



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Congregational)

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Sunday, September 25, 2022 – 10 A.M.

Penny Sunday



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 stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Softly and Tenderly" arr. Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joyce Reed

INTROIT "We Have Come to Worship the Lord" Yannerella

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The word has come for us from God:

People: Who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

Leader: The word has come to us from Jesus:

People: Who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

Leader: The word flows to us from the Spirit:

People: Who reminds us to place our hope and trust in 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.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

The Soldier's Psalm (New International Version)

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;

His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble,

I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS Elaine Coffey /Cathy Hawk

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 "O Give Thanks" Wagner

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Penny Sunday Linda Elkins

OFFERING

Thank you for your continuing commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able, in service to Christ in the world. You are the Hands and Feet of Jesus in the world.

OFFERTORY "Andante in B Flat" Felton, arr. Biggs

† DOXOLOGY 815 Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT 1 Samuel 17

(The Message)

David answered, "You come at me with sword and spear and battle-ax. I come at you in the name of God-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel's troops, whom you curse and mock. This very day God is handing you over to me. The whole earth will know that there's an extraordinary God in Israel. And everyone gathered here will learn that God doesn't save by means of sword or spear. The battle belongs to God—he's handing you to us on a platter!"

SERMON Herb Hampson

† HYMN 56 "To God Be the Glory"

† BENEDICTION

As you face the giants in your life, remember always to whom you belong. Remember the Almighty God whom we worship, who is always with us, who never fails us in our moment of need. Know and trust and believe that wherever you are, God is with you. **Amen.**

† RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace" Price/Besig

† POSTLUDE "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Raney

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, September 26th.

SERVING

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 25

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2

Elaine Coffey	Greeters	Linda Plain
Pam Keenen	Liturgist	Judi Pavisich
Elaine Coffey, Roz Fotos	Ushers	Volunteers needed
Chris Abruzzino/Riley Marshall	Acolytes	Luke Giuliano/Aidan Hurtig
Tom Foley	Director of Music	Tom Foley
Mike Elkins	Associate Director of Music	Mike Elkins
Sharon Heinrich	Organist	Sharon Heinrich
Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich	Sound	Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich
Chancel Choir, Carol Foley	Special Music	Dave Williams, Chancel Choir

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**.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

Immediately following Sunday School classes, students are to report upstairs for a brief rehearsal with Mr. Foley. (Choir is part of the Sunday School curriculum.)



A NOTE OF THANKS—

Today we thank **Carol Foley**, the **Chancel Choir**, and extend special thanks to **Tom Foley**, **Mike Elkins**, and **Sharon Heinrich** for sharing their music with us today.

Thank you to the team who stepped in and said "Here I Am" to fill in for Pastor Heidi last week (**Elaine Coffey**, **Tom Foley**, **Herb Hampson**, **Irene Joyce**, and **Linda Ponstingle**) and to this week's team: **Joyce Reed**, **Pam Keenen**, **Elaine Coffey**, **Cathy Hawk**, **Linda Elkins**, and **Herb Hampson**.

The altar flowers are given—

In celebration of Dorothy & Bill Ritchie's 70th Wedding Anniversary on September 26th!

With love from their family



Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Luke Giuliano on September 30th!

--With love, your church family!

Happy Birthday today to Bill Robinson and Myron Costin!



TODAY IS PENNY SUNDAY!

Donate those coins, dollars, and checks (to SUCC). The money collected will go towards our church's Thanksgiving "Basket" project, providing food assistance to



community members.

It's not too late! Special Rally Day offering envelopes are in the pews; any special donations will be used to offset the cost of Sunday School curriculum. Today is the last day for that special collection.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Ruth Milidonis, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Mary Carey, Gina Cathcart, Kathy Cockrell, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sam Cuyler, Sr., Lidiya Dordzhiyeva, Sue Hawk, Paul Hirt, Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Len Lane, Judy Maur, Reggie McCray, Heidi & Chuck McDougall, Laurie Meister, Roy Merkle, Michele Mihlack, Lola Millhoane, Kenn Oerkitz, Gary Paul, Sandy Pogozelski, Joyce Reed, Dorothy & Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, Tracey Seneff, Peter Smith, Maggie Struhar, Sharon Wilson, Janis Williamson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen Zimmerman



Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joyce Glasgow (friend of the church), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Tiffany Hassel (Judi Pavisich's daughter-in-law), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Ed Kuhn (Sandy & Don Gleichauf's friend), Andrew Majoros (Michele Mihlack's cousin), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Rudy Matjazic (Judi Pavisich's friend, Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Heather Overman (friend of Judi Pavisich), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Thomas O'Shea (Sandy's dad), Jeff Peacock, Terry Robson (Barb & Mark Camp's friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Tina Serrano (Elliott Joyce's grandma), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Vicky Smith (Venner Clarinets), Bruce Unger (Steve & Sally Herzog's friend), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Weston (Chelsea Cathcart's friend's baby), Tom (friend of Judi Pavisich), The people of Ukraine, victims of violence, those affected by severe weather

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain. h.e.denman@gmail.com



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Robert Heddleson**, a member of our church since 2021. He had been ill for a number of years. Bob died on September 21, 2022 at the age of 63.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,649.37
 Last Week's Offering Received \$2,242.70
 Difference -(\$1,406.67)



Thank you very much for your support.

PLEDGE CARDS RECEIVED TO DATE: 65

ATTENTION ELECTRONIC GIVERS:



We are discontinuing our use of myEoffering and switching to a free donation service called Zeffy.

If you have a recurring gift set up through myEoffering, please sign in at <https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing> and cancel all donations. The church will be establishing a new online donation system within the next few weeks. Please see **Mike Elkins** with any questions. Thank you for giving.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

- The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, **September 27th** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We have room for YOU! Please join us for a nutritious meal and warm fellowship.



Insider tip: On October 12th, we will be serving everyone's favorite: Gourmet Grilled Cheese Sandwiches!



COMING SOON...

Mark your calendar for October 9th when our church will celebrate our 205th ANNIVERSARY!

We will recognize our newest 50 year members during worship and enjoy cake and refreshments following the service.

If you would like to help with:

- Setting up
- Centerpieces for the tables
- Providing a finger food/snack item
- Clean-up



Please contact Jennifer Barry at jenbarry425@gmail.com

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022

Elected January 30, 2022 * = 1 year term
 **appointed by the Official Board

Moderator: Greg Dickson **Vice-Moderator:** Jen Barry
Treasurer: Sally Herzog **Clerk:** Judy Gaumer

Sunday School Co-Superintendents
 Linda Elkins Serena Abruzzino

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 Lora Rung* Jennifer Sekorky Peter Smith** Bev Wehr*

GIFT CARDS

GET YOUR GIFT GIVING AND PERSONAL SHOPPING DONE AND BENEFIT THE CHURCH!



You can order gift cards by calling **Jim Joyce** at 216-267-5043 in advance with your order. **Limited stock is available for purchase on Sunday mornings.** (See Jim next week for cards.)

OUR 2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th!



DO YOU LIKE TO PARTY? ARE YOU A WHIZ AT ORGANIZING EVENTS? The church is looking to form a committee to oversee our many celebrations. If you're even a little bit intrigued, please indicate your interest on the back of your attendance card and place it in the offering plate.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is **OPEN on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** with a whole new line of fall/winter merchandise. Donations are being accepted, but you must **call** the church first to arrange a time for drop-off.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
 UPCOMING EVENT**

October 5 – Program on Medical Ministry – 1:00 P.M.

WE'D LIKE TO INCLUDE ALL LADIES

Women's Fellowship wants to include all interested ladies of the church in its activities, and plans to offer additional day and time options for its programs. If you'd like to participate but cannot attend the current weekday, daytime programs, please complete this form; and you will be contacted with more information.



Name _____
 Phone (_____) _____
 Email _____

Thank you for your interest in Women's Fellowship. Please turn in this form to the church office.