

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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March 6, 2016 9:45 A.M. Fourth Sunday in Lent

† *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy" John B. Dykes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL INTROIT "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Frederick C. Maker
arr. Janet Van Valey and Susan Berry

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be glad in our God and rejoice, O righteous ones.
Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

All: **Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**

Therefore, we worship our God, and rejoice.

Leader: In Christ, we become as a new creation.
Everything old has passed away.
See how God makes things new.

All: **Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven
and whose lives become new.**
**Through our worship, we praise God who makes
us new. Amen.**

† HYMN 490 "Lord, I'm Coming Home"

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" George Welphoton

BELL ANTHEM "Above All" Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc
arr. Peggy Bettcher

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Make Us One" Carol Cymbala

† 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

SCRIPTURES Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 New Testament, p. 67

SERMON "Parable of the Lost Son"

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.*

† HYMN 503 "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

† BENEDICTION

† BELL RESPONSE "Great Is the Lord" Michael W. Smith and
Deborah D. Smith, arr. Peggy Bettcher

† POSTLUDE "Majesty" Jack W. Hayford

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life's journey, you are welcome here.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2016

11:15 A.M.

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BELL PRELUDE

“Great Is the Lord”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG

“Sanctuary”

Sing 2 times

INTROIT

“We Will Glorify”

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† SONG

“Here I Am to Worship”

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gary Hackett, Voice and Guitar

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Make Us One”

Carol Cymbala

† **DOXOLOGY**

“We Are an Offering”

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

New Testament, p. 67

MEDITATION

“Parable of the Lost Son”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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† **SONG**

“The Potter’s Hand”

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

“Change the World with Love”

Joseph Martin

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SERVING TODAY

Kelly Bickley – Flute
Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pad
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Vocalist
Rachel Kovatich – Flute, 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, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget

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), Phillis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Jessica Lane (granddaughter 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 13, 2016

Liturgist	9:45	Ted Bickley	11:15	Bill Schneider
Morning Announcements				Irene Joyce
Greeters				The Bickley Family
Coffee Hour				Sharon Heinrich
Ushers				Ted and Kelly Bickley
Graphics Operation for 11:15 worship				Lori Kovatich

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 6, 2016

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

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Celebration of Elena Joyce's Birthday on March 3
From Her Family*

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be received today and throughout the month of March. Offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Thank you for your support.

Easter lily orders are due today. Please use the form on the insert.

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 6 and 20, April 3; and **Tuesday daytime at 12:00 noon** on March 8, 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.

Thank you to all who supported the Roast Pork Dinner yesterday!

Kitchen Cleaning – Tomorrow—Monday, March 7—we will clean the church kitchen. If you want to help, please show up at 11:00 a.m. Thank you!

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Offering Received on 2/28/16	<u>2,254</u>
Difference	--\$1,646

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 Kenn Oerkfitz	11:15 Lora Rung
Morning Announcements		Kim McKenzie
Greeter		Linda Plain
Coffee Hour		Cathy Hawk
Usher		Linda Plain
Graphics Operation for 11:15 worship		Adria Bond

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 Meeting: Diaconate, 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. Volunteers are always appreciated. Volunteers who prepare meals are asked to be at the church no later than 9:00 a.m. Servers can arrive at 10:00 a.m. Please talk with Pastor Becky if you would like to help.

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.

Yard Sale Meeting – An initial meeting of all interested in the Yard Sale will take place this Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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

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.

Recycling – Please tear down cardboard boxes before placing them into our paper recycling bin. If boxes are not torn down, they take up too much space and fill the bin prematurely. Thank you for your cooperation.

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CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY – 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 Thaïs" by Jules Massenet (1842-1912)
"Scherzo" by Daniel van Goens (1904-1930)

Freewill Offering ~ Reception Following Concert ~ All Are Welcome!

MARCH 2016

- 7 Mon Clean the Church Kitchen, 11am – All are welcome!
- 8 Tue Lenten Study, 12noon
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 9 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
Yard Sale Meeting, 7pm – All are welcome.
- 10 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm
- 13 Sun Concert Series, 4pm in Sanctuary, with reception afterwards
(No Lenten Study at 5pm)
- 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
- 29 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
- 31 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm

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 3 – 1 vase, 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 altar flowers!