



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, May 30, 2021 – 9 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

WELCOME!

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the best interests of others. – Philippians 2:4

For the safety and comfort of everyone, please continue to wear a mask in the Gathering Area and when entering or leaving the Sanctuary. When you are seated in the pews, you may lower your mask if you wish, while maintaining social distancing. **If you are not yet fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask at all times. Thank you.**

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE

“Trumpet Tune in D”

Purcell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Irene Joyce

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 complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate.

INTROIT

“Here I Am to Worship”

Hughes

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoice over all creation, especially us!

People: Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

Leader: Christ, the Word of joy and life, fill all creation with hope, especially us!

People: Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your very own.

Leader: The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, give all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

People: Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.

SONG

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Dykes

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 29

(New International Version)

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. . . .

The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. . . .

The voice of the Lord twists the oak and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, “Glory!” The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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

“The House I Live In”

Robinson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Eddy Bond

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

“America the Beautiful”

Ward

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 6: 1-8

(New International Version)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

SERMON

“What's in it-for GOD?”

† SONG

“Here I Am, Lord”

Schutte

† 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

“For All the Saints”

Arr. Burkhardt

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to Sharon Heinrich and to Dave Williams for their music today, and to Eddy Bond for helping with the Children's Message!



SERVING

TODAY – MAY 30

Irene Joyce

Dave Williams

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich

Dave Williams

Irene Joyce

Liturgist 9 a.m.

Liturgist 10:30 a.m.

Director of Music

Associate Director of Music

Supplemental Organist

Sound

Special Music

Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 6

Herb Hampson

Sharon Maresco

Tom Foley

Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich

Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich

Richard Densmore

Sharon Heinrich

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**.



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary to Patti & Nate Johnson on June 3rd

With Love, Mom

Remembering our Mom on her birthday, May 29th

Becky Robinson & Bill Robinson

Wishing everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,473.27

Last Week's Offering Received \$1,135.00

Difference (-\$2,514.37)

Thank you very much for your support.



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING—LAST DAY



The annual Strengthen the Church offering has been 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 Gathering Area.

PENNY SUNDAY TODAY!

We are collecting those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars (or checks to Strongsville UCC) for homeless veterans, but you may also bring money to the church office any time during church office hours through **Tuesday, June 1st: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**



IN-PERSON BOARD MEETINGS COMING UP

- The Worship Team will meet Sunday, June 6th between the two worship services.



BABY GIRL!

Welcome to the world, **Iris Eve Craig**, born on May 21st to parents **Ryan** and **Tony Craig** in New York. Our heartiest congratulations also to grandparents **Joe** and **Barbara Craig** and of course, great grandma **Betty Craig**.



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Adria Bond, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Linda Elliott, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, Pam Keenen, Tony Koussa, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Brigitte Matchett, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Gary Paul, Joyce Reed, Dorothy and Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldrige, Fred Beba (Theresa’s husband), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch’s sister), Judy Carte’s son-in-law, Ryan, John Dickson (Greg’s dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen’s friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung’s friend), Dana Hardy (Craig’s wife), Jeff & Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich’s son & daughter-in-law), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit’s friend), Diane Mason (Lora Rung’s friend), Pat Masuga (Dan’s mom), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies’ friend), Kay McGinty (Judi Pavisich’s aunt), 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), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison’s dad), Terry Robson (the Camps’ friend), Mike Rung (Lora’s brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes’ friend), Amanda Stefanik (Schyler Thorn’s friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung’s friend), Daphne Wilson (Irene Jannsohn’s niece)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.

Love one another, as I have loved you. –John 13:34

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THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with enhanced safety protocols in place and 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 Monday of the month, June 21st 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(We’re still open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Also, the Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers to help out for a couple of hours—sorting, organizing, and selling on Thursdays. Please call Cathy Hawk (440-781-7512) if you can help!

MUSICIANS NEEDED!

Would you like to be a part of the summer music program? Instrumentalists and vocalists are needed for our worship services in July and August. If you are interested in joining us and sharing your talent, please contact Tom Foley or Mike Elkins!



IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES 9 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Reservations required—call 440-238-6697 or email the church at strongsvilleucc@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT: If you forget to make a reservation, please COME ANYWAY. We have room for YOU!



A COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL BE OFFERED AT THE 10:30 A.M. SERVICE.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO TEACH IN JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST! Please call the church or contact Linda Elkins if you would like to sign up to teach on one of the Sundays (supplies and lessons will be provided).

Recordings of the weekly worship service will still be available online later on Sundays or early on Mondays.



Women’s Fellowship Meeting – On Tuesday, June 1st, Linda Ponstingle will give a Power Point presentation at 10:00 a.m. in Pilgrim Hall about “The Great and Not-So-Great Churches of Europe.” Sally Herzog will provide devotions.

Our meeting will adjourn before lunchtime, but you may want to bring your own beverage. As always, all ladies are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

GIFT CARDS

A GREAT WAY TO BENEFIT OUR CHURCH!

You can order gift cards by calling Jim Joyce at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. Limited stock is available, but special orders may be accommodated with advance notice. Thank you to those who continue to support this project by purchasing gift cards!



GRADUATES

Our church would like to recognize our graduates, so 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.



Full Name of graduate: _____

Graduate’s address: _____

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 6.