

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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**August 9, 2015 9:45 A.M. Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** *It Is Well with My Soul* Spafford / Bliss  
Sharon Metivier, Vocalist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** *Change My Heart, O God* Eddie Espinosa  
Vocalist Sharon Metivier and the Strongsville UCC Band

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the depths of our souls, we call out to the Lord,

**People: Lord, hear our voices as we cry out for mercy.**

Leader: If you kept a record of our sins, we would not be able to stand.

**People: Lord, hear our voices as we cry out for forgiveness.**

Leader: Our soul waits in hope from the Lord.

**People: Our hope is in the Lord, who rescues his people.**

**HYMN 38** *Ye Servants of God*

### 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** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William B. Bradbury

**ANTHEM** *Grace Alone* Scott Wesley Brown  
Vocalist Sharon Metivier and the Strongsville UCC Band

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *I Will Follow You* Chris Tomlin

Ken Mehalko, saxophone; Elena Taylor, keyboard;  
Herbert Parker, electric guitar; Gary Hackett, acoustic guitar;  
Jack Stephenson, bass guitar; Rob Toth, percussion

**\* DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 639** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

**SCRIPTURE** Ephesians 4:17-5:2 New Testament, p. 171

**SERMON** *Christian Living*

**HYMN 596** *I Surrender All*

### † BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Give Thanks* Henry Smith  
Vocalist Sharon Metivier and the Strongsville UCC Band

† **POSTLUDE** *Shout to the Lord* Darlene Zschech

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**We thank** Sharon Metivier, Gary Hackett, Ken Mehalko, Herbert Parker, Jack Stephenson, Elena Taylor, and Rob Toth for their special music this morning.

*Minister*  
*Worship Accompanist*  
*Liturgist*  
*Greeters*  
*Ushers*  
*Coffee Hour*

*Rev. Rebecca Stephenson*  
*Elena Taylor*  
*Ted Bickley*  
*The Bickley Family*  
*Lola Millhoane*  
*Dianne Maringer*

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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### SONGS

*I Will Follow  
How Excellent Is Thy Name*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG

*I'll Fly Away*

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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 Ephesians 4:17-5:2 New Testament, p. 171

### MEDITATION

*Christian Living*

### SONG

*Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

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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

**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** – Michele Mhlack

**Graphics Operation** – Rosemary Bechtel

## AUGUST 2015

- 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 Tent Setup, between 9am and 11am  
Trustees Meeting, 7pm  
Advertising Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm  
Women's Study, 7pm
- 22 Sat Family Fun Day, 10am-2pm
- 25 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26 Wed Free Wednesday Lunch in Pilgrim Hall, 11:30am-1pm  
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am  
Women's Study, 7pm
- 27 Thu Children's Choir rehearsals begin for the new season, 7pm  
Children's Band rehearsals begin for the new season, 7:30pm
- 30 Sun Kids for Christ Penny Sunday  
Kindred Spirit Singles arrive at 1pm, meeting at 2pm

**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.

### Serving Next Sunday – August 16, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 Tom Gaumer	11:15 Jack Stephenson
Greeter		Roy Merkle
Ushers		Needed
Graphics Operation		Rosemary Bechtel
Coffee Hour		Rosemary Bechtel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 9, 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—

*Happy Birthday, Schyler!*  
Mom and Dad

*Happy Birthday to Katelyn Deertz on August 13*  
Marty Winch

**Happy Birthday today** to Ray Suttle and to Schyler Thorn!  
**Happy Anniversary today** to Janice and Bill Booth!

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

**The women attending the Women's Retreat will meet tomorrow—**  
Monday, August 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

**Women's Luncheon** will take place at Cleats Restaurant, 15147 Pearl Road in Strongsville, at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. Please call Lola at (440) 238-3037 to make your reservation because we must have a count of the ladies attending. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

**Diaconate** will meet Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m.  
**Stewardship Committee** will meet Tuesday, August 11, 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.

**Deadline for the September Church Newsletter is next Sunday, August 16.** You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today. Thank you!

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190
Offering Received 8/2    Traditional \$3,187    Contemporary \$277    3,464
Difference    274

**Tent setup** for Family Fun Day will take place on Tuesday, August 18, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and ABC Rental will show us how. If you want to learn, please write this on the back of your Attendance Card, call the church office, or tell Pastor Becky. Thank you!

**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 shares. To register, please mark the back of your Attendance Card, call the Church Office at (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. Ladies who not attend the Women's Retreat are 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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 - 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 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!**

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" in the pew rack can 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!

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### 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 (4426 Homestead Drive, Brunswick), 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 Staybrook, 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), 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), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)