



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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



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

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "What Wondrous Love is This?" Traditional Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Irene Joyce

INTROIT "As the Deer" Nystrom, arr. Bettcher

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here in this place of worship, with this congregation of the faithful,

People: We lay down our fears, to boldly (yet softly) sing God's praise and proclaim the Good News.

Leader: Here in the vineyard of the Lord, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

People: Parents and grandparents tell stories of faith to little ones sitting on their laps, sharing the truths of the ages.

Leader: Here in this space, where God desires nothing more than to dwell within our hearts,

People: May we be so filled with love that we eagerly desire to serve one other as Jesus serves us. Amen

SONG "For the Beauty of the Earth" Kocher

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 98:4-9 (New International Version)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

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 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller/Jackson, arr. Sherman

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" Cole-Turner

OFFERING

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<https://www.myoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

OFFERTORY "Mother's Day Meditation" Elkins

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 10:44-48 (The Message)

No sooner were these words out of Peter's mouth than the Holy Spirit came on the listeners. The believing Jews who had come with Peter couldn't believe it, couldn't believe that the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on "outsider" non-Jews, but there it was—they heard them speaking in tongues, heard them praising God.

Then Peter said, "Do I hear any objections to baptizing these friends with water? They've received the Holy Spirit exactly as we did."

Hearing no objections, he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay on for a few days.

SERMON "All Means ALL"

† **SONG** "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" Kaiser

† **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** "Amen" arr. Foley

SERVING

TODAY – MAY 9		NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 16
Beverly Wehr	Liturgist 9 a.m.	Sharon Heinrich
Judi Pavisich	Liturgist 10:30 a.m.	Dale Hawk
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Supplemental Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
The Bell Choir	Special Music	Satori Winds
Rachel Zielinski	Sunday School	Lora Rung

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—

In Honor of all mothers—past, present, & future

Lola Millhoane

Happy Birthday to Debbie Wentz today

and to Patti Johnson on May 11th

With Love, Mom



Happy Birthday today to Debbie Wentz and Robert Foley!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received	\$3,976.00
Difference	\$ 326.63

Thank you very much for your support.



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



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 Gathering Area.

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, Don Gleichauf, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, 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), 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 (Schlyer 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.



IT'S BOY!

Congratulations to Schyler Thorn and Amanda Stefanik on the birth of their son, **Leo James Thorn**, who was born May 6, 2021. He was 6lbs., 4oz. Congratulations also to grandparents **Doug Thorn** and **Sandy O'Shea** and uncle **Devin Thorn!**

IN-PERSON BOARD MEETINGS THIS MONTH

- **The Board of Trustees** will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, **May 11th** at 7 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.
- **The Diaconate** will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **May 18th** at 7 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.
- **The Official Board** will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **May 25th** at 7 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.



Of course, the usual safety protocols will be in place at all in-person meetings.

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, May 17, 2021 — 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!

Thank you to the dedicated members of our **Bell Choir** for their music today: **Elaine Coffey, Linda Elkins, Linda Ponstingle, Barbara Toth, Sharon Heinrich, Ingrid Dickson, Sarah Toth, Irene Joyce, Barb Fraunfelder, Mary Densmore, and Rob Toth** (as well as our trusty substitutes, **Mike Elkins and Tom Foley**)! We are so glad to have the bell choir back!



HELP NEEDED!



Our Panera Bread ministry is a vital means of outreach to the community. **We need one more volunteer** to pick up bread and pastries from the Panera Bread store on Royalton Road the first Monday of the month at 9 a.m. The job only requires picking up the baked goods from the

store and dropping them off at the church, where the volunteers sort the goodies for distribution. If we can get a few people to volunteer, we can have a rotating schedule. Please contact the church by emailing strongsvilleucc@gmail.com or calling 440-238-6697 if you are willing to be a part of the important Panera Bread ministry.



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.

(Safety protocols will continue to be in place.)

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please call the church 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.

GIFT CARDS--YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT THAT BENEFITS 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!**



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CARNATIONS

In honor of Mother's Day, our church has a gift of a fresh carnation for each past, present, or future mom! Please take one as you depart today.



Would you like to contact Pastor Heidi in person or by phone? Her regular Pastoral Care Hours: Tuesdays 10 a.m. – Noon Thursdays: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Of course you may call, text, or email *anytime*. (216) 235-2562 or h.e.denman@gmail.com

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.**

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

Our new Sunday School Co-Superintendent, Linda Elkins, is looking for folks to help with the task of cleaning the upstairs carpet. A tentative date is May 16th at 1 p.m. Please contact Linda if you're able and available! (440) 655-8891 or leelkins@gmail.com.