

August 17, 2014 **8:30 A.M.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG 44 *I Will Sing*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: **It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.**

Leader: It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

People: God meets us here.

Leader: We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days,
the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG 67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING *El Shaddai*

THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 15:21-28

NT, p. 15

MEDITATION

“The Canaanite Woman”

SONG 79 *The Potter's Hand*

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG 16 *Days of Elijah*

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, Barbara Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause
Graphics Operation	Rosemary Bechtel
Coffee Hour	Bev Wehr

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August 17, 2014 10:00 A.M. Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE A Prayer Beethoven

TONECHIME INTROIT This Is My Father's World

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† HYMN 809 God of Our Fathers

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 Sweet Hour of Prayer Bradbury

TONECHIME ANTHEM Praise Him, Praise Him

Verse 1 – Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children.

God is Love, God is Love.

Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children.

God is Love, God is Love.

Verse 2 – Serve Him, Serve Him, all ye little children. . .

Verse 3 – Love Him, Love, Him, all ye little children. . .

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 God's Glory Beethoven

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 445** People Need the Lord

SCRIPTURE Matthew 15:21-28 NT, p. 15

SERMON "The Canaanite Woman"

† **HYMN 808** Eternal Father, Strong to Save

† **BENEDICTION**

† **TONECHIME RESPONSE** Blest Be the Tie that Binds

† **POSTLUDE** Les Rameaux Faure

We thank our Tonechime choir this morning for their music, with special thanks to Rachel Zielinski for organizing the group.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Andrew Purdum
Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Greeters	The Bickley Family
Summer Sunday School Teacher	Elena Joyce
Coffee Hour	Bev Wehr

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: Holly Elkins, Margot James, Vicky Masuga, Dolores Matchett, Barbara Morgan, Grant Morgan

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 (Godddaughter 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 Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), 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)

Serving Next Sunday – August 24, 2014

Liturgists	8:30 a.m. Dale Hawk	10:00 a.m. Dale Hawk
Graphics Operation for 8:30 a.m. Worship		Michele Mhlack
Greeters for 10:00 a.m. Worship	Harvey and Eileen Pincombe	
Nursery for 10:00 a.m. Worship		Beth Giuliano
Summer Sunday School	Aimée and Charles Jannsohn	
Coffee Hour		Sharon Heinrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 17, 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 Honor of Riley's 2nd Birthday Today
All our love, The Hawk / Hayes Family*

*In Memory of Richard J. Slavik
With all our love, Melinda, Christina and John Slavik*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Madison Wentz on August 22
With love from Grammy*

Happy Birthday today to Riley McClain!

Last call for September Church Newsletter articles! Please leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you!

Thank you to all who supported Free Family Fun Day yesterday!

Strongsville United Church of Christ will present a **Wine Tasting Fundraiser on Friday, September 12, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the parsonage.** Reservations are needed. The requested donation is \$40 per person. Tickets are available after both worship services today.

Help is needed for the Wine Tasting on September 12. A **mini-tasting will be held today at 5:30 p.m. at the parsonage to prepare for September 12.** If you wish to help, please inform Pastor Becky.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

AUGUST 24 AND 31

8:30 a.m. Contemporary 10:00 a.m. Traditional

SEPTEMBER 7 – RALLY DAY

One Worship Service ONLY – 10:00 a.m. Blended Service, followed by the Box Lunch Auction Fundraiser for Sunday School

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14 AND ON . . .

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

Strongsville UCC Sunday School
presents
RALLY DAY

BOX LUNCH AUCTION

Sunday, September 7, 2014
following the 10 a.m. Worship Service
(Only 1 worship service that day!)

Bring a lunch or lunches to auction and come ready to bid!

All are welcome!

Kids' Lunches

Family Lunches

Gourmet Lunches

Read-to-eat Lunches

Brown Bag Lunches

Take Home Lunches

in a box, bag, basket, carton, tub or container

Fundraiser for Strongsville UCC Sunday School Programs



Strategic Planning – Saturday, September 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at church will be a follow-up meeting for those who attended the Visioning Retreat last year, for those who are Board or Committee members, or for those who are interested in helping the church grow. The meeting's intent is to review the status of all Strategic Goals/Objectives that each committee was working on for this year. If there are any problems in meeting these Goals/Objectives, we will discuss what is needed in order to complete each Goal or Objective. We will also discuss how things are going in the church and if other needs should be addressed. Please plan on attending, even if you were not at the retreat last year, but you have an interest in helping the church meet its goal of "Growing our Membership."

Communications – On Sunday, October 19, after the late service that morning, 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.

"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

August 2014

- 17 Sun Mini-Wine Tasting at Parsonage, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 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

September 2014

- 1 Mon Labor Day
- 4 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 5 Fri Dinner for Journey in Faith Class
- 7 Sun One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. ONLY
Communion
Take in New Members
Rally Day for Sunday School
Box Lunch Auction for Sunday School
- 9 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Fri Wine Tasting Fundraiser, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Parsonage
- 13 Sat Strategic Planning Meeting at church, 9:00 to 12:00 noon
- 23 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Sun ORC Pancake Breakfast