

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL)**

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**April 3, 2016 9:45 A.M. Second Sunday of Easter**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** "In His Time" Diane Ball

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Christ Triumphant" Mark Patterson

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God's strong and loving hands are outstretched to all Creation.

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Leader: God's open hands are as the gate of righteousness.

**All: Let us enter into God's abundant life and give thanks.**

Leader: In God's hands are new life, strength, and salvation.

**All: Let us be thankful and sing unto our God with gladness.**

† **HYMN 554** "Give Me Jesus"

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Pastor: Let us, the members of Strongsville United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**People: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

**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** "With All My Heart" Babbie Mason

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Open Thou Mine Eyes" Benjamin Harlan

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" Dykes

† **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 24:28-31 New Testament, p. 78

**SERMON** "Their Eyes Were Opened"

**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.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** "As We Gather at the Table" Winnagene Hatch

† **HYMN 633** "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **CHORAL RESPONSE** "Go, Ye Who Bear the Word" Albin Whitworth

† **POSTLUDE** "Thy Loving Kindness" Hugh Mitchell

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 3, 2016

11:15 A.M.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

### PRELUDE

*"He Is Exalted"*

(The congregation is welcome to join in singing.)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### GATHERING SONG

*"Sanctuary"*

Sing 2 times

### INTROIT

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

John B. Dykes

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### † SONG

*"I Will Call upon the Lord"*

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### THE PASTORAL PRAYER

### OUR LORD'S PRAYER

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Allelu"*

Gary Hackett, Vocal and Guitar

Ray Repp

### THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*"With All My Heart"*

Babbie Mason

#### † DOXOLOGY

*"We Are an Offering"*

#### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SCRIPTURES

Luke 24:28-31

New Testament, p. 78

### MEDITATION

*"Their Eyes Were Opened"*

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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### † SONG

*"Celebrate Jesus"*

### † BENEDICTION

### † RESPONSE

*"In His Time"*

Diane Ball

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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:** Madison Bell, Betty Bushea, Betty Craig, Michele Mhlack, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Nancy Borchert (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Ryan Brubeck, 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)

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**Cookbook** – For our church's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new, one-of-a-kind cookbook! We would like to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also, we want any new recipes you currently love! Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch or to Dianne Maringer, or place them under the church office door. Thank you.

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 10, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Bruce Keenen	11:15 Tom Gaumer
Morning Announcements		Irene Joyce
Greeter		Ginny Oerkfitz
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour		Ginny Oerkfitz
Graphics Operation		Adria Bond

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – APRIL 3, 2016

**Welcome, visitors!** No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

**The altar flowers** are given—

*In Celebration of April Birthdays!*  
Carol and David Woodward

**The steeple** will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Rob Wentz on April 1*  
With love, Grammy

**Happy Birthday** today to Christine Martinovich and to Terri Morgan!

**Bible Study** continues on Adam Hamilton's book, John – The Gospel of Light and Life. The two study times are **Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.** today (April 3) and next Sunday, April 10; **and Tuesday noon**, on April 5 (the final noon study). 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.

**Worship Committee** will meet Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. Millie LaFave will lead devotions, and the program will be determined. After the meeting, the ladies are welcome to enjoy the Free Lunch Program in Pilgrim Hall. As always, all ladies are invited to the meeting.

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Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Weekly Offering Received on 3/27/2016	<u>1,644</u>
Difference	--\$2,256
Easter Offering Received on 3/27/2016	\$1,571
Associate Minister Offering Received on 3/27/2016	\$892

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### 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 Kelly Bickley	11:15 Michele Mhlack
Morning Announcements		Kim McKenzie
Greeter		Linda Plain
Ushers		Linda Plain
Coffee Hour		Cathy Hawk

**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.

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### THE THRIFT SHOP BAG SALES



April 7, 2016 – \$6.00  
April 14, 2016 – \$5.00



**April 21, 2016 – CLOSED**  
April 28, 2016 – Reopen

Fill a Brown Paper Bag, which we will supply, with merchandise of your choice. **Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra. Excluded are jewelry and cards. NO RETURNS** – Shop early for best selection.  
The Thrift Shop is open Thursdays – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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**Mission and Outreach Committee will meet Sunday, April 24**, after the 9:45 service. The meeting is open to anyone interested in sharing thoughts and ideas.

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Arts in Strongsville  
and

The Strongsville United Church of Christ

### PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Sunday – May 1, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

#### The Satori Winds

4 Guys with 4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes

and

#### Cindy Smith

Sings

“Songs from The American Song Book”

*Freewill Offering ~ Reception Following the Concert*

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**Wing Night is back**—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 are on sale starting today. 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.

**Spring into Fitness** is a FREE 8-week health and fitness program designed for ALL levels that will begin tomorrow—Monday, April 4—at 7:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall and runs to May 23. The weekly program will include various ways to get involved. Come to all of the events or just come to what fits your schedule. Please request to join on our Facebook Group to stay motivated and keep current on all events. There is no minimum or maximum level of involvement. Join the group at: [facebook.com/groups/SpringIntoFitnessProgram/](https://facebook.com/groups/SpringIntoFitnessProgram/) Classes will be 35-50 minutes in length. For more information, please contact Kelly Bickley, Team Beachbody Coach – phone and text 330.461.4624 or email [mindbodysoulmama@beachbodycoach.com](mailto:mindbodysoulmama@beachbodycoach.com)

**Pictorial Directory** – We will begin taking pictures of families and church events for a Pictorial Directory. To schedule your photo time, please contact Cathy Hawk at (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes at (440) 781-7513. We will make some day and evening times available.

**Easter Balloon Bases** – If you got q balloon last week, please return the balloon base to the church office, if possible, so the bases can be used again next year. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

### APRIL 2016

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| 3  | Sun | Communion, Reception of New Members<br>Bible Study, 5pm  |
| 4  | Mon | Spring into Fitness 8-week program begins, 7pm at church   |
| 5  | Tue | Bible Study, 12noon – final noon study<br>Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm  |
| 6  | Wed | Women’s Fellowship Meeting, 10am<br>Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  |
| 10 | Sun | Bible Study, 5pm – final Sunday evening study  |
| 11 | Mon | Spring into Fitness 8-week program, 7pm at church  |
| 12 | Tue | Diaconate Meeting, 7pm   |
| 13 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  |
| 15 | Fri | May Church Newsletter Deadline   |
| 18 | Mon | Spring into Fitness 8-week program, 7pm at church  |
| 19 | Tue | Advertising Meeting, 7pm<br>Trustees Meeting, 7pm  |
| 20 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  |
| 21 | Thu | Thrift Shop CLOSED   |
| 23 | Sat | ORC Pancake Breakfast Preparation  |
| 24 | Sun | Organ Restoration Committee Pancake Breakfast, 9am-12:30pm<br>Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, after 9:45 worship |
| 25 | Mon | Spring into Fitness 8-week program, 7pm at church  |
| 26 | Tue | Official Board Meeting, 7pm  |
| 27 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm<br>Men’s Luncheon at European’s Best Restaurant, 11:30am                                 |
| 30 | Sat | Strategic Planning Meeting, 9am-3pm. All encouraged to attend!   |