

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6, 2014

9:00 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONGS

21 *Give Thanks*  
6 *Better Is One Day*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

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**People: To hear good news.**

Leader: You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

**People: To have our hearts healed.**

Leader: You who are captive, why have you come?

**People: To hear words of freedom.**

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### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

57 *Make Us One, Lord*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### OFFERING

*I Will Sing*

### † BRING GIFTS FORWARD

86 *We Are An Offering*

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament, p. 3

### MEDITATION

*Thank You*

Dale Hawk

### CLOSING SONGS

4 *Awesome God / Humble Thyself*  
58 *Mighty Is Our God*

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Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

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Music Director / Drummer

Andrew Purdum

Organist / Pianist

Susan Stevenson Tressa

Substitute Keyboardist

Sharon Heinrich

Guitarist

Sean Patrick

Song Leader

Karen Morgan

Liturgist

Tom Gaumer

Graphics Operation

Vicky Masuga

Coffee Hour

Cheryl Sobek

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**PRELUDE** *Simple Gifts* Carter

**INTROIT** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

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† **HYMN 147** *How Great Thou Art*

## 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.**

## PRAYER RESPONSE

**SOLO** *The Holy City* Adams  
Sylvester Balash, Vocalist

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Kelly Bickley  
*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** *Thema – Sonate No. 12* Beethoven

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 648** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:1-12 New Testament, p. 3

**SERMON** *Thank You* Dale Hawk

† **HYMN 415** *We Are Called to Be God's People*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *God Be with You 'til We Meet Again*

† **POSTLUDE** *Jubilate* Sigurd Lie

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Greeter	Jim Studer
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April 6, 2014 7:00 P.M. Fifth Sunday in Lent

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here we are, Lord.

Many: We come from the hue and cry of the world  
around us.

One: We come to worship you.

Many: In this hour, we long to meet you,  
to feel your presence surrounding us,  
enveloping us, loving us.

One: We long to settle into silence.

Many: We lay aside our worries and our cares,  
aware of your presence around us,  
before us, behind us, within us.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

OPENING SONGS Hymn 362 *Celebrate Jesus*

Hymn 86 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG Hymn 655 *Sanctuary* (Sing 3 times.)

COUNT AND AMOUNT \* *Totals will be placed here each week.*

Red Team - 188 White Team - 182

### JOYS AND CONCERNS / PRAYER

### OFFERING

BRING GIFTS FORWARD Song 88 *We Bring the Sacrifice*

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 21: 15-19

## SONG

Song 23

*God Is Still Speaking*

## PLAYLET

*Smooth Sailing*

## MEDITATION

## CLOSING SONG

Song 16

*Days of Elijah*

## BENEDICTION

Hymns are from *The Celebration Hymnal*. Songs are from the white  
*Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

### \* HOW POINTS ARE AWARDED

Each Team Member - 1 point for attendance each week

Visitor - 2 points (A visitor becomes a team member after 2 visits.)

Each Person in a Play - 2 points

Volunteer Worship Leader 2 points

Best Banner - 15 points

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**Church Street Ministries will hold a Mission Fair today from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Middleburg Heights UCC, 7165 Big Creek Parkway.** The fair will help us understand the work being carried out by a consortium of churches, including ours – a behind-the-scenes look into the areas this wonderful ministry serves, i.e. outreach to those in need of assistance, from transportation to utilities, food and clothing to home furnishings, job training to veteran assistance, crisis intervention to AA, and more. Come and experience first-hand the depth and breadth of this vital ministry of outreach to our communities. Stories and videos will be available in various booths, plus refreshments. --Mission & Outreach Committee

#### April 2014

- 6 Sun Deadline for Ordering Easter Lilies  
Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 7 Mon Lenten Studies at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Tues Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Wed Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Praise Band Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Sun Communion, Reception of New Members  
Sun Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 14 Mon Mom's Group Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Lenten Studies at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Tue Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Wed Worship Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
Pipe Organ Tuning, approximately 12:00 noon  
Praise Band Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
- 17 Thu **Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:30 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall**
- 18 Fri **Good Friday Worship, 7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary**
- 20 Sun **Easter Sunrise Service Outdoors, 6:30 a.m.**  
**Easter Breakfast served in Pilgrim Hall, 8:00-10:30 a.m.**  
**Contemporary Service Indoors, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Traditional Service Indoors, 11:00 a.m.**
- 22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Wed Praise Band Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
- 24 Thu Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
- 27 Sun Newsletter Pickup  
Plant Sale Order Deadline  
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 30 Wed Worship Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
Praise Band Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.

#### Serving Next Sunday – April 13, 2014

Liturgist	Bruce Keenen
Greeters	The Bickley Family
Nursery	Rosemary Bechtel
Coffee Hour	Dianne Maringer
Ushers	Volunteers Needed

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS – APRIL 6, 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 altar flowers** are given—

*Happy Birthday to  
Our Daughter-in-Law Sara on April 8 and Our Son Geoff on April 11  
George and Joyce Reed*

**Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy** to Brian Betz and family on the passing of his father Bill in Canton, Ohio, on February 8. Should you wish to send Brian a card, his address is 3507 Shepherd Street NW, North Canton, OH 44720-7943.

**We thank Dale Hawk, Rachel Zielinski, and Kelly Bickley** for leading worship this morning, while Pastor Becky, our Confirmation Class, Youth Group and several members are in Washington, D.C. this weekend.

**We also thank Syl Balash** for providing special music for our 11:00 a.m. service today, because several Chancel Choir members are also in D.C. We welcome Syl and his wife Chris, who are friends of the Heinrichs.

**Today is the deadline for ordering Easter lilies.** Please use the order form on the insert. Envelopes are on the greeters table in the Gathering Area. Please place your order with payment in the church office.

**Women's Fellowship** will sell candy today.

**Trustees** will meet today after 11:00 a.m. worship.

**Diaconate** will meet Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.

**Mission and Outreach** will meet Wednesday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday Evening Lenten Services and Meals** continue this evening. The potluck meal will be served at 6:00 p.m., with casual worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share for the potluck. The main course for today is Ham; and for next Sunday, Chicken and Biscuits.

**Pastor Becky is leading two Lenten Studies on Mondays:**

12:00 noon – “Peter and Paul” and 7:00 p.m. – “Jesus and the Movies.” More information is on the greeters' table in the Gathering Area. All are welcome to either or both studies. **For tomorrow evening's 7:00 p.m. study, the group will meet at Hickory Ridge Cinema, 1055 Pearl Road (1/2 mile north of the intersection of Routes 42 and 303) in**

**Brunswick at 6:45 p.m. to see "Noah" at 7:10 p.m.** Movie ticket prices are \$5.00 for all ages.

**Women's Luncheon** will take place Wednesday, April 9, at 11:30 a.m. at Molly McGee's, 13169 Prospect Road in Strongsville. Please contact Lola to make your reservation, (440) 238-3037. The ladies will meet at the restaurant. All are welcome!

**Participants in the Maundy Thursday Service** will rehearse this Wednesday, April 9, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

**Needed for Good Friday:** a whip and someone to crack it. Please call the church office if you can help, (440) 238-6697.

**Offering envelopes** have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, please contact Barb Fraunfelder, Financial Secretary, (440) 331-3673.

**Spring Plant Sale** is a fundraiser sponsored by Official Board. Order forms are available on the round table in the Gathering Area. Deadline to order is Sunday, April 27; pickup is Friday, May 9, between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. at church. For questions, please contact Barb Fraunfelder.

#### **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:** Betty Kovach at Emeritus at Brookside Estates (15435 Bagley Road), Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

**Church Family:** Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Margot James at The Altenheim, Rachel Kovatich, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis, Barbara Morgan, Joyce Reed, Susan Tressa

**Extended Church Family:** June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Megan Craig (granddaughter of Rev. Larry and Christina Craig), Audrey and Gene Curry (parents of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Carrie Fieck (sister of Marti Powers), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeier (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), Rick Mahon (friend of the Woodwards), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)



Orders are now being accepted. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or church office with your cash or check payment by the deadline of **TODAY**. The cost is **\$7.00**.

Wording for bulletin: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will take my plant(s). ☐ I will leave my plant(s) for someone who needs some cheer.

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**, and place your order (with payment) in the church office, or mail it to:

**The United Church of Christ  
13740 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, OH 44136**



*Thank you for placing a lily on the altar on Easter Sunday morning.*

Additional lily order forms **and envelopes** are available on the greeters' table in the Gathering Area at the church.

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#### **For Church Records**

#### **2014 Easter Lily**

Total number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Offering envelope number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Order deadline is **TODAY**.