

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

August 2, 2015 9:45 A.M. Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Minor* J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *In the Garden / Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Miles/Anonymous
Jim Studer, Vocalist

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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This day, bring us together just as you called the people
of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain
life.

Many: God of unity, give us this day our daily bread.

One: Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to
you. As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that
endures—faith, hope, and love.

Many: God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.

One: All life is created and nourished by you!
May we grow into new circles of understanding and
being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched
by your holy manna.

Many: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

HYMN 82 *Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

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 *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte
Jim Studer, Vocalist

DUET *Hymn Medley* Schutte / Thomas / Fischer
Here I Am, Lord/He's Got the Whole World in His Hands/I Love to Tell the Story
Carol and Jim Studer, Vocalists

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Spring from Season Suite* John Denver
Gary Hackett, Guitar

*** DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 264

SERMON *Nathan Tells It Like It Is*

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.*

MUSIC during Communion *Gospel Changes* J. Williams
 Let Us Break Bread Together Spiritual
 Lady John Denver
Gary Hackett, Guitar and Voice

† **HYMN 354** *I Cannot Tell* **Verses 2 and 3**

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *A Benediction* arr. Dunkel and Dunford
Gary Hackett, Guitar and Voice

† **POSTLUDE** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Converse

We thank Carol and Jim Studer, and Gary Hackett for their special
worship music this morning.

<i>Minister</i>	<i>Rev. Rebecca Stephenson</i>
<i>Worship Accompanist</i>	<i>Elena Taylor</i>
<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Jim Studer</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Linda Plain</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Natalie Daniels, Linda Plain</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Ginny Dangelo, Joyce Reed</i>

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

27 *He Is Exalted*
26 *Great Is the Lord*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

42 *I Will Celebrate*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING

Thy Word

THE WORD OF GOD

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13
Hebrew Scriptures, p. 264

MEDITATION

Nathan Tells It Like It Is

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SONG

39 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

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journey, you are welcome here.

SERVING TODAY

Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor

Vocalists – Rachel Kovatich, Kyra Krause, Toni Newborn,
Jack Stephenson, Elena Taylor, Clay Williams

Keyboard – Elena Taylor

Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams

Acoustic Guitar II – Julia Soltis

Electric Guitar – Herbert Parker

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Violin – Julia Soltis

Viola – Jake Williams

Clarinet – Emily Phan

Mallet Percussion – Robert Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Drum Pads – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

Liturgist – Sarah Hayes

Graphics Operation – Vicky Masuga

AUGUST 2015

- 2 Sun Communion at both worship services
4 Tue **Worship Team Meeting, 7pm**
5 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
6 Thu **Special Official Board Meeting for "Year of the Child", 7pm**
9 Sun **Special Offering for Family Fun Day**
10 Mon **Women's Retreat Meeting, 7pm**
11 Tue **Diaconate Meeting, 7pm**
Stewardship Meeting, 7pm
12 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
14-16 Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Halls
16 Sun Newsletter Deadline
18 Tue **Trustees Meeting, 7pm**
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
19 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am
22 Sat **Family Fun Day, 10am-2pm**
25 Tue **Official Board Meeting, 7pm**
26 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
27 Thu Children's Choir rehearsals begin for the new season, 7pm
Children's Band rehearsals begin for the new season, 7pm
30 Sun Kids for Christ Penny Sunday
Kindred Spirit Singles arrive at 1pm, meeting at 2pm
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CHILDREN'S MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Choir rehearsals for the Traditional Service will start on Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Band rehearsals for the Contemporary Service will start on Thursday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m.

All children are welcome!

For more information, please see Elena Taylor after worship.



Serving Next Sunday – August 9, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 Ted Bickley	11:15 Michele Mhlack
Greeters		The Bickley Family
Usher	9:45 Lola Millhoane	
Graphics Operation		Rosemary Bechtel
Coffee Hour		Dianne Maringer

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 2, 2015

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.

Today's altar flowers are given—

In Loving Memory of Gary Wilson and In Honor and Love to His Brothers
Doris Soucie

Our congratulations to Denise and Erhardt Bell on the birth of their daughter, Madison Rebecca, on Saturday, July 25, 2015!

Worship Team will meet Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch – All are invited to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

Official Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss goals for "The Year of the Child." All are welcome.

Special Offering – Next Sunday, August 9, we will receive a special offering to offset expenses for Family Fun Day, the outreach to bring more children and families into our church.

Membership Class – Pastor Becky will teach a Journey in Faith class that will meet on Mondays for 11 weeks beginning September 21, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church. Members, as well as potential members, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Topics covered include: *Establishing the Group, The Bible as Our Authority, Discovering Jesus, What We Believe and How We Got Here, The Nature of the Church, From the Early Church to Us, We Are ALL Gifted, Investigating the Local Church, Christian Giving, Understanding Different Levels of Living and Giving, The Meaning of Christian Covenant, and Investigating Worship.* Both members and nonmembers will enjoy the camaraderie within the group and the knowledge that Pastor Becky shares. To register, please mark the back of your Attendance Card, call the Church Office (440-238-6697), or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

Wednesday Evening Women's Study – At the Women's Retreat, the ladies will study the first two chapters of the book, Anonymous – Discovering the Somebody You Are to God, by Cindi Wood. After the retreat, Pastor Becky will continue the study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 26, September 2, 9. If you do not attend the Women's Retreat, you are still welcome to participate in the Wednesday

Evening Women's Study. To attend and to make sure we have a book for you, please call the church office, 440-238-6697, or mark the back of your Attendance Card. Thank you.

Strongsville Food Bank has a hard time during the summer months with donations. Please think of what you can bring in to our church to help them. Right now the Food Bank requests canned fruit, but any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

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

Purse, Bag and Tote Bag Sale – This Diaconate fundraiser will take place the day of our Turkey Dinner—Saturday, November 7, 2015. If possible, please bring your donations to the church now so we can plan the space needed. However, we will accept donations until Sunday, November 1. Thank you for your donations. Pricing for regular size purses will begin at \$5.00. For additional information, please see Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer.

The Upper Room daily devotional guides for September/October are now available in the Gathering Area.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday - August 22, 2015 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please Join Us in Our Church Tent for
Free Hot Dogs and Lemonade
Free Crafts
Sidewalk Chalk
Inflatable Fun
Balloons
Awesome Activities for Kids!



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: Nancy Cochran at Pearlview Rehab and Wellness, 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: Holly Elkins, Denzil Richards, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Pastor Becky Stephenson, Leah Tressa Forget, John Wood

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), 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), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatich (mother of Bob), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

JOIN OUR STRONGSVILLE UCC MUSIC MINISTRY

Our music ministry is an important part of our worship, and we would love for you to be part of it. We have three main adult musical groups in our church. Our Chancel Choir (director, Joshua Konow) and Bell Choir (director, Barb Fraunfelder) rehearse on Thursday evenings and usually provide music at the traditional service. Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir begin on September 3, and their first Sunday back is Rally Day, September 13. Our Praise Band (director, Elena Taylor) rehearses on Wednesday evenings and provides music at the contemporary service. In addition, we enjoy music from instrumentalists, both members and guests, and many soloists and vocal and instrumental ensembles. These groups practice and participate with a variable schedule. We also have a growing children's choir directed by Elena Taylor. If you're thinking about being part of our music program, please join us at our **"kickoff" music party at the parsonage on Saturday, September 12, at 2:00 p.m.** Also, feel free to ask our directors any questions you have.