**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 14, 2014 11:15 A.M.**

**†** Those who are able may stand.

**OPENING SONG 41**  *I Love You, Lord*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SONG****3**  *Almighty*

**†****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us begin our journey from slavery to freedom.

**People: Let us follow “I Am” for “I Am” has saved us.**

Leader: Let us come to gather as one people.

**People: We are the people of God.**

**† PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**GATHERING SONG** **67**  *Sanctuary*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(debts)*

**OFFERING** *God of Every Generation*

**THE WORD OF GOD** Exodus 14:19-31 Hebrew Scriptures p. 57

**MEDITATION** *“Through the Waters”*

**SONG** **47** *Jesus, Be the Centre*

**† BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG 26**  *Great Is the Lord*

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No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook.*

**Serving Today**

Music Director Andrew Purdum

Keyboard Elena Taylor

Bass Guitar Jack Stephenson

Song Leaders Andrew Purdum, Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause

Liturgist Betty Craig

Coffee Hour Beth Giuliano

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**September 14, 2014 9:45 A.M. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**†** *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* African-American Spiritual

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *This Is the Day*

**†****CALL TO WORSHIP**

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**People: Let us follow “I Am” for “I Am” has saved us.**

Leader: Let us come to gather as one people.

**People: We are the people of God.**

**† HYMN 90** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**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.**

**PIANO RESPONSE** *Do You Love God? Eleanor Wright*

**ANTHEM** *Indian Hymn of Praise*Austin Lovelace

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*If you are seated in the alcove and would prefer sitting in the sanctuary,*

*please feel free to move to the sanctuary after the Children's Sermon.*

**THE OFFERINGS**

 **OFFERTORY** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* Mark Roberts

 **† DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

 **† PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**† HYMN 140** *Great Is the Lord*

**SCRIPTURE** Exodus 14:19-31 Hebrew Scriptures p. 57

**SERMON** *“Through the Waters”*

**† HYMN 105** *We Will Glorify*

**† BENEDICTION**

**† RESPONSE** *Shaker Parting Song*

**† POSTLUDE** *Holy Is the Lord*Chris Tomlin

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**SERVING TODAY**

Director of Music Andrew Purdum

Worship Accompanist Elena Taylor

Liturgist Dan Masuga

Greeter Linda Plain

Nursery Sarah Hayes

Coffee Hour Beth Giuliano

**Attention Children!** Children can play instruments with the Praise Band on Sunday mornings! Elena will work with those interested at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. In addition, a Children’s Choir is being formed, and choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. All children are welcome!

**Choir, Bell Choir and Praise Band members are needed!** Please see Music Director, Andrew Purdum, or Worship Accompanist, Elena Taylor today for more information. Strongsville UCC’s Music Ministry welcomes and wants YOU!

**September 2014**

**14 Sun NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

  **9:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship**

 **11:15 a.m. – Contemporary Worship**

15 Mon Church Newsletter Deadline

 Women’s Prayer Group Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

16 Tue Children’s Instruments Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.

 Children’s Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

 Advertising Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

23 Tue Children’s Instruments Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.

 Children’s Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

 Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

28 Sun ORC Pancake Breakfast

 Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

29 Mon Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

30 Tue Children’s Instruments Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.

 Children’s Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2014**

**9:45 a.m. Traditional 11:15 a.m. Contemporary**

Liturgist 9:45 a.m. Kelly Bickley 11:15 a.m. Dale Hawk

Greeters for 9:45 a.m. Lloyd and Barbara Bridle

Nursery for 9:45 a.m. Dianne Maringer

Graphics Operation for 11:15 a.m. Michele Mihlack

Coffee Hour Ginny Oerkfitz

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**

**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. **Members, please wear your nametags** to assist others to get to know you.

**This morning’s flowers** are given—

*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to My Wonderful Husband Gary*

*Kathie Paul*

**Thank you to all who supported last Sunday’s Lunch Auction fundraiser.** Over $1,200 was raised for Sunday School programs.

**Thanks** also to all who attended and helped with the **Wine Tasting fundraiser** this past Friday.

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| **TODAY Our New Worship Schedule Begins:**9:45 a.m. Traditional Service 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service |

**Trustees will meet today** following the 9:45 a.m. service.

**K.F.C. will meet after the 9:45 service today** in the front classroom after church lets out. We will decorate our cans for Penny Sundays.

**Tomorrow is the October Church Newsletter deadline.** You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you.

**Women’s Prayer Group** meets tomorrow—Monday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.Formerly called the Mom's Group, this group is transitioning from morning to evening meetings, is now called the Women’s Prayer Group, and has a new focus!  All women of the church are invited to be part of this monthly prayer and support group.  Meetings are the third Monday of every month.  Topics to be explored and discussed include courage, loyalty, gratitude, trusting God, worry, and service, among others.  The group can offer friendship and support no matter what season of life you're in.  Future meeting dates are

October 20, November 17, December 15, January 12, February 16, March 16, April 20, and May 18.  Please join us!

**Advertising Team** meets on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m.

**Communications –** On Sunday, **October 19**, there will be a **Congregational Meeting to discuss plans/costs for installing an electronic message sign** in front of the church.  Please mark your calendars and plan on attending, for your input is important in resolving and moving forward with this project.  More details will be forthcoming.

**A Facilities Visioning Team is being formed**. This team will begin the process of visioning what our church facilities might look like in the future. Perhaps it will include expanded parking, new Sunday School rooms, more storage space or a larger sanctuary. If you’re interested in being part of the Facilities Visioning Team, please talk with Pastor Becky.

**Fall clean-up** – Next Sunday we will work on cleaning the Sanctuary for the Fall and Advent seasons. We will offer a pizza lunch and beverages, so please join us following the Contemporary service. Please bring rags or buckets if you can and a set of old clothes! If you have questions, please see a Diaconate member.

**Mission and Outreach** – A beautiful **quilt**, handmade by Ha Bennett, will be raffled off on Sunday, **November 16**. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used by the Mission and Outreach Committee (of which Ha is a member) for a variety of programs we are supporting in mission work locally and globally. Raffle tickets prices are $10 for one and $15 for two, and they are available from members of the Committee:

Kelly Bickley, Lora Rung, Elizabeth Snook, Erv Koch, and Pastor Becky. Tickets are also available in the Church Office. The queen-size quilt will be on display each Sunday morning.

**Mission and Outreach Committee** – If you could find time in your busy schedule to serve on the Mission and Outreach Committee, you would be appreciated! There are just four now, and two more would make a difference. The Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at

6:30 p.m. Please speak with Kelly Bickley, chair, (330) 461-4624 or Lora Rung, secretary, (440) 823-1703 if you are interested or have questions. *“The Church doesn’t have ‘missions.’ It IS mission.”* Thanks!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Fundraiser for the Pipe Organ Restoration Fund

**Sunday – September 28, 2014 – 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

*All You Can Eat*

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,

Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice

**$8.00 Adult – ages 13 and over**

**$5.00 – ages 6-12**

**Free – Children under 6 years**

**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. Please inform the church of updates to this list.*

**Long-Term Care or Homebound Members**: 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**: Dolores Matchett, Barbara Morgan

**Extended Church Family**: Marianne Allwood (niece of Dale Hawk), June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Pam Doubell (friend of Sue Gigliotti), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Irene Hagemeier (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Donna Wadden (friend of Gayle Sperber), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

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*To all church friends,*

*How wonderful it is to have such caring and loyal friends. Thank you so much for Pastor Becky’s visits, the cards, and the phone calls. They were a great help in my long recovery, which is not quite complete yet, but is getting better. Thanks again, and blessings to all. I will see you in church soon.*

*Margot James*