

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2014

8:30 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

OPENING SONG 87 *We Bow Down*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG 74 *Step by Step*

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

People: We dare not trust our earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Leader: On Christ, the solid Rock, we stand;

People: All other ground is sinking sand.

All: All other ground is sinking sand.

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING SONG 67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

OFFERING *Trading My Sorrows*

THE WORD OF GOD Psalm 138:1-8 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 540

MEDITATION *"Solid Rock"*

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*.

Music Director
Keyboard
Guitar
Bass Guitar
Drums
Song Leaders
Liturgist
Graphics Operation
Coffee Hour

Serving Today

Andrew Purdum
Elena Taylor
Sean Patrick
Jack Stephenson
David Cola
Andrew Purdum, Kyra Krause
Dale Hawk
Michele Mihlack
Rosemary Bechtel

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August 24, 2014 10:00 A.M. Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Down by the Riverside* Spiritual

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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† **HYMN** (lyrics on insert) *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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 Native American Flute

ANTHEM *Allegro* Mozart

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ken Mehalko

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 *Oh Freedom* Spiritual

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN** (lyrics on insert) *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 138:1-8 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 540

SERMON "Solid Rock"

† **HYMN 90** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

† **POSTLUDE** *When the Saints Go Marching In* Spiritual

We thank Jack Stephenson for leading us in worship while Pastor Becky is attending the Women's Retreat in Pilgrim Hills.

We also thank the Satori Winds for their special music this morning: Ken Mehalko, Mike Sherwood, Brian Maskow and Richard Ingersoll, Sr.

SERVING TODAY

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| Director of Music | Andrew Purdum |
| Worship Accompanist | Elena Taylor |
| Liturgist | Dale Hawk |
| Greeters | Harvey and Eileen Pincombe |
| Summer Sunday School Teachers | Aimeé and Charles Jannsohn |
| Nursery | Beth Giuliano |
| Coffee Hour | Rosemary Bechtel |

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 (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), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), 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 31, 2014

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| Liturgists | 8:30 a.m. Dan Masuga | 10:00 a.m. Jim Studer |
| Graphics Operation for 8:30 a.m. Worship | | Sharon Heinrich |
| Greeter for 10:00 a.m. Worship | | Linda Plain |
| Nursery for 10:00 a.m. Worship | | Cathy Hawk |
| Summer Sunday School | | Rachel Zielinski |
| Coffee Hour | | Sarah Hayes |

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 24, 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 Memory of Our Parents—
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pincombe and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell
Harvey and Eileen Pincombe*

*Happy Birthday to Our Daughter Holly on August 30
George and Joyce Reed*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday today to Nate Johnson and
Happy 60th Birthday today to Joe Craig
With love, Mom*

*In Honor of Rhea Clements' Birthday on August 28
Becky and Bill*

Happy Birthday today to Joe Craig, Nancy Grabski, and Nate Johnson!
Happy 57th Anniversary today to Harvey and Eileen Pincombe!

Official Board will meet Tuesday, August 26, at 7:30 p.m.

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 for purchase from Ginny Oerkfitz today after both worship services.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

AUGUST 31, 2014

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

SEPTEMBER 14 – NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

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 is 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**, 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. More details will be forthcoming.

“God Is Still Speaking” Embroidery – In the Gathering Area is a sample shirt 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

- 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.

September 2014

- 1 Mon Labor Day
- 2 Tue Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Wed Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 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
- 8 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 9 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Children's Choir Rehearsal, 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
- 14 Sun New Worship Schedule Begins:**
 - 9:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship**
 - 11:15 a.m. – Contemporary Worship**
- 15 Mon Church Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Tue Advertising Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Sun ORC Pancake Breakfast
 - Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- 30 Tue Children's Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

For the Fruit of All Creation

Verse 1

For the fruit of all creation
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to every nation
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

Verse 2

In the just reward of labor
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring,
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done

Verse 3

For the harvests of the Spirit
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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Fred Pratt Green | Luther Orlando Emerson

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

Verse 1

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
Before the great thy praise I sing:
I worship in thy holy place
And praise thee for thy truth and grace;
For truth and grace together shine
In thy most holy Word divine.
In thy most holy Word divine.

Verse 2

I cried to thee and thou didst save,
Thy Word of grace new courage gave;
The kings of earth shall thank thee, Lord,
For they have heard thy wondrous word;
Yea, they shall come with songs of praise,
For great and glorious are thy ways.
For great and glorious are thy ways.

Verse 3

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
Thou reignest in the heavenly height;
The proud in vain thy favor seek,
But thou hast mercy for the meek;
Through trouble though my pathway be,
Thou wilt revive and strengthen me.
Thou wilt revive and strengthen me.

Verse 4

Thou wilt stretch forth thy mighty arm
To save me when my foes alarm;
The work thou hast for me begun
Shall by thy grace be fully done;
Forever mercy dwells with thee;
O Lord, my Maker, think on me.
O Lord, my Maker, think on me.