS PENTECOST SUNDAY!



EXTRAS NEEDED!

There will be a daytime shoot for the film "Disprezzato" at our church on June 18th. If you are interested, please RSVP by June 8th. If you participate, you **MUST** come prepared with the following:

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Everyone participating must be **18+**
- At the door, you will be checked in and asked to fill out a release/wavier. We ask that you return to your car until your designated shoot time.
- Upon entry, temperatures will be taken at the door.
- Please bring your own mask!
- If you can, bring a friend you are comfortable sitting with in **CLOSE PROXIMITY**.
- Masks **WILL NOT** be **ALLOWED** during filming! (Only during rehearsals or any other time in the facility)

HAIR & MAKEUP

- Come **HAIR & MAKEUP READY!** (Hair and Makeup Dept. will do touch ups before your scene.)
- Wear something you would wear to a wedding! Remember, no **WHITE!** Also no red! Anyone wearing these colors will be asked to change!

***** Anyone who is in the high-risk category and/or not feeling well that day need not volunteer/attend.**

***** Please respond by JUNE 8TH**

EMAIL disprezzatofilm@gmail.com and CC Strongsvilleucc@gmail.com
AND PROVIDE: NAME(S) & Email addresses for everyone attending

GRADUATES

Even though high schools and colleges are not holding in person graduations, we would still like to recognize our graduates. We do not know what form that recognition will take yet, but 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 of graduate: _____

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 7.**

