

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** (8:15) **“Prelude in E Minor”** Chopin  
(9:25) **“Lord of the Dance”** arr. Krug  
Crossroad Ringers

**Choral Call to Worship** (9:25) **“The Morning Breaks”** Mathew  
Sanctuary Choir

**\*Call to Worship**  
Leader: Come saints and come sinners!  
**People: We are both mixed together.**  
Leader: Whatever we did that we shouldn't have, whatever we didn't do but should have,  
**People: we lay before the Lord.**  
Leader: Trust in God's infinite grace as we worship.  
**People: Praise the Lord whose love never ends!**

**\*Opening Hymn** **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** UMH #577

**\*Unison Prayer**  
**Lord, it is so obvious to us what other people do wrong. It is so much easier to judge them than to examine our own hearts. We have some ideas what of lurks in the dark rooms of our hearts, so we confess we'd rather not go there. Give us the courage to face our own sin. Give us the faith to trust in your love and forgiveness, for us, no matter what. In the name of Jesus who came full of grace we pray, amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri** UMH #70  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Anthem** (9:25) **“Jubilant Celebration”** Raney  
Youth Bells

**Testimony Spotlight** Blue Bus

**Time of 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Prayer Response** (9:25)

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**  
**Offertory** (8:15) **“Come As You Are”** Crowder  
Carl Fernstrum, solo  
(9:25) **“Amazing Grace”** arr. Schrader  
Sanctuary Choir

**\*Doxology** UMH #95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Offertory Blessing**

**\*Gospel Lesson** (Response: Thanks be to God.) [Matthew 18:8-9, 7:1-5](#)  
*If your hand or your foot causes you to fall into sin, chop it off and throw it away. It's better to enter into life crippled or lame than to be thrown into the eternal fire with two hands or two feet. If your eye causes you to fall into sin, tear it out and throw it away. It's better to enter into life with one eye than to be cast into a burning hell with two eyes.*

**Meditation** **“Rule of Christ Step 1: Look At Yourself”**  
Rev. Abby Auman

**\*Closing Hymn** **“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”** UMH #128

**\*Go and Serve**

**\*Choral Benediction** (9:25) **“Walk With Me”** Bushong  
Sanctuary Choir

**Postlude** **“Make a Joyful Noise”** Algenas

\*Please rise in spirit or body. Our different physical abilities mean we will assume different postures of worship.



The flowers for this morning's services are dedicated to the glory of God and given by **Butch & Barb Krivos** in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

**Circle of Concern**

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

AT HOME: Tom Wladyka, Dick Klink, Hildi Fitzpatrick, Meredith Stone, Sandie Wojnowski, Jessie Wilson, Frank Buchwald, Dan Devadan, Liz Myers, Karen Cannon, Pam McConnell, Gary Hawke, Joyce Bakeman, Eva Hawk

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Bill Hacker (Lynne Koszkalda's father), Jason Dublo (Sandy Dublo's son), Mary Ann Kriynovich (Eileen Simpson's daughter), Aubrey Bowers (Linda Voyles's father)

OTHER PLACES OF RESIDENCE: Craig Comstock, The Avenue; Wayne Pullman, Ohio Veterans Home; Sandy Moir, Len Schmidt, Arden Court; Wendell Ebersole, Brookdale Senior Living; Carol Olin, Southwest Commons; Sally Householder, Janet L. Doak, Shurmer Place; Marge Stecki, Altenheim Senior Living; Pat Cassell, Park Creek Assisted Living; Dave McKinnon, Lake Continuing Care Center; Myrna Nored, Nancy Jones, Tom & Marion Mueller, Ed Michalski, Richard Pinkerton, Vitalia; Jan Zverina, Kemper House; John Shanfelt, Wesleyan Village; Sally Spisak, Western Reserve Masonic in Medina; Ying Lai, Vitalia Rockside

THOSE IN UNIFORM: Joe Lang, Erich Reese, Elise Schraibman, Noah Polcar, Adam Schraibman, Devin Fullerman, Zak Boggs, Adam Nebenzahl, Phillip Giampapa, Chad & Nicole Drone, Brendon Horn, Bryan Rocks, Jay Rueschhoff, Brandon Vanderwyst, Jerry Pickryl, Bob Waltz, Adam Gajewski, Patrick Helderma, Rebecca Helderma, Jeremy Knowles, Andrew Dyer, Richie Ward

**April 14**

<b>Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts</b>		<b>Attendance</b>
Regular Ministry Offering	\$18,463	Worship Center 330
Hope Grows Here (building campaign)	\$400	Sunday School 66

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**INTRODUCE YOURSELF...**  
Don't worry, we won't make you stand in front of everybody. Help us get to know you by filling out some basic information and dropping the tear-off in the offering plate later in the service.

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME...**  
To all God's children, we offer the opportunity to explore the love of God and the hope found in Christ through relationships and the study of God's Word with our Children's Ministry. Children and youth ages 3-18 can participate in Sunday School during 9:25 and 11:05 worship services. The sensory friendly class is offered during 11:05. Parents and guardians may leave children ages 0-3 in the nursery during 9:25 and 11:05 and take a pager to worship. They can stay in the nursery where children can play while listening to the worship service as well. We also welcome children in worship and are not fussed if they fuss! To learn about any of these opportunities, contact Ms. Leanne at [LeanneG@StrongsvilleUMC.org](mailto:LeanneG@StrongsvilleUMC.org).

**HOW ELSE CAN WE HELP?**  
Hearing aid devices and large print hymnals are available from our ushers. Children's activity bags are also available. Let us know if you have other needs while you're with us today.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SUMC THIS MORNING?**

- visiting family
- new in community
- looking for a church
- invited by: \_\_\_\_\_
- other \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON:**

- Children/Youth Ministries
- Music Ministries
- Small Group Opportunities
- Missions at SUMC
- A Discovery Class where I can learn more about SUMC.

Contact me: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Ministry Opportunities



Let us know how you'd like to get involved! Fill out the contact information below and drop this in the offering plate.

\_\_\_ **COMMUNION SET UP/CLEAN UP**

\_\_\_ **HOLY GROUNDS CAFÉ**

\_\_\_ **PLANTING NOTIFICATIONS**

\_\_\_ **SENSORY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# DID YOU KNOW ?

**SENSORY SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Great news! SUMC has a great reputation for being a caring church to all kids but especially our sensory seeking friends. That means sometimes we need a few extra hands at Sunday school to make sure everyone is able to enjoy their morning and their learning. Ms. Leanne is looking for adults this summer who are willing to join us at 9:25 or 11:05 for some fun and games. We know summer is hard to schedule but we assure you the hour difference in your Sunday morning will make a world of difference in their Sunday morning. See Ms. Leanne for more details today!

**PLANTING:** Weather permitting, we will plant a pansy border and transplant grass to barren areas on April 25. Depending on weather and plant readiness, seedling transplanting will take place on May 23. If you would like notified directly of weather changes or pop up planting opportunities, please mark the tear off.

**SMART PHONE DONATION:** The ReCharge ministry team is in need of 3-4 smart phones to use with the classroom video system. If you have an old smart phone that you would like to donate, please contact Ms. Leanne at [LeanneG@strongsvilleumc.org](mailto:LeanneG@strongsvilleumc.org).

**UMCOR COFFEE:** Equal Exchange products are being sold after services in the atrium today. Stock up on coffee, tea, cashews, almonds, cocoa and candy bars.

**APRIL MISSIONS COLLECTION:** This year the SUMC Missions Committee, Children and Youth Ministries are teaming up to support Feed The Kids, a local program that offers weekly food bundles to children in the area each summer. Our church has set a goal to make 100 food bundles! To donate, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A5AB29A7F58-48548830-sumc#/> to sign up for a needed food item. Bring your donation back to the Manna Room by April 30. Please note that food with an expiration date earlier than August 2024 cannot be used. Thank you, church!

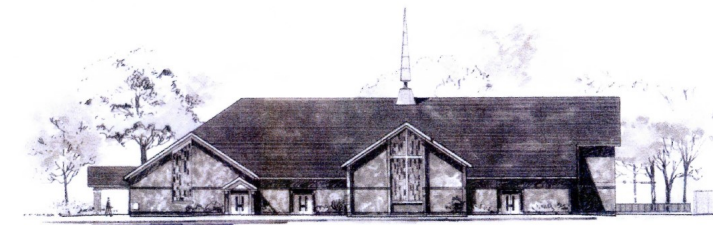
**FOOD BANK:** This month the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank is seeking donations of peanut butter, jelly and cereal. Donations can be left in the Manna Room.

**BICYCLE DONATIONS:** Pastor Matt and Harbor & Bridge Community Center are always looking for donations of bikes and helmets of all sizes. The bikes are cleaned up and repaired and used by community members as a means of transportation. Every donation makes a difference! Bikes and helmets can be left in the SUMC pavilion for pick up.

**BLUE BUS:** To better meet the specific needs of the community we serve, moving forward, the Blue Bus will only be accepting donations of socks, underwear, toiletries, bedding and candy. Thank you, church!

**CAR NEEDED:** One of our RFKC graduates is about to graduate high school and is looking for a car to get her to school and/or a job. If you have a used car you are thinking about trading in that you would be willing to donate for a tax write off, please contact the office. Thank you!

The Holy Grounds Café is being hosted today by **the Staff Parish Relations Committee**. If you would like to take a turn serving in the café, you can [sign up here](#) or contact Krissi Swab at [kswab10@aim.com](mailto:kswab10@aim.com).



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## Worship Schedule

April 21, 2024

**Sunday: Traditional** - 8:15, \*9:25

**Contemporary** - \*11:05

**Monday: Adult Meditative Worship** - 7:30 pm

\*Livestreamed service



Strongsville United Methodist Church is committed to:

Making and maturing disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

We do this by:

Showing God's Love,  
Sharing God's Word,  
and  
Serving in God's World

**Shield of Faith (LEO Group)**  
4/22, 7:30 pm

**Catalysts for Change**  
4/23, 7 pm

**Confirmation Service**  
4/28, 4 pm

