

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(CONGREGATIONAL)**

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June 26, 2016 10:00 A.M. Outdoor Worship

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE "Face to Face" Kirk Dearman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG "I'll Fly Away" Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.

To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O Glory. I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

(Verse by Instruments Alone)

I'll fly away, O Glory. I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away.

To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O Glory. I'll fly away.

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† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy seekers whom God loves,
Come to receive your goodly heritage.
Here among your gathered family
Take refuge in the Divine.

**All: We come to know the presence of a loving God.
We are here to be shown the path of life.
Let us bless the One who gives us counsel.
Let us together celebrate the ways of the Holy
God. Amen.**

HYMN "Jehovah Jireh" Merla Watson

Jehovah Jireh! My Provider!

His grace is sufficient for me, for me, for me.

Jehovah Jireh! My Provider! His grace is sufficient for me.

My God shall supply all my need

According to His riches in glory.

He gives His angels charge over me!

Jehovah Jireh cares for me, for me, for me.

Jehovah Jireh cares for me. *(Song continues on next page.)*

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SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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. Bradbury

ANTHEM "In the Name of the Lord" Sandy Patty

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Blessed Assurance" Phoebe Knapp

*** DOXOLOGY 166** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Geistliche Kirchengesange

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON "Your Debt Is Forgiven"

† **HYMN** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Indian Folk Melody
arr. Eugene Thomas

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Amazing Grace" Traditional American
arr. Steven L. Rosenhaus

† **POSTLUDE** "Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary on June 27 to Rob and Sandra Wentz

With love, Grammy

In Loving Memory of Bill Fraunfelder

Barb Fraunfelder

Our congratulations to parents Nathan and Marlena Wild,
grandparents Tammy and Michael Beckett, and great-
grandparents Rich and Susan Tressa on the birth of Sophia Lee
Wild on Tuesday, June 21, 2016!

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Steve, Sally
and Sarah Herzog on the passing of Steve's mother on June 19.

SERVING TODAY

Strongsville UCC Band Director + Worship Accompanist – Elena Taylor

Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett

Electric Guitar – Jake Williams

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Flute - Kelly Bickley

Vocalists – Clay Williams, Joshua Konow, Kyra Krause, Toni Newborn,

Technical Setup and Operation – Doug Thorn

Sound System – Jim Heinrich, Ryan Heinrich

Liturgist – Ted Bickley

Morning Announcements – Denise Bell

Greeters – Dan Davis, Sharon Heinrich

July Church Newsletters are being distributed today to those who get paper copies. Additional copies are on the rectangular table in the Gathering Area.

Tuesday Meetings: Christian Education Committee, 6:15pm
Official Board, 7pm

Wednesday Meeting: Tent Revival Meeting, 7pm

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. To volunteer to help, please talk with Pastor Becky.

Adult Social Group - Anyone interested in forming an Adult Social Group, we are having an organizational meeting on Saturday, July 9, at 6:00 P.M. in Pilgrim Hall. Possible activities include bridge, golf, movies, plays, museums, dinners, etc. Please join us with ideas and suggestions. Dinner will be included. Please call Eddy and Adria Bond at (440) 572-5871 if you can come.

Pictorial Directory – We continue to take pictures of families and church events. Please contact Cathy Hawk (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes (440) 781-7513 to schedule your photo session. Thank you.

Calling All Women! The fourth annual Women's Retreat will be held August 12 through 14, 2016 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) at Pilgrim Hills. Please join in for a GREAT weekend! Cost is \$92.50 and is due by Sunday, July 17 (either in installments or payment in full). If you have questions or want to sign up, please contact Cathy Hawk at dhchshah@aol.com or (440) 781-7512 or Lori Kovatich at lkovatich@wowway.com or (440) 238-3938. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

Church's 200th Anniversary Cookbook – Please return recipes by **July 15** in the basket in the Gathering Area or mail your recipe(s) in the envelope you received.. **We hope that each church family will be represented by at least one recipe in the cookbook.** Additional recipe forms are by the recipe basket in the Gathering Area, but it is not mandatory that you use the form.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Weekly Offering Received on 6/19/2016	<u>1,470</u>
Difference	-\$2,430

WELCOME! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. For questions about our church and ministries, Pastor Becky is available to visit with you, or you may call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to see you again!

Today is our Annual Outdoor Service. After worship, everyone is invited to join us for a picnic lunch, followed by picnic games.



Monday-Thursday – July 18-21, 2016

WORSHIP AT 7:00 P.M.

in our tent on our own church grounds!

Inspirational Messages by these Worship Leaders:

Monday – Pastor Becky Stephenson, *Strongsville United Church of Christ*

Tuesday – Father Joe Mamich, *St. Joseph Catholic Church*

Wednesday – Pastor Dave Scavuzzo, *Strongsville United Methodist Church*

Thursday – Bishop Mark Perry, *Williams Chapel Church of God in Christ*

Uplifting Music by

Our Own Strongsville UCC Band, Revival Dixieland Band, The Zion Five,
The Choirs of Williams Chapel Church of God in Christ, and more!

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Saturday – August 6, 2016

9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in Pilgrim Hall

To help, please mark your attendance card. There is NO pricing.

Proceeds go to the Youth Director Fund.

For questions, please contact Cathy Hawk or Sarah Hayes.

Donations Accepted Beginning July 23 – AFTER the Revival!

JUNE 2016

28 Tue Christian Education Committee, 6:15pm
Official Board Meeting, 7:00pm

29 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm
Tent Revival Meeting, 7pm

JULY 2016

9 Sat Organizational Meeting and Dinner for Adult Social
Group, 6pm in Pilgrim Hall

15 Fri Deadline for submitting recipes for the Church's
200th Anniversary Cookbook

17 Sun Payment Deadline for Women's Retreat

Summer Sunday School is now in session. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, and Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday in July or August. The signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials are provided. Please see Irene Joyce if you have questions.

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, (440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.

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

Church Family: Madison Bell, Eric Brand, Betty Bushea, Steve Herzog, Betty Jacobson, Millie LaFave, Michele Mihlack, Pam Peacock, Harvey Pincombe, Karen Rak at The Altenheim, Denzil Richards, Keith Sullen, Elena Taylor, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Nancy Borchert (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Bri Brostek (friend of Gina Cathcart), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Edie Deitcher (friend of Barbara O'Boyle), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), 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), Trish Shields (friend of Pastor Becky), Ralph Sitko (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan) at Villa Camillus, Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 3, 2016

Greeter: Linda Plain

Morning Announcements: Kim McKenzie

Liturgist: Jack Stephenson

Sunday School Teacher: Sharon Heinrich

Ushers: Linda Plain and Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hour: Volunteer Needed

