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Sunday, May 29, 2022 – 10:00 A.M. Memorial Day Penny Sunday

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 "God of our Fathers" Roberts

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Greg Dickson

INTROIT "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to this place of prayer, People: For here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we wear on our sleeves.

Leader: We come to this place of grace, People: For here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.

Leader: We come with these people called the church, People: To be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

HYMN 760 "While We are Waiting, Come"

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 47 (New International Version)

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom He loved. God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne. The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

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 "I Saw the Light" Williams

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.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027

OFFERTORY "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

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 17: 20-26

"I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

SERMON "Inseparable"

HYMN 638 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

BENEDICTION

Take a risk as we place ourselves in the service of the Gospel, knowing that to do so will involve us in a struggle that is both inner and outer, knowing that we have come to a point where we cannot make sense of life without God. Take a risk today, leaving this community to go and create community, knowing that to do so will put us in conflict with those who seek their own self-interest. Take a risk today as we go our separate ways, knowing that you, Jesus Christ, come with us, and that is all that matters. So send us out now, Lord Jesus. We are ready to come with you. Amen.

RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace" Besig

POSTLUDE "America the Beautiful" Ward

Table with columns: TODAY - MAY 29, SERVING, NEXT SUNDAY - JUNE 5. Roles include Greeters, Liturgist, Ushers, Acolytes, Director of Music, Associate Director of Music, Organist, Video/Sound, Special Music.

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— LAST DAY TODAY!

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

PENNY SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Your pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters, dollars and even checks (to Strongsville UCC) are welcome. Money collected will go to World Central Kitchen for war-torn Ukraine.



The altar flowers are given—

Remembering our mom, Lorna Robinson, on her birthday today! Love ya, Mom! Becky Robinson and Bill Robinson

In celebration of our granddaughter Mallory Gleske's wedding to Kyle Sapara on May 21, 2022 at Gervasi Winery/Vineyard. Joyce and George Reed



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary to Nate & Patti Johnson on June 3rd With love, Mom

Happy Birthday today to Denise Bell and Deborah Schneider!

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL Every Wednesday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Starting June 8, 2022! (Call (440) 238-5389 for To-Go meals.)

CARRY OUT ONLY will be offered on June 22, because of Garage Sale set-up.

PLEASE NOTE: The kitchen fridge will be cleaned the week of June 6th. Any unlabeled items will be discarded.



OUR CONDOLENCES



Our sympathy to Maggie Stuhar and family on the death of John Struhar on May 20, 2022. John was 93 years old. John & Maggie joined our church in 2006. A private service will be held June 5, 2022.

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, 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 Filiautraut (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), , 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

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
 Last Week's Offering Received \$ 932.00
 Difference -(\$2,717.37)



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, June 16, 2022 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

HELP WANTED: Do you know anything about collectibles and/or antiques? If so, we need you! From time to time, donations come into the Thrift Shop that may be worth selling online or in a consignment shop. If you have any knowledge in this area, please contact Cathy Hawk about how you can help.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- **The Board of Trustees** will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **June 14th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **June 21st** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **The Official Board** will NOT meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in June. Members will be asked to email monthly reports.



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. 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.

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)!

WE ALSO NEED DONATIONS OF LARGE MARC'S SHOPPING BAGS.



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.

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.



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!

GRADUATES—LAST CHANCE!

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**.



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



NEW WINDOWS INSTALLATION

This project is 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.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SUNDAY, JULY 31ST

On our church grounds following outdoor worship. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert—the main dish and beverages will be provided.



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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:**

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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...



PLEASE JOIN OUR CARB CREW!
WE NEED A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS! Just a little bit of your time can make a huge difference in feeding people. Please see Linda Kapcar or contact the church office if you can pick-up bread on a Monday or Friday morning. We will

fill you in on all the details!