

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor

June 28, 2015 9:45 A.M. Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.

Many: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

One: Where there was no way

Many: God leads us in a new way.

One: Where there was no mercy

Many: God surprises us with fresh mercy.

One: Where there was weeping

Many: God invites us to step into a new dance.

† HYMN 11 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Verses 1, 3

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Kim McKenzie, Moderator

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Irene Joyce, Superintendent

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 *I Love My God, Who Heard Me Cry* Isaac Watts

ANTHEM *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* John Ylvisaker
Karen Morgan, Vocalist

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISMS

Penelope Kate Zielinski

Oliver Richard Zielinski

Penelope's Sponsors:

Oliver's Sponsors:

Mike and Kristina Bernosky

Grant and Terri Morgan

Parents of the Twins: Gary and Rachel Zielinski

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Penelope and Oliver, as they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise Penelope and Oliver our love, support, and care.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The River is Here

Andy Park

Kelly Bickley, flute; Ken Mehalko, clarinet; Gary Hackett, acoustic guitar; Jake Williams, acoustic guitar; Jack Stephenson, bass guitar/voice; Rob Toth, mallet percussion; Mike Soltis, drum set; Elena Taylor, voice

*** DOXOLOGY (No. 815)**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17

New Testament, page 3

SERMON

Baptism

† HYMN 604

I Then Shall Live

Verses 1, 3

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Cole-Turner

Karen Morgan, Vocalist

† POSTLUDE

There Is Power in the Blood

Lewis E. Jones

Worship Accompanist

Elena Taylor

Liturgist

Ted Bickley

Greeters

Irene Jannsohn and Irene Joyce

Coffee Hour

Gina Cathcart

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

33 *Holy Is the Lord*
62 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

52 *Let the River Flow*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING

You Are My All in All

Dennis Jernigan

THE WORD OF GOD Matthew 3:13-17 New Testament, page 3

MEDITATION

Baptism

SONG

80 *The River Is Here*

† BENEDICTION

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SERVING TODAY

Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor

Vocalists – Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause,
Toni Newborn, Clay Williams

Keyboard – Elena Taylor

Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams

Acoustic Guitar II – Julia Soltis

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Violin – Julia Soltis

Viola – Jake Williams

Clarinet – Emily Phan

Mallet Percussion – Robert Toth

Drum Pads – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

Liturgist – Michele Mhlack

Graphics Operation – Sharon Heinrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JUNE 28, 2015

JUNE 2015

- 28 Sun Graduates' Recognition during 9:45 worship
- Newsletter Pickup
- Kindred Spirits Singles Meeting, 1pm

JULY 2015

- 1 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 2 Thu Logansport Children's Choir Concert, 7pm
- 5 Sun Communion at both worship services
- 7 Tue Mission and Outreach Meeting, 7pm
- Worship Team Meeting, 7pm
- 8 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 9 Thu Tent Revival Meeting, 7pm
- 12 Sun Outdoor Worship on Church Grounds at 9:45am**
(1 SERVICE ONLY at 9:45), followed by picnic meal and games
- 14 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- Stewardship Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- 21 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- Advertising Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
- Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am
- 28 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26 Sun Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 1pm
- 29 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 5, 2015

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| Liturgist | 9:45 a.m. Jim Studer | 11:15 a.m. Dale Hawk |
| Greeter | | Roy Merkle |
| Ushers | | Volunteers Needed |
| Coffee Hour | | Dianne Maringer |

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This morning's altar flowers are given in memory of Richard Tressa's mother Marjorie Tressa. A Memorial Service was held here at Strongsville UCC yesterday—Saturday, June 27 2015.

Happy Birthday today to Cheryl Sobek!

Graduates within our church family will be recognized this morning during the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

Summer Sunday School is now in session and continues until September 6. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the 9:45 service in July and August. The signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. Please see Sunday School Superintendent, Irene Joyce, if you have questions. **We thank Mrs. Irene Joyce** for teaching the Sunday School class this morning.

July 2015 Church Newsletter is available in the Gathering Area. For those who get paper copies, please pick up yours today. Thank you to all who get theirs by email.

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.

Logansport Children's Choir will present a concert in our Sanctuary this Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. The choir is from Logansport, Indiana, and is wrapping up a tour in Canada and the northeastern United States. A "meet and greet" reception will take place in Pilgrim Hall at 6:00 p.m., and light refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the concert, but a freewill offering will be received for our pipe organ's restoration. All are welcome.

	Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 6/21	Traditional \$1,736	Contemporary \$462
		2,198
	Difference	(\$992)

You are cordially invited to a **Retirement Celebration for Jack Stephenson on Saturday, July 11, 2015**, at his and Pastor Becky's home, 2214 Substation Road in Medina. Festivities will begin at 2:00 p.m. with fishing, swimming, hot tubbing and games; hors d'oeuvres at 5:00; dinner at 6:00; and then dancing. The Strongsville City Jazz Band will perform at 5:00 p.m., followed by Spaß! (Erhardt Bell's German band) at 7:00 p.m. Dress is casual; bring your swim suite! All are welcome!

Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 12. **Only one worship service** will be held that day—at **9:45 a.m.** Please bring a main dish and either a side dish, salad, or dessert to share for the potluck picnic lunch. Also, if you could, please bring lawn chairs for the outdoor worship service. After lunch, we will play picnic games. Thank you.

Strongsville Food Bank – Donations are down. Canned fruit is especially needed right now. Your support is appreciated.

Join Us for a
BABY SHOWER

for

Denise and Erhardt Bell

Sunday – July 19, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

2214 Substation Road in Medina (the parsonage)
(Southwest corner of Substation and Sleepy Hollow Roads)

Everyone is welcome—including guys and children!!

Remember to bring swim suits for the pool and hot tub!

Denise and Erhardt are registered at Babies R Us.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th 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.

Greeters and Ushers are really needed on Sunday mornings! If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you.

Gordon Food Service – A reminder that GFS gives the church a rebate on purchases. When you check out, just tell them you are from Strongsville UCC. Also, they now have partnered with Market Days and have a section for those items. Remember, you can purchase gift cards at church, and the gift card program helps the Organ Restoration Fund.

Our church flowers need watering and deadheading (removing dead blooms)—especially the petunias. To help, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall or talk with Melinda Slavik. We are scheduling help for Fridays at 12 noon. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For details, please contact Melinda Slavik at (440) 783-1148. Thank you.

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, Sandra Kornick at Falling Water, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Denise Bell, Erhardt Bell, Nancy Cochran at Pearlview, Holly Elkins, Michele Mhlack, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Pastor Becky Stephenson, Leah Tressa Forget

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 (Goddaughter 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)