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**Sunday, October 25, 2020 – Online  
Reformation Sunday**



## OPENING MUSIC

“Breathe”

Barnett

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Folk Melody

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you invite us to share in Christ's ministry of compassion. Widen our hearts; make room to cradle the lost. Jesus, you challenge us to learn more about God each day. Open our minds; help us discern God's dreams for our lives. Spirit, you show us how to let your love be planted within us. Deepen our souls; lead us to grow more deeply in your love.

**Amen.**

### HYMN

**“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper, He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe--  
His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He--  
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed, His truth to triumph thru us.  
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him--  
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, Thru Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also--  
The body they may kill. God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

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### FIRST READING

**Psalm 90 excerpts** (*New International Version*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.  
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.  
Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—  
they are like the new grass of the morning:  
In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.  
Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.  
Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
for as many years as we have seen trouble.  
May your deeds be shown to your servants,  
your splendor to their children.  
May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.

### 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

“Peace in the Valley”

Dorsey

### TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

### BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

#### OFFERTORY

“Fantasy on Love” Lennon/McCartney, arr. Elkins /Foley

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

**Leviticus 19:1-2; 15-18** (*The Message*)

GOD spoke to Moses: "Speak to the congregation of Israel. Tell them: Be holy because I, GOD, your God, am holy. "Don't pervert justice. Don't show favoritism to either the poor or the great. Judge on the basis of what is right. "Don't spread gossip and rumors. "Don't just stand by when your neighbor's life is in danger. I am GOD. "Don't secretly hate your neighbor. If you have something against him, get it out into the open; otherwise you are an accomplice in his guilt. "Don't seek revenge or carry a grudge against any of your people. "Love your neighbor as yourself. I am GOD.

### REFLECTION

The Message Never Changes

### HYMN

**"Come, Christians Join to Sing"**

Come Christians join to sing Alleluia amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia amen!  
Let all with heart and voice Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia amen!

Come lift your hearts on high: Alleluia amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore  
Singing forevermore: Alleluia amen!

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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

"Word of God Speak"

Millard/Kipley

### The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Anniversary to Hayley & Joey McKane on October 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*Happy Anniversary to Natalia & Tracey Hill on October 29<sup>th</sup>*  
*Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Gabe Sauter on October 31<sup>st</sup>*  
With love, Grammy

## SERVING

### TODAY – OCTOBER 25

Dave Williams  
Tom Foley  
Mike Elkins  
Doug Thorn  
Chuck McDougall  
Dave Williams

### NEXT SUNDAY – November 1

**Liturgist** Pam Keenen  
**Director of Music** Tom Foley  
**Associate Director of Music** Mike Elkins  
**Sound** Doug Thorn  
**Video** Chuck McDougall  
**Special Musicians** Sarah and Pam Keenen

**Happy Birthday today to Richard Densmore!**

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,473.27  
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 1,664.00  
Difference (-\$ 1,809.27)



***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. This is the last week to turn in your contribution for this offering.**



### BABY CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Kristopher Justice** and **Brandee Norris** on the birth of their son, **Kiefer Eugene Justice** on October 18, 2020. Kiefer was 8 lbs. 13 oz., 21" long! Congratulations also to proud grandparents **Janice** and **Bill Booth**!



Our most sincere sympathy to **Lee Krause, Alex Krause (Rose), Kyra Krause** and **Allison Sieving** on the death of **Debbie (Churnega)Krause** on October 21, 2020 due to COVID-19. Our love and prayers also go out to **Ginny Churnega** and **Kenn Oerkfitz, Cheryl** and **Ed Sobek**, and family.

**Many Thanks to Dave Williams for being our liturgist and for singing for our worship service today.**

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### 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, Adria Bond, 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, 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 Baldrige, 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.**

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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)! **Pets Welcome!**



### 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.