



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(Congregational)  
13740 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136



**SUNDAY – APRIL 30, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**

Rev. Rebecca Stephenson, Pastor

**WELCOME!**

We are grateful you chose to worship with us this morning.  
No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.

For questions about our church and ministries, you may call the church at (440) 238-6697. Please complete your Attendance Card and place it into the offering plate. We hope to see you again soon!

\* Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE** *I Will Follow* Chris Tomlin

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, what shall we do?  
**People: We shall praise God who hears our prayers, and brings new life out of death.**  
Leader: Sisters and Brothers, how shall we live?  
**People: With the confidence of God's beloved children and with security and joy of God's saving grace.**  
Leader: Sisters and Brothers, what is the promise?  
**People: New life, forgiveness of sin, and God's Spirit as a gift!**  
Leader: Sisters and Brothers, how shall we praise?  
**People: We lift our voices and ring our bells, and lift our hearts in love and thanks!**

\* **HYMN 170** *Give Thanks*

**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**

**BELL ANTHEM** *Songs of Hope and Strength*  
arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

**BELL CHOIR RECOGNITION**

**THE BELL CHOIR 2016-2017**

Barbara Fraunfelder, Director  
Elena Taylor, Substitute Director

Adria Bond	Ingrid Dickson	Sharon Heinrich *
Sarah Herzog	Charles Jannsohn *	Irene Jannsohn
Evan Joyce *	Irene Joyce	Lori Kovatich
Karen Morgan	Jack Stephenson	Elena Taylor *
Doug Thorn +	Rob Toth	Claire Wills
* Substitute	+ Provides setup for Bell Choir	

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *Thy Word* Michael W. Smith  
\* **DOXOLOGY 817** Tune: *Lamb of God*  
O bless the gifts our hands have brought;  
And bless the work our hearts have planned.  
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;  
The rest, O God, is in your hand.

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE** John 2:1-11 New Testament, p. 80

**SERMON** *Holy Covenant*

\* **HYMN 69** *Holy, Holy* Verses 1, 4, 5

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **BELL RESPONSE** *Open Our Eyes* Bob Cull  
arr. Peggy Bettcher

\* **POSTLUDE** *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* Cleavant Derrick

**The flowers on the altar this morning are given—**

*In Gratitude to Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson  
for all they have done for us, our church, and our community—  
God bless you, PB & J! We shall miss you.  
To Celebrate Our Wonderful Bell Choir!*

**Our steeple** will light the sky this week for Pastor Becky and Jack.

After worship today, **all are welcome to have cake** in Pilgrim Hall—the chocolate cake is in appreciation of Pastor Becky and Jack; the white cake, in appreciation of our Bell Choir.

**Trustees** will meet after church this morning.

**Renewal of Wedding Vows** will take place during worship today, Pastor Becky's last Sunday with us. There is no signup; all are invited. Pastor Becky will ask participating couples to come forward, and the couples will recite their vows.

The Southwest Community Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their Spring concert, "Awaken the Music", today at 3:00 p.m. in the Berea United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and free for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from Irene Joyce, Ingrid Dickson, Pam Keenen, Jack Stephenson, Gary Hackett or Bruce Keenen, and all members of the SWCC chorus. Tom Foley is the director, and Carol Konet is the accompanist. We hope to see you in the audience!

**Worship Committee** will meet Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Fellowship** will meet Wednesday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m. After our meeting, we will enjoy the Free Lunch Program together. As always, all ladies are welcome!

**Wing Nite is this Friday, May 5, 2017**, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Grindstone Tap House, 826 Front Street in Berea. It is on one floor and includes pizza, pasta, wings, salad, 5 types of domestic beer, well drinks, and wine. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from any Diaconate member. To donate a basket to auction, please see the sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall.

**Strongsville United Methodist Church will use Pilgrim Hall next Sunday, May 7, 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. for their Confirmation Breakfast.**

**ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE and STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**CONCERT SERIES**

**SUNDAY – MAY 7, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.**

**The Venner Clarinet Choir**  
*a 12-piece clarinet choir led by Ted Johnson,  
former clarinetist with the Cleveland Orchestra  
This is the choir's second appearance at our church.*



**The Baldwin Wallace Alumni Brass Collective**  
*a brass quintet led by Jim Wonnacott*

**Freewill Offering ~ Reception Following Concert ~ All Are Welcome!**

*Donations of refreshments for the concert are appreciated.  
If you can bring something, please let Ingrid Dickson or Pam Keenen know. Thank you.*

**Adult Social Club** will visit the Cleveland Museum of Art on Sunday, May 21. A minimum of 10 people is required for a group, with a maximum of 25. Cost is \$25 per group. The cost is divided by the number of people that go. Anything above 25 people requires a new group. Two weeks' notice is needed for making reservations, so **please sign up by Thursday, May 4, on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Thank you.

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks** – 45 cookbooks are still available at a cost of \$12.00 each. We also have six old church cookbooks from 2006 at a cost of \$10.00 each. If you got a cookbook and did not yet pay, please give payment to Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer, or place payment under the church office door. Thank you!

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,865
Weekly Offering Received 4/23/2017	<u>\$4,469</u>
Difference	+ \$604

**Mission Outreach** – Support for our child in India is covered for all months of 2017. Bev Wehr will remind our monthly donors. Please place cash or your check into an envelope marked *Child Sponsorship* and place it into the first weekly offering of your month. Please make your check payable to *Strongsville UCC*, with *Child Sponsorship* on the memo line. Sincere thanks to all of you for your support.

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**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TOTE BAGS PROJECT**

Women's Fellowship Spring Project will be to fill about 60 Tote Bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11" x 12". Donations of any of the items listed below or monetary donations, so we may purchase items, would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and placed in the church office.

Collection will begin today and continues until Sunday, June 4. **The collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target.

**PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE FAMILY-SIZE ITEMS.**

soap (facial size or smaller)	small tissue packets
shampoo	small cars or trucks
body lotion	decks of cards
deodorant	activity books
tooth brushes	coloring books
toothpaste (small tubes)	small stuffed toys ( <i>no bigger than 8"</i> )
wash cloths	blowing bubbles (small bottles)
combs or brushes	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 or 24 count)	

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**SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** The Bickley Family  
**Morning Announcements:** Rachel Zielinski  
**Liturgist:** Dale Hawk  
**Ushers:** Ted and Kelly Bickley  
**Coffee Hour:** Allen and Michele Mhlack  
**Director of Music** – Elena Taylor  
**Bell Choir Director** – Barb Fraunfelder  
**Accompanist** – Joe Williams

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**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – May 7, 2017**

**Greeter:** Linda Plain  
**Morning Announcements:** Irene Joyce  
**Liturgist:** Kenn Oerkfitz  
**Usher:** Linda Plain  
**Coffee Hour:** Ted and Kelly Bickley

**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 provide updates for this list. Thank you.*

**Long-Term Care or Homebound:** Betty Bushea, Margot James, Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Harvey Pincombe, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields, Doris Soucie

**Church Family:** Steve Herzog, Carol Lesiak, Martha Liebert, Pam Peacock, Jan Stough, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Sue Mason, Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Frank Toth (father of Rob), Joe Valli (brother-in-law of Vicky and Dan Masuga)



Our church is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. As part of that celebration, we are planning an **Anniversary Luncheon on October 15, 2017**, right after the church service that Sunday. The luncheon will be held at the Strongsville Recreation Center Banquet room.

We are currently finalizing details pertaining to special guests, menu, and out-of-pocket costs, if any. Once those are completed, we will inform you. In the meantime, we request that if you think you may attend the luncheon, please let Joyce Reed know by May 15. A sign-up sheet is in Pilgrim Hall, where you can indicate your preliminary attendance and number of guests coming. Thank you.

The 200th Anniversary Committee

**APRIL 2017**

30 Sun Bell Choir plays for worship  
 Bell Choir Recognition  
 Renewal of Vows  
 Pastor Becky's Last Sunday with us  
 Trustees Meeting after church

**MAY 2017**

2 Tue Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm  
 3 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
 Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am  
 Fit Club, 7pm  
 4 Thu Deadline to sign up to go to Art Museum with Adult Social Club  
 5 Fri Diaconate Wing Nite at Grindstone Tap House, 6:30-9:30pm  
 7 Sun Methodist Church uses Pilgrim Hall for Confirmation Breakfast, 7:30-10am  
 Concert, 3pm with Reception in Pilgrim Hall afterwards  
 10 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
 Fit Club, 7pm  
 14 Sun Mother's Day  
 16 Tue Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm  
 Diaconate Meeting, 7pm  
 17 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm  
 Fit Club, 7pm  
 Adult Social Club Meeting, 7pm  
 21 Sun Sunday School Ice Cream Party, after worship  
 Adult Social Club visits the Art Museum  
 23 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm  
 24 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,  
 Men's Luncheon, 11:30am  
 Fit Club, 7pm  
 31 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am-1pm,  
 Fit Club, 7pm



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