NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2014 8:30 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

OPENING SONG 30 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG 44 / Will Sing

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run

and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

People: We need this kind of hope.

Leader: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you

are. Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

All: We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to

God.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG 67 Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

OFFERING The Potter's Hand

THE WORD OF GOD Matthew 14:22-33 NT, p. 14

MEDITATION "Don't Rock the Boat"

SONG 52 Let the River Flow

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG 71 Shout to the Lord

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 Guitar Sean Patrick Bass Guitar Jack Stephenson Drums David Cola Song Leaders Andrew Purdum, Kyra Krause Sarah Hayes Liturgist Vicky Masuga **Graphics Operation**

Coffee Hour Allen and Michele Mihlack

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August 10, 2014 10:00 A.M. Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE Reverie at Dawn Edward Broughton

INTROIT Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

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† HYMN Stand by Me

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

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.

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

ANTHEM Hymn of Promise

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 Blest Be the Tie Dorothy Wells

† DOXOLOGY (No. 815) † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:22-33 NT, p. 14

SERMON "Don't Rock the Boat"

† HYMN 526 The Solid Rock

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE † POSTLUDE Postlude Fantasia God Be with You Robert Thygerson

We thank Barb Fraunfelder, Irene Jannsohn, Sarah Keenen, and Karen Morgan for providing special music for our worship service this morning.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Andrew Purdum
Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Liturgist	Sarah Hayes
Greeter	Roy Merkle
Summer Sunday School Teacher	Evan Joyce
Nursery	Tom Gaumer
Coffee Hour	Allen and Michele Mihlack

A special offering will be received today to defer the costs of this outreach to bring more children and families to our church. The "Pew Envelope" included in your bulletin may be used for this purpose. Please write "Family Fun Day" on the envelope or on the memo line of your check. Or, enclose a note with your donation, designating it for this event. Thank you for your support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - AUGUST 10, 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—

In Loving Memory of Erik O. Jannsohn The Jannsohn, Joyce and Dickson Families

Happy Birthday today to Bob Pogozelski and to Ted Grabski! **Happy Anniversary today** to Gordon and Kathy Cockrell!

Women's Fellowship's summer project is to fill 60 tote bags for the Brookside children, ages 5 to 12. The finished tote bag size is 12" x 12". Donations of any of the items listed below or a monetary donation so we can purchase items would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Brookside Project" and placed in the church office. Collection concludes today. Please do not bring in family-size items.

soap (facial size or small) small tissue packets shampoo small cars or trucks deodorant decks of cards

toothbrushes books

toothpaste (small tubes) activity books combs or brushes coloring books wash cloths small stuffed toys

sidewalk chalk crayons

pencils blowing bubbles – small bottles

Diaconate will meet Tuesday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m.

September Church Newsletter deadline is this Friday, August 15. You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today.

Our Sunday School will present Family Fun Day this Saturday, August 16, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please join us for free hot dogs and lemonade, free crafts, sidewalk chalk, inflatable fun, balloons, and awesome activities for the kids! This morning a special offering will be received to defer the costs of this outreach to bring more children and families to our church. The "Pew Envelope" included in your bulletin may be used for this purpose. Please write "Family Fun Day" on the envelope or on the memo line of your check. Or, enclose a note with your donation to designate it for this event. Thank you for your support!

Interested in furthering the mission of the church, locally and beyond? The Mission and Outreach Committee extends an invitation to one or two people to join us in this area of the Christian faith. Please speak with Kelly Bickley, (330) 461-4624.

"God Is Still Speaking" Embroidery – In the Gathering Area are sample shirts with the logo. To have your shirt embroidered, the cost is \$8.00. The shirt's left chest area must be free of seams, embroidery, and pockets. Shirts made of cotton, polyester or a blend are ideal. Leather and silk are not good fabrics for embroidering. To order embroidery, please provide your own shirt, your name, your phone number, and payment (cash or checks payable to *Excellence in Embroidery*) to the church office. For questions or special requests, please email: excellenceinembroidery@gmail.com

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.

<u>Long-Term Care or Homebound Members</u>: Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

<u>Church Family</u>: Holly Elkins, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Margot James, Vicky Masuga, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Pincombe, Margaret Stayrook

Extended Church Family: Marianne Allwood (niece of Dale Hawk), June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Audrey and Gene Curry (parents 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), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeier (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Cyndi Klein (step-daughter of Jim Studer), Mary Ann Kreutzer (mother of Ginny Dangelo), 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)

August 2014

- 11 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 12 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Holy Land Presentation is CANCELED.
- 14 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 15 Fri Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Sat Free Family Fun Day, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 18 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 19 Tue Advertising Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 22 24 Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Hills
- 25 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 26 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 31 Sun KFC Meeting after 10 a.m. worship service

Serving Next Sunday - August 17, 2014

Liturgists 8:30 a.m. Lora Rung Graphics Operation for 8:30 a.m. Worship Greeters for 10:00 a.m. Worship Nursery for 10:00 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. Lora Rung Rosemary Bechtel The Bickley Family Rachel Zielinski Sarah Hayes