

# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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**August 16, 2015 9:45 A.M. Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** *Nocturne in F minor Op. 55, No. 1* F. Chopin  
Joshua Konow, Piano

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* K. Metcalfe  
Joshua Konow, Vocalist Elena Taylor, Piano

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, that we might all listen to God's Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

**People: How can we discover such wisdom?**

Leader: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom.  
When we choose to live according to God's will and plan,  
God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

**All: Praise the Lord!  
Learn of God's compassion and mercy.  
Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!**

**HYMN 90** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### OUR 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.**

**RESPONSE** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William B. Bradbury

**ANTHEM** *Here's My Heart* C. Tomlin  
Joshua Konow, Vocalist Elena Taylor, Piano

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** Excerpt from *Variations on a Theme of Corelli*  
Joshua Konow, Piano S. Rachmaninoff

\* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 562** *Be Thou My Vision*

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 2:15-18; 3:1-7 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 2  
Matthew 4:1-11 New Testament, p. 3

**SERMON** *Who Told You You Were Naked?* Rev. Mendle Adams

**HYMN 575** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

### † BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Love Divine* J. Egan / J. Moos / J. Henderson  
Joshua Konow, Vocalist Elena Taylor, Piano

† **POSTLUDE** *Nocturne in D-flat Op. 27, No. 2* F. Chopin  
Joshua Konow, Piano

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**Welcome, visitors!** We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**We thank** Joshua Konow and Elena Taylor for their special music this morning.

*Minister*  
*Worship Accompanist*  
*Liturgist*  
*Greeter*  
*Usher*  
*Coffee Hour*

*Rev. Rebecca Stephenson*  
*Elena Taylor*  
*Tom Gaumer*  
*Roy Merkle*  
*Roy Merkle*  
*Rosemary Bechtel*

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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### SONGS

*I Will Follow  
How Excellent Is Thy Name*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG

*I'll Fly Away*

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### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

*Sanctuary*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

### OFFERING

*Thy Word*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 2:15-18; 3:1-7  
Matthew 4:1-11

Hebrew Scriptures, p. 2  
New Testament, p. 3

**MEDITATION** *Who Told You You Were Naked?* Rev. Mendle Adams

### SONG

*Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

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### SERVING TODAY

**Praise Band Director** – Elena Taylor

**Vocalists** – Gary Hackett, Rachel Kovatich, Kyra Krause,  
Toni Newborn, Jack Stephenson, Elena Taylor, Clay Williams

**Keyboard** – Elena Taylor

**Acoustic Guitar I** – Jake Williams

**Acoustic Guitar II** – Julia Soltis

**Acoustic Guitar III** – Gary Hackett

**Electric Guitar** – Herbert Parker

**Bass Guitar** – Jack Stephenson

**Violin** – Julia Soltis

**Viola** – Jake Williams

**Clarinet** – Emily Phan

**Mallet Percussion** – Robert Toth

**Drum Set** – Mike Soltis

**Drum Pads** – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

**Liturgist** – Jack Stephenson

**Graphics Operation** – Rosemary Bechtel

## AUGUST 2015

- 16 Sun Newsletter Deadline  
18 Tue Tent Setup, between 9am and 11am  
Trustees Meeting, 7pm  
Advertising Meeting, 7pm  
19 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm  
Women's Study, 7pm  
22 Sat Family Fun Day, 10am-2pm  
25 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm  
26 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm  
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am  
Women's Study, 7pm  
27 Thu Children's Choir rehearsals begin for the new season, 7pm  
Children's Band rehearsals begin for the new season, 7:30pm  
30 Sun Kids for Christ Penny Sunday  
Kindred Spirit Singles arrive at 1pm, meeting at 2pm

**The Thrift Shop will have End-of-Summer Bag Sales** these  
Thursdays: August 20 - \$6, August 27 - \$6, September 3 - \$5. Fill a  
brown paper bag, which we will supply, with merchandise of your choice.  
Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra. **Excluded** are jewelry and cards.  
**No Returns** – Shop early for the best selection. The shop is open  
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is in our church basement.

**Join Our Strongsville UCC Music Ministry!** We have three main adult  
musical groups in our church. Our Chancel Choir (director, Joshua  
Konow) and Bell Choir (director, Barb Fraunfelder) rehearse on Thursday  
evenings and usually provide music at the traditional service.  
Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir begin on September 3—  
8:00 p.m. for the Chancel Choir and 7:00 p.m. for the Bell Choir. The  
Chancel Choir's first Sunday back singing in church is Rally Day,  
September 13. Our Praise Band (director, Elena Taylor) rehearses on  
Wednesday evenings and provides music at the contemporary service.  
In addition, we enjoy music from instrumentalists, both members and  
guests, and many soloists and vocal and instrumental ensembles.  
These groups practice and participate with a variable schedule. We also  
have a growing children's choir directed by Elena Taylor. If you're  
thinking about being part of our music program, please join us at our  
**"kickoff" music party at the parsonage on Saturday, September 12,  
at 2:00 p.m.** Also, feel free to ask our directors any questions you have.

### Serving Next Sunday – August 23, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 Betty Craig	11:15 Betty Craig
Greeters		Lloyd and Barbara Bridle
Ushers		Lloyd and Barbara Bridle
Graphics Operation		Michele Mihlack
Coffee Hour		Cathy Hawk

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 16, 2015

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this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.

### Today's altar flowers are given—

*In Honor of Ingrid and Irene's Birthday and Elena Taylor's Birthday*  
The Jannsohn – Joyce – Dickson Family

**The additional flowers** in the sanctuary and the Gathering Area are in  
memory of Nancy Cochran.

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

*Happy Anniversary to Bill and Pam Craig on August 19, and*  
*Happy Birthday to Madison Wentz on August 22*  
With love, Mom/Grammy

### Happy Birthday today to Linda Elliott!

**Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy** to the family of  
Nancy Cochran on the occasion of her passing on August 9. The funeral  
took place in our sanctuary on August 14.

**Pastor Becky and 25 of our church ladies** are attending the Women's  
Retreat in Pilgrim Hills. **Rev. Mendle Adams** will lead worship this  
morning; and we thank him and his fiancée, Charlene Higginbotham, for  
being with us.

**Special Offering** – Today we will receive a special offering to offset  
expenses for Family Fun Day, the outreach to bring more children and  
families into our church.

**Deadline for the September Church Newsletter is TODAY.** Please  
leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you!

**Our tent will be set up on Tuesday, August 18, between 9:00 and  
11:00 a.m.,** and ABC Rental will show us how. If you want to learn,  
please write this on the back of your Attendance Card, call the church  
office, or tell Pastor Becky. Thank you!

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 8/9 Traditional	\$4,315
Contemporary	\$339
Difference	\$1,464

**Trustees** will meet Tuesday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m.  
**Advertising Team** will meet Tuesday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Free Lunch** – All are invited to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

**Wednesday Evening Women's Study** – At the Women's Retreat this weekend, the ladies are studying the first two chapters of the book, Anonymous – Discovering the Somebody You Are to God, by Cindi Wood. The study will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 26, September 2, 9. Ladies who not attend the Women's Retreat are welcome to participate in the Wednesday Evening Study. To attend and to make sure we have a book for you, please call the church office, 440-238-6697, or mark the back of your Attendance Card. Thank you.

**Membership Class** – Pastor Becky will teach a Journey in Faith class on Mondays for 11 weeks beginning September 21, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church. Both members and nonmembers will enjoy the camaraderie within the group and the knowledge that Pastor Becky shares. To register, please mark the back of your Attendance Card, call the Church Office at (440) 238-6697, or see the signup sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

**Strongsville Food Bank** has a hard time during the summer months with donations. Please think of what you can bring in to our church to help them. Right now the Food Bank requests canned fruit, but any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

**Cookbook** – For our church's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new, one-of-a-kind cookbook! We want to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also, we want new recipes you currently love! Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch or Dianne Maringer; or place the envelope under the church office door. Thank you for sharing your recipes.

**Purse, Bag and Tote Bag Sale** – This Diaconate fundraiser will take place the day of our Turkey Dinner—Saturday, November 7, 2015. If possible, please bring your donations to the church now so we can plan the space needed. However, we will accept donations until Sunday, November 1. Purses should be **new or like new**. Pricing for regular size purses will begin at \$5.00. For additional information, please see Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer. Thank you for your donations.

**The Upper Room daily devotional guides** for September/October are available in the Gathering Area.

## FAMILY FUN DAY

**Saturday - August 22, 2015 - 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

Please Join Us in Our Church Tent for  
Free Hot Dogs and Lemonade,  
Free Crafts, Sidewalk Chalk,  
Inflatable Fun, Balloons!  
Awesome Activities for Kids!



A special offering will be received today to defer the costs of this outreach to bring more children and families to our church. The "Pew Envelope" in the pew rack can be used for this purpose. Please write "Family Fun Day" on the envelope or on the memo line of your check. Or, enclose a note with your donation, designating it for this event. Thank you for your support!

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### OUR PRAYER LIST

*Hospitals no longer provide names of members who are patients. If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church at (440) 238-6697. This list is updated weekly. If you wish someone to remain on the list, please call the church, (440) 238-6697.*

**Long-Term Care or Homebound Members:** Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

**Church Family:** Holly Elkins, Mick Jacobson (husband of Betty) at Southwest General, Bill Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Denzil Richards, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Pastor Becky Stephenson, Leah Tressa Forget, John Wood

**Extended Church Family:** Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Kay Gritti (friend of Lola Millhoane), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatich (mother of Bob), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)