

Second Sunday of Easter		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	“Because He Lives”	arr. Algenas
Choral Call to Worship	“Into My Heart” Sanctuary Choir	Clarke

***Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 119:1-7)
Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
People: Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.
Leader: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
People: O that our ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
Leader: Then we shall not be put to shame, having our eyes fixed on all your commandments.
People: We will praise you with an upright heart, when we learn your righteous ordinances.

***Opening Hymn** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” UMH #66
(Verses 1-3)

***Unison Prayer**
God of resurrection and restoration, you give us the gift of your commandments to guide us in how we live. Might we come to trust that loving you is the best way for us to experience life. Strengthen us for a life that faithfully follows you and seeks to offer your steadfast love to others. In the name of the risen Christ 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.

Children’s Message (9:25)

Testimony Spotlight Fostering the Future Auction Paige Pierce, Barb Diver

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory (8:15) “Love the Lord” Brewster
Carl Fernstrum, solo
(9:25) “Thine is the Glory” arr. Burkhardt
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**

***Scripture Lesson** (Response: Thanks be to God) Matthew 22:34-40; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Message “The House that Love Built: Keep, Recite, Bind and Write”
Rev. Hannah Weisbrod

***Closing Hymn** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” UMH #557

***Go and Serve**

Choral Benediction “All Praise to Thee” Vaughan Williams
Sanctuary Choir



The flowers for this morning’s services are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by: **Don & Barb Shearer** in memory of **Paul & Glow Shearer; Martin & Denise Barty** in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Circle of Concern

HOSPITALIZED: Brad Wilkison, Cleveland Clinic

IN HOSPICE CARE: Steve White

AT HOME: Len Bogacki, Kevin Joniak, Darlene Franz, Liz Myers, Denise Snyder, Linda Wiegand, Pam Hilton, Joyce Bakeman, Eva Hawk

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Aubrey Bowers (Linda Voyles’ father), Jim Rogers (Ruth Rogers’ son)

OTHER PLACES OF RESIDENCE: Kay Housum, Generations; John Lendzian, Care Core Willowood; Craig Comstock, The Avenue; Sandy Moir, Len Schmidt, Arden Court; Wendell Ebersole, Brookdale Senior Living; Janet L. Doak, Sally Householder, Marge Stecki, Altenheim Senior Living; Dave McKinnon, Lake Continuing Care Center; Myrna Nored, Nancy Jones, Tom & Marion Mueller, Richard Pinkerton, Vitalia North Royalton; Jim Brickley, Jan Zverina, Kemper House; John Shanfelt, Wesleyan Village; Sally Spisak, Western Reserve Masonic in Medina; Ying Lai, Vitalia Rockside

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

Online Giving:



April 20			
Giving for Ministry: Weekly Receipts		Attendance	
Regular Ministry Offering	\$15,612	Worship	704
Hope Grows Here	\$535	Sunday School	85

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

UMH refers to the United Methodist Hymnal.

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Please note, security cameras are in use in our facility.

WELCOME TO
STRONGVILLE UMC!

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.

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! Be sure to fill out your contact information and drop this form in the offering plate.

_____ **SUNDAY PRAYER TEAM:** I want to join the team that prays over our services while we worship.

_____ **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** I am interested in being on the committee to help plan this event.

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

DID YOU KNOW ?

PIANO DEDICATION: Join us today at 3 pm for a piano concert with special performer William Shaffer. Admission is free and a love offering will be taken.

THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD: Join Pastor Hannah as she leads her final study at SUMC! Together, we will read “The Practice of the Presence of God” by Brother Lawrence. The group will meet April 30, May 7, and May 21 from 6:30-7:45 pm.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Any one interested in helping to plan this special event is invited to attend our planning meeting on Monday, May 5 at 6:15 pm. See you there!

EASTER OFFERING: Looking for a special envelope for your Easter offering? While those weren't available this year, you're warmly invited to give in the way that works best for you: online using the QR code inside the bulletin, by marking any red pew pad envelope with “Easter,” or by noting “Easter” in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your joyful generosity and for helping share the good news of the resurrection!

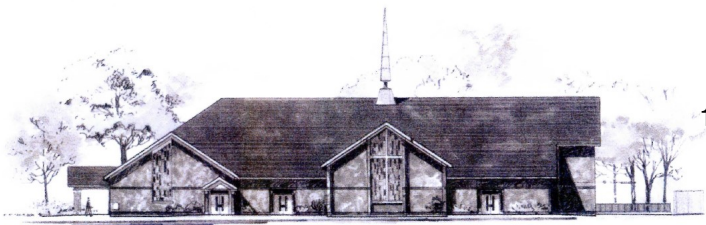
FOOD BANK NEEDS: The Strongsville Emergency Food Bank is in need of: Spaghetti O's, ravioli, ramen soup, pork & beans, mac & cheese, canned tuna (all sizes), squeeze bottles of jelly (30 and 32 ounces), peanut butter (all sizes), boxed baked goods and cereal. Donations can be brought to the bin the in Manna Room. Thank you!

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.

Today's liturgist is **Kirk Pavelich**.

While we worship, a prayer team is lifting up every person in the congregation as well as the needs, concerns and joys of the church.

The Holy Grounds Café is being hosted today by **the Fostering the Future 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.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday: Traditional - 8:15, *9:25
Contemporary - *11:05

Monday: Adult Meditative Worship - 7:30 pm

*Livestreamed service

April 27, 2025



Lydia Circle
5/1, 12:30 pm

Fostering the Future Auction
5/3, 5:30 pm,
Strongsville Rec Center

OYA Bingo & Brunch
5/4, 12:30 pm

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

