

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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August 30, 2015 9:45 A.M. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL INTROIT *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom
arr. Peggy Bettcher

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and
abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: **Inspire us, God, to faithfulness, to mercy, and to
steadfast love.**

ALL: **Let us become a people who reflect your image.**

HYMN 481 *Come Just as You Are*

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

ANTHEM *More Precious than Silver* Lynn DeShazo
arr. Peggy Bettcher

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 551** *O to Be Like Thee!*

SCRIPTURE Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 New Testament, p. 36

SERMON *What Defiles Us*

† **HYMN 596** *I Surrender All*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Parting Chimes* Bill Ingram

† POSTLUDE

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.

We thank the bell ringers for their special music this morning!

Worship Accompanist
Chancel Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Liturgist
Greeter
Usher
Summer Sunday School Teacher
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Lynne McCray
Ginny Dangelo
Bev Wehr
Sharon Heinrich
Dianne Maringer

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

55 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

62 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

80 *The River Is Here*

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abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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steadfast love.**

ALL: **Let us become a people who reflect your image.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING

Jesus, Name Above All Names

THE WORD OF GOD Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 New Testament, p. 36

MEDITATION

What Defiles Us

SONG

9 *Calling All Nations*

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SERVING TODAY

Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor

Vocalists – Gary Hackett, 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

Acoustic Guitar III – Gary Hackett

Electric Guitar – Herbert Parker

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Flute – Kelly Bickley

Violin – Julia Soltis

Viola – Jake Williams

Clarinet – Emily Phan

Mallet Percussion – Robert Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Tambourine – Rita Budd

Drum Pads – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

Liturgist – Jim Nicoulin

Usher – Ginny Dangelo

Graphics Operation – Lori Kovatich, Michele Mhlack

Greeter – Ginny Dangelo

AUGUST 2015

- 30 Sun Newsletter Pickup
Kids for Christ Penny Sunday
Kindred Spirit Singles arrive at 1pm, meeting at 2pm

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1 Tue Worship Team Meeting, 7pm
Mission and Outreach Meeting, 7pm
2 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
Women's Study, 7pm
Children's Choir Rehearsals begin, 7:30pm
3 Thu Bell Choir Rehearsals begin, 7pm
Children Instrumental Rehearsals begin, 7:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsals begin, 8pm
6 Sun Communion at Both Worship Services
7 Mon Labor Day
8 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
Stewardship Meeting, 7pm
9 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
Women's Study, 7pm
10 Thu **Thrift Shop CLOSED**
12 Sat Music Ministry Party at the Parsonage, 2pm
13 Sun Rally Day for Sunday School
High School Party at the Parsonage, 2pm
15 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
16 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
20 Sun Junior High Party at the Parsonage, 2pm
21 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
23 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am
26 Sat Set up for ORC Pancake Breakfast, time to be determined
27 Sun ORC Pancake Breakfast, 9am-12:30pm
Kindred Spirit Singles arrive at 1pm, meeting at 2pm
28 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
30 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm

Serving Next Sunday – September 6, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 Pam Keenen	11:15 Jim Nicoulin
Greeter		Linda Plain
Usher		Linda Plain
Summer Sunday School		Irene Joyce
Graphics Operation		Rosemary Bechtel
Coffee Hour		Bev Wehr

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 30, 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—

*Honoring Bridle August Birthdays—
Lloyd and Laura, Marty and Drew Swartz
The Bridle Family*

*Happy Birthday Today to Our Daughter Holly
George and Joyce Reed*

Happy Birthday today to Lloyd Bridle!

Happy Anniversary today to Rev. Larry and Christina Craig!

September Church Newsletters are in the Gathering Area today.

If you get a paper copy, please pick up yours. Thank you, and thank you to all who get their copies by email also.

Tuesday Meetings at 7:00 p.m.: Worship Team
Mission and Outreach

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

Women's Fellowship meeting originally scheduled for September 2 is canceled.

Women's Study will be held on Wednesday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Rehearsals: Children's Choir at 7:30 p.m.
Praise Band at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Rehearsals: Bell Choir at 7:00 p.m.
Children's Instrumental at 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

The Church Office will be closed Friday, September 4, and Labor Day, September 7. The answering machine will be checked for messages.

		Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190	
Offering Received 8/23	Traditional	\$1,436	Contemporary \$292 1,728
		Difference (\$1,462)	

Membership Class – Pastor Becky will teach a Journey in Faith class on Mondays for 11 weeks beginning September 21, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church. Both members and nonmembers will enjoy the camaraderie within the group and the knowledge that Pastor Becky provides. To register, please mark that you would like to become a member on the front of your Attendance Card, call the Church at (440) 238-6697, or sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

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. 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. Purses should be **new or like new**. Pricing for regular size purses will begin at \$5.00. For additional information, please see Joyce Reed or Dianne Maringer. Thank you for your donations.

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

The Thrift Shop will have their final End-of-Summer Bag Sale on Thursday, September 3, for \$5 a bag. Fill a brown paper bag, which the shop will supply, with merchandise of your choice. Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra. **Excluded** are jewelry and cards. **No Returns**. Shop early for the best selection. The Thrift Shop is open Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is located in our church basement.

A big thank you to my church family and friends for all the get-well wishes with cards, phone calls, and visits. I surely appreciated them all. Love you all. God bless.

Love, Lola

Join Our Strongsville UCC Music Ministry! We have three main adult musical groups in our church. Our Chancel Choir, under the direction of Joshua Konow, and our Bell Choir, under the direction of Barb Fraunfelder, rehearse on Thursday evenings and usually provide music at the traditional service. Rehearsals for both choirs resume this Thursday, September 3, with Bell Choir at 7:00 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m. The Chancel Choir's first Sunday back singing in church is Rally Day, September 13. Our Praise Band, under the direction of Elena Taylor, rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. 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 Children's Choir rehearsals on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. and Children's Instrumental rehearsals on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.—both groups are 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.

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: 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: Lloyd Bridle, Holly Elkins, Mick Jacobson (husband of Betty) at Parkside Villa, Bill Kato, Michele Mhlack, Denzil Richards, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, 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), Kay Gritti (friend of Lola Millhoane), Irene Hagemeier (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), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)