

# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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**July 26, 2015 9:45 A.M. Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in B Minor* Robert Vandall  
Jake Williams, Piano

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** *Spirit Song* John Wimber  
Sandy O'Shea, Vocalist Ken Mehalko, Clarinet Jake Williams, Guitar

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We join together as hungry eaters to be nourished  
by the food that you offer us.

**Many: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.**

One: As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread  
and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine,  
tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for  
healthy growth.

**Many: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.**

One: The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready  
to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

**Many: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

**HYMN 682** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## 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** Ken Mehalko, Native American Flute

**ANTHEM** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Afro-American Spiritual  
Sandy O'Shea, Vocalist Ken Mehalko, Clarinet Jake Williams, Guitar

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *The Gift of Love* Traditional English Melody  
Sandy O'Shea, Vocalist Ken Mehalko, Clarinet Jake Williams, Guitar

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

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 17** *Our Great Savior*

**SCRIPTURE** John 6:15-21 New Testament, p. 85

**SERMON** *When the Storms Are Raging*

† **HYMN** *Stand by Me*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** Ken Mehalko, Native American Flute

† **POSTLUDE** *Psalms XIX* Marcello

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

**We thank** Ken Mehalko, Sandy O'Shea, Jake Williams and Sharon  
Heinrich for their worship music this morning.

*Worship Accompanist*  
*Liturgist*  
*Greeter*  
*Ushers*  
*Coffee Hour*

*Elena Taylor*  
*Kelly Bickley*  
*Ginny Dangelo*  
*Gary and Kathie Paul*  
*Michele Mihlack*

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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### SONGS

27 *He Is Exalted*  
26 *Great Is the Lord*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG

42 *I Will Celebrate*

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### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

*Sanctuary*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

### OFFERING

82 *Thy Word*

THE WORD OF GOD      John 6:15-21      New Testament, p. 85

### MEDITATION

*When the Storms Are Raging*

### SONG

39 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

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### SERVING TODAY

**Praise Band Director** – Elena Taylor

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

**Keyboard** – Elena Taylor

**Keyboard Substitute** – Sharon Heinrich

**Acoustic Guitar I** – Jake Williams

**Acoustic Guitar II** – Julia Soltis

**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** – Lora Rung

**Graphics Operation** – Vicky Masuga

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – JULY 26, 2015

**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.

### Today's altar flowers are given—

*In Loving Memory of Lynne Anne Golden (daughter and sister)*  
Carol Merkle and Sandy Pogozelski

**Happy Anniversary** today to Denny and Sheri Martin!

**Newsletter** – For those who get paper copies, **please pick up your August Newsletter** today in the Gathering Area. Special thanks to those who get their copies by email.

**Mission and Outreach Committee** will meet today after 9:45 worship.

**Christian Ed Team** will meet Tuesday, July 28, 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 our own 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 they are requesting 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. Thank you for your donations. Pricing for regular size purses will begin at \$5.00. For additional information, please see Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer.

**Helping Homeless Veterans** – The Mission and Outreach Committee of our church is partnering with Church Street Ministries to help homeless veterans get back on their feet. As part of our Mission and Outreach program, our goal is to raise \$500 by July 30 to sponsor one of these veterans. These funds will be used by the veterans to purchase furniture from the CSM furniture store. The program builds relationships between CSM, our church, and the veterans. It allows the veterans to pick out their own furniture, thereby empowering them; and they feel cared about and appreciated. The Mission and Outreach Committee would appreciate the support of the Congregation with this project. Donations can be given in the pew envelope (*please write "Mission Fund-Vet Program" on the pew envelope and your check*). For questions or more details, please contact Jim Nicoulin or Claudia Bader.

## 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, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

**Church Family:** Denise Bell, Nancy Cochran at Pearlview Rehab and Wellness, Holly Elkins, Pam Peacock, 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), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), 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)

## JULY 2015

- 26 Sun August Newsletter Pickup  
Kindred Spirit Singles arrive 1pm; Meeting at 2-4pm
- 28 Tue Christian Ed Team Meeting, 7pm (*NO Official Board meeting*)
- 29 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm

## AUGUST 2015

- 2 Sun Communion at both worship services
- 4 Tue Worship Team Meeting, 7pm
- 5 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 6 Thu Special Official Board Meeting for "Year of the Child", 7pm
- 8 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 11 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm  
Stewardship Meeting, 7pm
- 12 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 14-16 Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Halls
- 18 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm  
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm  
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am
- 22 Sat Family Fun Day
- 25 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 30 Sun Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 1pm

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### Serving Next Sunday – August 2, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 Jim Studer	11:15 Sarah Hayes
Greeter		Linda Plain
Coffee Hour		Ginny Dangelo
Ushers	9:45 Natalie Daniels, Linda Plain	
Graphics Operation		Vicky Masuga