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**Sunday, May 3, 2020 – Online
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

OPENING MUSIC

"Agnus Dei"

Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips. Come to glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip. Join with us in the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space. Help us truly believe that *all* space is sacred when God is there. Show us how to throw open the doors of grace so all may enter. We come to hear the stories of the One who loves us, always and unconditionally. Lead us as we tell of the joy, and the love, and the peace and the hope which are ours. Wherever we are, help us to Be the Church!

HYMN

"I Am the Church, You Are the Church"

Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. **[Refrain]**

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. **[Refrain]**

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. **[Refrain]**

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying, **[Refrain]**

FIRST READING

Psalms 23 (King James Version)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff— they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely-- surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SHARING AND PRAYERS

MUSIC

"Farther Along"

Baxter & Stevens

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY

"Peace Perfect Peace"

Caldbeck

We really need one another, don't we? We *always* appreciated being together, but in this season of pandemic, we have discovered how much we really, genuinely, *need* one another. Being isolated is hard, even when we have many ways to be together at a distance. This is why we continue to work at *Being the Church* in the world. We are committed to finding new, innovative ways to continue the work of Jesus, no matter what. We are grateful of the many ways you continue to give freely of your talents and your treasure. Thank you. 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 2:42-47 (New International Version)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

REFLECTION

"Virtual Church"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their wrongdoing, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

"Softly and Tenderly"

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.

HYMN

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **[Refrain]**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **[Refrain]**

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

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Scholtes

SERVING

TODAY – MAY 3

Irene Joyce

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Doug Thorn

Chuck McDougall

Cindy Smith

Liturgist

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Sound

Video

Guest Vocalist

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 10

Irene Joyce

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Doug Thorn

Chuck McDougall

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, 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, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John and Maggie Struhar, 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)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to be added to our email prayer chain to pray for others.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received \$1,677.33
Difference (-\$1,795.94)

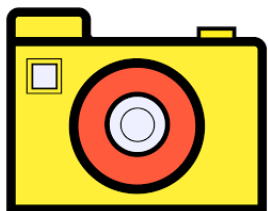


Thank you very much for your support of our mission and ministry.

Happy Birthday today to Barbara White, Ginny (McKenzie) Basenbeck, Nick Miller, and Braxden Cuyler!

The Steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Hayley McKane on May 7th and Debbie Wentz on May 9th—With love, Grammy/Mom



CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO POSTPONED!

The Congregational Photo which had been scheduled for Sunday, May 10th has been postponed until further notice. We will try to reschedule for a later date.

CALL FOR CARDS

Our longest (and oldest) church member, Ramona Glaze will turn 100 years old on May 25, 2020. If you would like to send congratulations, please send a card to: Ramona Glaze 18036 Ledgepoint Place Strongsville, OH 44136



Our deepest sympathy to **Betty Jacobson** and family. Betty's husband, **Milton Jacobson**, passed away on April 29, 2020. Arrangements are through Jardine's Funeral Home. He will be buried at Sunset Memorial in North Olmsted on May 4, 2020.



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.**

