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**Sunday, October 18, 2020 – Online**



**OPENING MUSIC** "Amazing Grace" Traditional Melody

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "Surely the Presence" Wolfe

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Here in this place, wherever we are, alone or together, we come to worship the living God. In you, O God, we place our hope; in you, O Loving Creator, we find life. In every moment, we are invited into your joyful Presence. In you, O Christ, we rejoice, for in you, grace is as near as your heart. Here on this day of gentleness and beauty, we are filled with the peace of God. In you, O Spirit, we find our path; in you, Teacher of hope, we learn to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come just as you are before your God...Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God...Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives; willingly our knees will bow

With all our heart soul mind and strength, we gladly choose You now

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to worship.

Come just as you are before your God...Come.

Come...Come...Just as you are...come.

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**FIRST READING** **Psalm 96:1-9** (*New International Version*)

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

and his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth.

## **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** "Great is the Lord" Smith

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

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

**OFFERTORY** "He is Exalted" Paris

Look around you: in the northern hemisphere, fall is in full swing, while Down Under, new life is emerging after winter. God's glory and wonder are awe-inspiring—and we are God's most perfect creation! Together, we again 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.

## DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

### SECOND READING

**Matthew 22:15-22** (*The Message*)

That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece. "This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?" They said, "Caesar." "Then give Caesar what is Caesar's, and give God what is God's." The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

### REFLECTION

Not About Taxes

### HYMN

**"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

Tell me the stories of Jesus, I love to hear,  
Things I would ask Him to tell me, if He were here.  
Scenes by the wayside, Tales of the sea  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round His knee  
And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me.  
Words full of kindness, Deeds full of grace  
All in the love-light of Jesus' face.

Into the city, I'd follow the children's band  
Waving a branch of palm tree, High in my hand.  
One of His heralds, Yes, I would sing  
Loudest Hosanna's, "Jesus is King!"

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Music Frederick A. Challinor, 1903 Tune: Stories of Jesus

### 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

"Swing Low Sweet Chariot"

Traditional Spiritual

## The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Samantha Wentz on October 16<sup>th</sup>*  
*Happy Birthday to Kristina Craig on October 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
With love, Grammy

### SERVING

#### TODAY – OCTOBER 18

#### NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 25

Irene Joyce	<b>Liturgist</b>	Dave Williams
Tom Foley	<b>Director of Music</b>	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn	<b>Sound</b>	Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall	<b>Video</b>	Chuck McDougall
Satori Winds	<b>Special Musicians</b>	Dave Williams

**Happy Birthday today to Millie Lafave!**

**Happy Anniversary today to Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz!**

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$ 3,473.27
Last Week's Offering Received	\$ 4,591.50
Difference	+\$ 1,118.23



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

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED

**NIN is another of the special offerings through the United Church of Christ that provides funds to work for justice for all people. Donations accepted for this special offering throughout the month of October.**



## OUR PRAYER LIST

*Please provide updates for this list to the church office.*

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

**Church Family:** Joan Beckwith, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Linda Elliott, Riley Hawk, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Tony Koussa, Lori Kovatich, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Brigitte Matchett, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, 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, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, Ruby Cuyler (Sam's sister), Donna Fargo (Sally Herzog's mom), Elaine Franzen (Barbara Craig'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.**



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to **Bill Bitterman** and the friends and family of **Ann Bitterman**, who passed away on October 9, 2020. Our love and prayers go out to their three granddaughters and all who knew Ann.

We are also deeply saddened by the passing of **Rev. Larry Craig**, who went to his eternal reward on October 15, 2020. Pictured here with his wife, **Christina**, Larry was a friend of our church after having served at several churches, including West Park UCC, from where he retired.



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## PENNY SATURDAY

On **Saturday, October 31, 2020,**

between 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Drive through the church parking lot and donate your pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters, dollars, and checks to UNICEF and receive a pumpkin from the Sunday School (as well as a treat to start filling your Trick or Treat bags)!



## THRIFT SHOP BONUS HOURS

**3rd Monday of the month 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Starts October 19<sup>th</sup>** Come on down and shop our fall/winter Bargains down at the Shop during these extra hours. **(We're still open every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.)**

*Oh my Monday!*