

**OPENING MUSIC** 

Burr/Buxton/Shaw "Never Alone"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "Gather Around for the Table is Spread" **Traditional Scottish** 

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed are they who stand strong in their faith in the face of fear. Blessed are they who stand alone at gravesides, knowing they are wrapped in God's loving arms. Blessed are they who humbly care for the vulnerable. Blessed are they who care for those who have no one. Blessed are they who show compassion, even to those who mistreat them. Blessed are those who love their neighbors. Blessed are they who seek healing and reconciliation to God. Blessed are they who are mocked by the rich and the powerful as they walk the streets of God's Kingdom. And blessed are you when others mock you, point at your mask, and think you are foolish for keeping your distance. Truly, you are Brothers and Sisters in Christ, modeling faith through these uncertain days, weeks, months. Thanks be to God.

#### HYMN

"Rise Up, O Church of God"

Rise up, O church of God! Have done with lesser things; Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O church of God! His kingdom tarries long; Bring in the day of brotherhood And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O sons of God! The church for you doth wait, Her strength unequal to her task, Rise up, and make her great!

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1 John 3:1-3 (The Message)

called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him-and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model

## **DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS—To the Glory of God**

**City Mission of Cleveland** Karen Morgan Bell Choir Bell **Outdoor Church Sign Church Public Address System**  Betty Bushea Bell Choir Bell **Pilgrim Hall Step and Railing New Church Office Computer** 

## **REMEMBERING THE SAINTS/ TOLLING THE BELL**

As our family of faith gathers, wherever and whenever we are, to worship, to praise, to remember and to pray, we especially honor the memories of those who have left our earthly families and joined Christ's Eternal Church. We know and believe that we are joined in spirit with those whom we have loved and lost in this life, joined in ways we do not yet understand, but in which we find hope. On this All Saints Sunday, we remember our friends and family members of Strongsville UCC: Barbara Sommers, (mother of Sheri Martin--Nov. 2019) Betty Bushea (November 2019) Allan Haberkorn (December 2019) Bill Williamson Anita and Bill McKenna (parents of Dennis Smith) Carol Snyder (mother of Claudia Bader and Cris Bader) Bill Foley (father of Tom Foley) Janice C. Stough Joseph P. Trill (father of Dawn Rolland) Jean Straub Carol Lesiak (Thrift Shop volunteer) Milton Jacobson (husband of Betty Jacobson) Karen Densmore (step-mother of Richard Densmore) Jesse Bond (father of Eddy Bond) Janet Boggs (mother of Lois Reisinger) Janet Davis (grandmother of Chad Johnson) Ann Bitterman Rev. Larry Craig Debbie Churnega Krause Elaine Franzen (mother of Barbara Craig)

#### SHARING AND PRAYERS

MUSIC

"I'll Stand By You" Hynde/Kelly/Steinberg

#### TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

#### **BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART**

#### OFFERTORY

"Broken for Me"

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We are, each one of us, members of the eternal Family of Christ. Through all time, the saints live and love and are joined together in community, even when times like these keep us physically separated. On this All Saints Sunday, we remember those who went before us, and commit our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue to walk with Jesus, even during this season of pandemic. We appreciate your commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you. To give online, you may go to: 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.

SECOND READING Matthew 5:1-12 (Contemporary English Version) When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the side of a mountain and sat down. Jesus' disciples gathered around him, and he taught them: God blesses those people who depend only on him. They belong to the kingdom of heaven! God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort! God blesses those people who are humble. The earth will belong to them! God blesses those people who want to obey God more than to eat or drink. They will be given what they want! God blesses those people who are merciful. They will be treated with mercy! God blesses those people whose hearts are pure. They will see God! God blesses those people who make peace. They will be called God's Children! God blesses those people who are treated badly for doing right. They belong to the kingdom of heaven. God will bless you when people insult you, mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. Be happy and excited! You will have a great reward in heaven. People did these same things to the prophets who lived long ago.

REFLECTION

"Wait-- these again?"

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We have been entrusted with the message of the gospel, but all too often act as if sin and death have greater influence on our lives. Let us confess our sins, so we might know God's great love for us.

## UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

God our healer, we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes; yet we cannot seem to let ourselves live the life you intend for us. We seek praise from our families; yet we are unable to tell them how much we love them. We care more about our needs and desires than about the struggles of our neighbors. Forgive us, Everlasting God. Renew our lives with your grace; restore our hopes with your vision; refresh our spirits with the joy which comes to us in each moment in the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. (*Silent prayer*)

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come, God's compassion and hope fill our lives. This, friends, is the Good News! Our hope is not in vain. God forgives our sins, and is the dwelling place for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

#### 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

"For All the Saints"

For all the saints, who from their labors rest Who Thee, by faith before the world confessed Thy name, O Jesus, Be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, Their Fortress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; Thou in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold Fight as the saints, who nobly fought of old And win with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia! O blest communion, Fellowship divine We feebly struggle; They in glory shine. Yet all are one in Thee for all are Thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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## 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 "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Gallina

## The steeple will light the sky this week-

In Loving Memory of William A. Fraunfelder, Jr. from his friends who will always remember him with love

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SERVING		
<u>TODAY – NOVEMBER</u>	1 NEXT SUNDA	Y – NOVEMBER 8
Pam Keenen	Liturgist	Sandy O'Shea
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 & Pam Keenen	Special Musicians	Sandy O'Shea

Happy Birthday today to Jaslyn Purdum!

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# **OUR PRAYER LIST**

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

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

Extended Church Family: Ron, Yvonne, & Ronnie Adams (Judi Pavisich's friends), Dorene Baldridge, Jackie & Phil Berkheimer (Judi Pavisich's friends), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's sonin-law, Ryan, Ruby Cuyler (Sam's sister), Donna Fargo (Sally Herzog's mom), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), 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), Sherry Sheeks (Mark Camp's sister), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Brad Williams (Judi Pavisich'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.

## **OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed\$ 3,473.27Last Week's Offering Received\$ 1,439.00Difference(-\$ 2.037.27)



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



# THANKSGIVING BASKETS—A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

Due to the global pandemic, we will not be collecting food items and putting together actual Thanksgiving packages for those in need. We still want to provide food assistance to those

who may need it, so we will be distributing food gift cards to the families on our list. To make a cash donation for Thanksgiving aid to the needy, please make your check payable to *Strongsville United Church of Christ*. On the memo line, write *Thanksgiving*. All financial donations will be gratefully accepted, whatever the amount. If you know someone who is in need of assistance, please contact Pastor Heidi. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

MITTEN TREE—YES! IT'S HAPPENING!We will still collect hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for the needy this year. From now through December 6, 2020, bring your items to the church during office hours and they will be placed on the Mitten Tree. We will update you the progress of the tree as the collection grows.This is last year's tree and the need this year is even greater.

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