

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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March 13, 2015 9:45 A.M. Fifth Sunday in Lent

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Here I Am, Lord" Daniel L. Schutte
Strongsville UCC Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "I Was Glad" Lloyd Larson
Rob Toth, Bells

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Beloved, for the Great Giver has restored your fortunes –

People: Let us tell of abundance as we shout with joy!

Leader: Come, Growers, for the Creator has brought up rivers in the desert –

People: Let us declare our praise as we plant our fields!

Leader: Come, Pilgrims, for the Righteous One has set a path through the sea –

People: Let us rejoice as we make our journey!

Leader: Come, People of God, for the Holy One has done great things for us!

People: Let us worship God!

† HYMN

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 Ken Mehalko, Native American Flute

ANTHEM "He Became a Lamb" Mary Kay Beall

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM "How Majestic Is Your Name"

Children's Choir:
Teddy Bickley, Russell Bickley, Anna Bickley,
Luke Giuliano, Christian Habart-Scott

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "A Shield about Me" Thomas and Williams
Strongsville UCC Band

† DOXOLOGY "What Gift Can We Bring?"

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 43:16-21 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 632

SERMON "Something New"

† HYMN

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE "Change the World with Love" Joseph Martin

† POSTLUDE "Unto Thee, O Lord" Charles F. Monroe
Strongsville UCC Band

Welcome, visitors! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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PRELUDE *"How Majestic Is Your Name"*
(The congregation is welcome to join in singing.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG *"Sanctuary"* Sing 2 times

INTROIT *"Unto Thee, O Lord"* Charles F. Monroe

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† SONG *"Here I Am to Worship"*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Here I Am, Lord"* Daniel L. Schutte

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"A Shield about Me"* Thomas and Williams

† **DOXOLOGY** *"We Are an Offering"*

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 43:16-21 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 632

MEDITATION *"Something New"*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or
Pastor Becky will come to you if you wish.*

† **SONG** *"The River Is Here"*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *"Change the World with Love"* Joseph Martin

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SERVING TODAY

Kelly Bickley – Flute
Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Vocalist
Kyra Krause – Vocalist
Ken Mehalko – Clarinet, Saxophone
Toni Newborn – Vocalist
Herbert Parker – Electric Guitar
Emily Phan – Clarinet, Vocalist
Julia Soltis – Violin, Acoustic Guitar, Clarinet
Mike Soltis – Drum Set
Jack Stephenson – Bass Guitar, Vocalist
Elena Taylor – Praise Band Director, Keyboard, Vocalist
Doug Thorn – Technical Setup and Operation, Sound System
Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion
Clay Williams – Vocalist
Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola



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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: Betty Craig, Jim Davis at Southern Hills, Michele Mhlack, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook at Marymount Hospital, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkitz), 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), Phillis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Jessica Lane (grand-daughter of Len and Bev), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Dana Moran (sister of Ginny Dangelo), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Ralph Sitko (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in serving at Coffee Hour but the task is new for you, the Diaconate will train you. Please see Cathy Hawk. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 20, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Jim Studer	11:15 Dan Masuga
Morning Announcements		Denise Bell
Greeter		Roy Merkle
Coffee Hour	Cathy Hawk, Chris Fischer	
Usher		Roy Merkle
Graphics Operation for 11:15 worship		Michele Mhlack

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 13, 2016

Welcome, visitors! All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In loving memory of Emelyn Carels
From the Jannsohn, Joyce and Dickson Family*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Natalia and Mia Hill on March 17
With love, Grammy*

*To the bestest son-in-law ever – Dan Masuga –
on his birthday, March 15, and
For my great-granddaughter and Dan and Vicky's granddaughter,
Piper Masuga, who will be one year old on March 16
Love, Banny*

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Irene Jannsohn and family on the passing of her sister, Emelyn Carels, in California on March 8, 2016.

Lent Study – Pastor Becky continues to lead a study on Adam Hamilton's book, John – The Gospel of Light and Life. **Two study times are offered: Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.** on March 20, April 3; and **Tuesday daytime at 12:00 noon** on March 15 and 22, April 5. Both studies include soup and sandwich. Donations of side dishes, salads or desserts are welcome. All are invited to attend, even if you missed previous sessions. **Please note: There is NO Sunday evening study today because of the 4:00 p.m. concert this afternoon.**

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Offering Received on 3/6/16	<u>3,209</u>
Difference	--\$691

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor	
Chancel Choir Director	Joshua Konow	
Bell Choir Director	Barb Fraunfelder	
Technical Setup and Operation	Doug Thorn	
Sound System	9:45 Jim Heinrich	11:15 Doug Thorn
Liturgist	9:45 Ted Bickley	11:15 Bill Schneider
Morning Announcements		Irene Joyce
Greeters		The Bickley Family
Coffee Hour		Bev Wehr, Sharon Heinrich
Ushers		Ted and Kelly Bickley
Graphics Operation for 11:15 worship		Lori Kovatich

THE STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

CONCERT SERIES

TODAY – MARCH 13, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

The Venner Clarinet Choir

Ted Johnson,
Retired Cleveland-Founder and Director Emeritus
featuring music of Mozart, Rossini and Sousa



Rebecca Konow, Cello

Joshua Konow, Piano

performing

"Meditation from Thais" by Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

"Scherzo" by Daniel van Goens (1904-1930)

Freewill Offering ~ Reception Following Concert ~ All Are Welcome!

Join the Chancel Choir for the Easter season! Rehearsals are Thursdays from 8-9:30 p.m. Come celebrate the joy of Easter with friends through great choral music! Not a strong note reader? That's ok! Chancel Choir director Joshua Konow would be happy to work with you at the end of each rehearsal with any questions that you have. Learn to read notes, musical symbols and more! On Palm Sunday and Easter, the Chancel Choir will be joined by a brass quartet and timpani for an even more festive atmosphere. Be a part of these special services! New singers are welcomed at any time. See you there!

Tuesday Meetings: Advertising Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Trustees, 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.

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.

Communion – For the remaining Sundays in Lent, we will celebrate communion during the 11:15 a.m. worship service each Sunday.

Good Friday Breakfast – Help is needed on March 25 in the morning for the Breakfast that will be served in Pilgrim Hall at 7:00 a.m. for Strongsville Rotary. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall or talk with Pastor Becky. Thank you to those who will help.

Women's Fellowship – Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no sale of Easter candy this year.

Altar Flowers – You may provide flowers on any Sunday you wish because multiple vases are accepted on Sunday mornings. As of this printing, the following are dates within the next four months when vases are needed so two vases are on the altar for Sunday worship: April 10 – 1 vase, June 5 – 2 vases, June 12 – 1 vase. The signup chart is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. You may purchase 1 vase if you wish; you do not have to purchase 2 vases. Thank you for providing flowers!

Wing Night is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, May 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 and include beverages and all-you-can-eat buffet. There will be side boards and basket raffles. Tickets will go on sale starting April 3. Please consider donating a basket of new items that is theme-based. If you donate a basket, please write what the contents are and the approximate value of the basket. Baskets should be brought to the church and given to Cheryl Sobek or another Diaconate member.

MARCH 2016

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| 13 | Sun | Concert Series, 4pm in Sanctuary, with reception afterwards
<i>(No Lenten Study at 5pm)</i> |
| 15 | Tue | Newsletter Deadline
Lenten Study, 12noon
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm |
| 16 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm |
| 17 | Thu | Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm |
| 20 | Sun | Kindred Spirit Singles – arrive 1pm, meet 2pm
Lenten Study, 5pm |
| 23 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am at European's Best Restaurant |
| 24 | Thu | Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:30pm in Pilgrim Hall |
| 25 | Fri | Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary |
| 27 | Sun | Easter Worship at 7am and 9:45am
Easter Breakfast, 8-9:30am – Donations of bakery needed. |
| 29 | Tue | Official Board Meeting, 7pm |
| 30 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm |
| 31 | Thu | Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm |

STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2016

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 20

9:45 A.M. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
Children process with palms.

11:15 A.M. Blended Service in the Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 24

7:30 P.M. Communion Service in Pilgrim Hall

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 25

7:30 P.M. Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 27

7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service outdoors, weather permitting
Inclement weather will move worship to the Sanctuary.

*Easter Breakfast of Scrambled Eggs and Ham
served from 8:00 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. in Pilgrim Hall
Donations of baked good are needed.*

9:45 A.M. Blended Service in the Sanctuary
Sunday School meets during this time.