



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Sunday, July 28, 2024– 10 A.M.  
Outdoor Worship/Church Picnic**

**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.

**GATHERING MUSIC** "This is My Father's World" Traditional

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Bill Schneider

**INTROIT** "We Will Glorify" Paris

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: On this summer morning, we gather at the edge of heaven,  
**People: Finding the gates flung wide open by the One who welcomes all.**

Leader: On this summer morning, we come to this holy place of worship,

**People: To be touched by the One who offers us grace and love.**

Leader: On this summer morning, we worship God, who adopts us into the family,

**People: To be filled by the One who would pour us out in service to the world.**

**† 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 ev'ry tongue will confess You are God.

One day ev'ry 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 hearts, 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 145: 10-18**

(New International Version)

All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

The Lord upholds all who fall

and lifts up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires

of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him in truth.

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**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** "Wonderful Words of Life" Bliss

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Trinity" O'Shea

**† 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 GOSPELS** **John 6: 1-21**

(The Message)

"There's a little boy who has five barley loaves and two fish.

But that's a drop in the bucket for a crowd like this!"

**SERMON** "Plenty for All"

**† HYMN** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands;

He's got the whole world in His hands;

He's got the whole world in His hands;

He's got the whole world in His hands!

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands;

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands;

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands;

He's got the whole world in His hands!

He's got the tiny little baby in His hands;

He's got tiny little baby in His hands;

He's got tiny little baby in His hands;

He's got the whole world in His hands!

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands;

He's got you and me, sister, in His hands;

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands;

He's got the whole world in His hands!

**† BENEDICTION** Christine Longhurst

As we leave this place, remember this: Nothing that we encounter in this world can ever separate us from the love of Jesus Christ: not hardship or disaster, poverty or danger, neither death nor life, angels or demons, our fears for today or our worries about tomorrow— not even the powers of hell itself! Nothing in all creation can ever separate us from God's love. So go from here with joy to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

**† PARTING MUSIC** "Put Your Hand in the Hand" MacLellen

**SERVING**

**TODAY – JULY 28** **NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 4**

Irene Joyce **Greeters** Linda Plain

Lynne McCray **Liturgist** Elaine Coffey

Dan & Laura W., Pam & Ralph H. **Ushers** Linda & Jim D., Mary Ellen Z., Carole K.

Tom Foley **Director of Music** Tom Foley

Mike Elkins **Associate Director of Music** Mike Elkins

Sharon Heinrich **Organist** Sharon Heinrich

Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich **Video/Sound** Doug Thorn/Jim Heinrich

Sandy O'Shea/Music Team **Special Music** Sue McLaughlin, Dave Williams

Games! (Rachel Zielinski) **Summer Sunday School** Colette Emerson

**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](http://strongsvilleucc.com), select **Worship**, click on **Service Videos**.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**—We thank **Sandy O'Shea**, and of course, **Mike Elkins, Tom Foley**, and **Sharon Heinrich** for today's music!

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PILGRIM HALL FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE!**

Everyone is welcome (whether you brought a covered dish or not) and hot dogs, chicken, beverages, and tableware are provided. We will have games for kids of all ages following the meal!

**A 2024 SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ALTAR FLOWERS IS POSTED IN PILGRIM HALL.** Please note: the cost of flowers

is \$18 for 1 vase and \$36 for 2 vases. We still have a few Sundays left!

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday today to Joey McKane!*  
With love, Grammy





### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Sunday School continues! We are still looking for folks to teach a summer Sunday with our children. All lessons and materials will be provided in advance. Start thinking about which Sunday you're available for this special ministry! A sign-up sheet is posted in Pilgrim Hall.

#### PENNY SUNDAY!

Please save your coins, dollars, and checks (to UCC) for our next Penny Sunday on August 25, 2024.

#### MISSION OUTREACH NEWS: DEODORANT DRIVE!

Mission Outreach will be collecting OLD SPICE and DOVE deodorant for Snow School in Berea through August 25th. The students who attend that school are in foster care, transitional care, or wards of the county

and while Ohio Guidestone provides hospital grade deodorant, having a name brand product makes a big difference to these young people. (These brands are the ones recommended by the school.) On August 25th, Tami Klammer, the principal of Snow School, will be our guest speaker during worship.



#### OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Laurie Meister, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Maggie Struhar

Church Family: Serena Abruzzino, Judy Carte, Jennifer Cockrell, Sam Cuyler Jr., Sue Hawk, Irene Jannsohn, Jim Joyce, Bruce Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Kay Konicek, Bobbie & Wayne Krisak, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Jim Maresco, Jan Meier, Roy Merkle, Lola Millhoane, Ginny & Kenn Oerkfitz, Gary Paul, George & Joyce Reed, Dorothy Ritchie, Peter Smith, Linda Stepan, Sharon Wilson, Claire Wills, Marty Winch, Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Extended Church Family: Yvonne Adams (Judi Pavisich's friend), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Barbara Davis (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), John Dickson (Greg's dad), Keana Dickson (Greg & Ingrid's daughter), Allison Emerson (Colette's sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Joanne Gariepy (Sally Herzog's friend), Kathy Ghetti (friend of Ginger Rothel), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Barb & Dale Holmberg (Tiffany Hassel's parents), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Sylvia Pakish (Don & Sandy Gleichauf's friend), Jeff Peacock (former member), Zora Roundtree (FL4A volunteer), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Sandy Shipley (the Zielinskis' friend), Vicki Smith (Venner Clarinets), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), The people of Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel, victims of violence, those affected by natural disasters

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

IMPORTANT INFO—Do you know where the AED and First Aid Kit are located in the church? They are adjacent to the doorway in Pilgrim Hall, just to the right of the confirmation classroom.



#### FROM OUR FRIENDS AT STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND:



Come to our concert on Friday, August 2nd (Rotary Cookout at the Ehrnfeltd Center) at 7:30 p.m. and grab your lawn chair for our concert on Friday, August 9th at 7:30 p.m. on the Strongsville Middle School lawn (In case of rain, outdoor concerts will be at the Ehrnfeltd Center.)

#### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,617.01
Last Week's Offering Received \$ 1,808.90
Difference - (\$1,808.11)



Thank you very much for your support. PLEDGES RECEIVED: 51

#### THRIFT SHOP



The Thrift Shop is OPEN every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and shop lots of interesting merchandise at amazing prices. Donations are being accepted during those hours, but please try to limit your donations to what you can carry downstairs.

#### BOOK STUDY--A YEAR OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

Continuing next month, August 19th, Pastor Heidi and Linda Elkins are leading a monthly book study based on Rachel Held Evans's wonderful book, A Year of Biblical Womanhood. The group will meet on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m., for one hour. It's not too late to join us!



#### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, August 13th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.
The Diaconate will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, August 20th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor
The Official Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, August 27th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



#### FREE LUNCH FOR ALL-- Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thank you to all our faithful volunteers!



DO MORE IN 2024! New sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area are waiting for your name to be added as a greeter or usher. No experience is necessary—we will show you everything you need to know! Everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—August

“MOVIE WATCHING!” Evening: Monday, August 5th, 7PM in the Gathering Area.

Daytime: Wednesday, August 7th, 1PM in the Gathering Area. Movie is to be determined - please provide suggestion(s) to Sharon Heinrich. As always, all ladies are welcome!

#### CHURCH OFFICERS IN 2024

\*Elected January 28, 2024 \*\*Appointed by the Official Board

Moderator: Greg Dickson\* Vice-Moderator: Jen Barry\*

Treasurer: Sally Herzog\* Clerk: Judy Gaumer\*

#### Sunday School Co-Superintendents

Linda Elkins Mary Densmore

#### Board of Trustees

Bill Giuliano\* Chris Goff Mike Elkins\* Les Fox\*
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#### Mission and Outreach Committee

Diana Creecy\* Sarah Hayes\* Lora Rung
Jennifer Sekorky\* Peter Smith Bev Wehr\* Mary Ellen Zimmerman

#### 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN --M.A.P.L.E.

- M- Making and moving
A- Accepting and Acknowledging
P- People
L- Learning and Loving
E- Encompassing



#### Strongsville United Church of Christ 2024 Estimate of Giving

In recognition of God's many blessings to me, I am happy to join with others in the following commitment for 2024:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each

week month other \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for

Our Congregation's Ministries and Operations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to talk with someone from the Endowment Committee about including the church or church-related institution in my Will.

I would like to talk with someone about using the automatic deduction plan from my checking/savings account.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**RIVER VALLEY PAPER RECYCLING—ON BORROWED TIME**

River Valley Paper company is reducing its routes and will be removing our paper/cardboard recycling bin at some point. We will be contacting other companies to see about getting another bin. You may bring your cardboard and paper as long as the bin is in our parking lot, but an alternative site will be needed in the future.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this program.

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