

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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January 24, 2015 9:45 A.M. Third Sunday after Epiphany

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *This Is Our Day* Eleanor Wright
arr. Adrian Westney, Jr.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Praise the Lord in His Holy Temple* Charles Yannerella

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This day is holy to our Wise God!

People: **We gather to listen for God's word, to discern
God's will, to worship with God's people.**

Leader: This day is holy to our Joyful God!

People: **We are members of Christ's body, Christ's
family, Christ's church.**

Leader: This day is holy to our Powerful God!

People: **The Spirit of God is upon us, and we have been
anointed to bring good news to all.**

Leader: This day is holy to our Wonderful God!

People: **May the words in our mouths and the thoughts
in our hearts delight you, O God. Let us
worship our Holy God!**

† HYMN 103 *All Hail King Jesus*

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 W. Walford

ANTHEM *Create in Me* John Purifoy

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Do You Love God?* Eleanor Wright
arr. Adrian Westney, Jr.

* DOXOLOGY *What Gift Can We Bring* – on insert

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 219 *Surely the Presence* **Sing Twice**

SCRIPTURES Luke 4:14-21 New Testament, p. 53

SERMON *"The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me"*

HYMN 353 *Victory in Jesus*

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *Ask, Seek, Knock* Lloyd Larson

† POSTLUDE *Surely, Surely* Eleanor Wright
arr. Adrian Westney, Jr.

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Worship Accompanist
Chancel Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Technical Setup and Operation
Sound System
Greeter
Liturgist
Morning Announcements
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Doug Thorn
Jim Heinrich
Denise Bell
Tom Gaumer
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Rosemary Bechtel

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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11:15 A.M.



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PRELUDE / SONG

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord! All the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You; forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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CCLI Song # 1406918

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT *This Is Our Day* Eleanor Wright
arr. Adrian Westney, Jr.

† **SONG** *This Is the Day*

This is the day. This is the day.
That the Lord has made. That the Lord has made
We will rejoice. We will rejoice.
And be glad in it. And be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day. This is the day, that the Lord has made.

This is our church. This is our church.
That the Lord has made. That the Lord has made
We will rejoice. We will rejoice.
And be glad in it. And be glad in it.
This is our church that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is our church. This is our church, that the Lord has made.

CCLI Song # 32754

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† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING SONG *Sanctuary* Sing 3 times

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

CCLI Song # 24140

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *Do You Love God?* Eleanor Wright
arr. Adrian Westney, Jr.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *How Majestic Is Your Name* Michael W. Smith

DOXOLOGY *We Are An Offering* Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You; we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours; we are an offering.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You; we are an offering, we are an offering.

CCLI Song # 16220

THE WORD OF GOD Luke 4:14-21 New Testament, p. 53

MEDITATION *"The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me"*

† **HYMN 384**

Spirit Song

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

CCLI Song # 27824

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Surely, Surely* Eleanor Wright
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SERVING TODAY

Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Voice
Kyra Krause – Voice
Toni Newborn – Voice
Julia Soltis – Clarinet, Violin, Acoustic Guitar
Mike Soltis – Drum Set
Jack Stephenson – Bass Guitar, Voice
Elena Taylor – Praise Band Director, Keyboard, Voice
Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion
Clay Williams – Voice
Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola
Doug Thorn – Sound System, Technical Setup and Operation
Denise Bell – Morning Announcements
Tom Gaumer – Liturgist
Rosemary Bechtel – Graphics Operation

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 24, 2016

Welcome, visitors! We are so pleased you joined us this morning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

All are invited to enjoy coffee and baked goods in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

The steeple will light the sky this week—
In Memory of Ruth Saylor

Happy Birthday today to Linda Stepan!

Belated Happy Birthday to Teddy Bickley last Sunday, January 17!
Belated Happy Anniversary to Ted and Kelly Bickley also last Sunday!

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place next Sunday, **January 31, when WE WILL HAVE ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE— at 9:45 a.m.** The traditional Pancake Brunch will follow worship, and the meeting will commence at about 11:45 a.m. All are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Annual Report Booklets – If you did not get your copy last week, please pick one up at the door when you leave church today. For those who need a booklet mailed to them, please call the church at (440) 238-6697.

Official Board will meet Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch – All are welcome to this free lunch, which is served every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

Men's Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 27, at 11:30 a.m. at European's Best Restaurant. As always, all men are welcome.

Wednesday Rehearsals: Children's Choir at 7:30 p.m.
Praise Band at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Rehearsals: Bell Choir at 7:00 p.m.
Children's Instrumental at 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

		Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190	
Offering 1/17/16	Traditional	\$2,176	Contemporary \$270	2,446
			Difference	-\$744

Pastor Becky is again teaching a Journey in Faith Membership Class, which began on Thursday evening, January 21. Class is held at the church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Members, as well as potential members, are welcome and encouraged to attend. To register, please mark your Attendance Card, tell Pastor Becky, call the Church Office, or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

Food Bank – KFC (Kids for Christ) are collecting cans of soup through Sunday, February 7. This is a great project for the children and one we can all easily support. A special collection area is in our Gathering Area, or the cans be placed in the Food Bank contribution container in Pilgrim Hall.

Signup Charts for 2016 for Greeters, Ushers, and Altar Flowers are posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. Please help in these areas if you can. Thank you.

Altar Flowers – If you want to provide flowers on a Sunday morning, the following are dates within the next three months when **no one** has signed up: January 31, February 7 and 21, March 6 and 13, April 3 and 10. If those dates are not suitable to you, multiple vases are accepted on all Sunday mornings. Please see the Altar Flower chart in Pilgrim Hall to sign up. Thank you to all who place flowers on the altar.

Strongsville UCC

SWISS STEAK DINNER

Saturday – February 6, 2016

Seatings at 5:00 and 6:30 P.M.

Reservations Only: (216) 598-6198

Adults \$13.00 Ages 6-12 \$5.00 Under 6 years Free

Tickets are available for purchase after 9:45 a.m. worship.

Help is needed. The sign-up sheet is on Pilgrim Hall's board.

For safety reasons, no children under age 6 (with or without parent) can be helpers in any capacity during the serving hours of 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Children 6 to 10 must have a parent helping them.

The Thrift Shop will be open.

Bake Sale – At the Swiss Steak Dinner on February 6, a Bake Sale will be set up in the Sunday School room across from the Parlor to raise money for my Girl Scout Gold Award project. Later this year I plan to build a worship garden for the church with the money I earn. I appreciate the support.
Gina Gigliotti

January 2016

- 26 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
27 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am
28 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
31 Sun 1 Service ONLY at 9:45am
KFC Penny Sunday
Annual Meeting at 11:45am, preceded by the traditional
Pancake Brunch

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: Jim Davis at Falling Water, Betty Kircher, Eileen
Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook, Pastor
Becky Stephenson, Keith Sullen, Judy Thurn, Leah Tressa Forget, John
Wood at Parkside Villa

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev
Wehr), 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), Kim Filiatraut
(friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Kay
Gritti (friend of Lola Millhoane), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig),
Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother
of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Jessica Lane
(granddaughter of Len and Bev), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie
(friend of the Bickleys), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan),
Dolores Mihlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Debbie Morey (sister
of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith
Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen
Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of
Darla)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 31, 2015

Liturgist	ONE SERVICE ONLY	Jim Nicoulin
Greeters		The Bickley Family
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Morning Announcements		Kim McKenzie