



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Sunday, May 31, 2020 – Online
Pentecost Sunday

OPENING MUSIC "Pass It On" Kaiser

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Be Still My Soul" Sibelius

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of this pandemic, still, this is the day we celebrate God's grace descending on our frightened, broken hearts. Clad in our pajamas, sitting at home, we continue to let the Spirit of new life breathe upon us. Drawn together across the miles, we virtually gather as siblings in Christ. We reach out virtually to all who shelter in God's grace. In the days to come, may we continue to speak of God's love and the Spirit's peace for all. Even when we are apart, we know we are never alone. In God's Holy Spirit, *all* are one family. Come, Holy Spirit.

HYMN "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
 Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
 Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
 Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
 Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
 Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
 Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
 Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.
 Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

FIRST READING **Psalm 104:24-35b** (excerpts)

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
 In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.
 These all look to you
 to give them their food in due season;
 when you give to them, they gather it up;
 when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
 May my meditation be pleasing to God,
 for I rejoice in the LORD.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul.
 Praise the LORD!

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 "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Baloche

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Akers

Things happen in community that are so much greater than the sum of the individuals! We each come with different gifts and strengths, each complementing the other to the glory of God. 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 2:1-21** (*The Message*)

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a

wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; even Cretans and Arabs! "They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!" Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?" Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

REFLECTION

Many Gifts, One Spirit

HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
 And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
 We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
 And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All—praise to the Father, from whom all blessings come.
 And all praise to Christ Jesus, His—only Son.
 And all praise to the Spirit, who--makes us one.
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Spiritual

Happy Birthday today to Tucker Reed!

The 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 and Bill Robinson

SERVING

TODAY – MAY 31

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 7

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| Irene Joyce | Liturgist | Irene Joyce |
| Tom Foley | Director of Music | Tom Foley |
| Mike Elkins | Associate Director of Music | Mike Elkins |
| Doug Thorn | Sound | Doug Thorn |
| Chuck McDougall | Video | Chuck McDougall |
| Sarah Keenen | Vocalist | |

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

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| Weekly Offering Needed | \$ 3,473.27 |
| Last week's Offering Received | <u>\$11,665.25</u> |
| Difference | +\$ 8,191.98 |



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

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



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.

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, Betty Craig, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Joe 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 Mhlack, 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)

THANK YOU

Thank you for your kind thoughts, cards and prayers.

Lori Kovatich

Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy on the loss of Eddy's father. The congregation's concern was a great comfort. **Eddy & Adria Bond**



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.**



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

Officers elected on Jan. 26, 2020, have an asterisk by their names.*

*** = appointed by the Official Board*



Moderator Rachel Zielinski
Vice-Moderator Rob Toth*
Treasurer Sally Herzog
Clerk Judy Gaumer*

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 Kristen Clotworthy

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Many thanks to the dedicated officers of our church, who serve so faithfully and make our church run smoothly as we strive to be like Christ in the world.