

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL)

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March 27, 2016 9:45 A.M. Easter Sunday

** Those who are able may stand.*

BRASS PRELUDE "Andante and Menuetto" W. A. Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL PROCESSIONAL "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

CHORAL INTROIT "Easter Call to Worship" Ralph Grosvenor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day of resurrection!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad!

Leader: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

All: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: Let us rejoice and be glad!

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

*** HYMN 368** "He Lives" Organ

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Our Strength and Our Song" Patterson

FIRST LESSON John 20:1-10 New Testament, p. 100

CHORAL ANTHEM "Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful" Chatfield

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "End of the Beginning" David Phelps
Strongsville UCC Band

*** DOXOLOGY** "What Gift Can We Bring?"
What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*** HYMN 530** "I Will Call Upon His Name" Strongsville UCC Band

SECOND LESSON John 20:11-18 New Testament, p. 100

SERMON He Has Risen!

*** HYMN 362** "Celebrate Jesus" Strongsville UCC Band

* BENEDICTION

*** CHORAL RESPONSE** "Thine Is the Glory" G. F. Handel
arr. Lloyd Larson

*** ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Ludwig van Beethoven

Happy Easter! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

We welcome and thank our musicians for their special music this morning: Jay Stinson, trumpet; Jim Heinrich, trumpet; Steve Jessup, trombone; Kevin Peters, trombone; and Clarence Barber, percussion.

Serving Today

Worship Accompanist
Chancel Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Liturgist
Greeter

Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Jim Nicoulin
Peg Weakley

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: Madison Bell, Betty Bushea, Betty Craig, Michele Mhlack, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Ryan Brubeck, 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), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Kay Gritti (friend of Lola Millhoane), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Phillis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Jessica Lane (granddaughter of Len and Bev), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Dana Moran (sister of Ginny Dangelo), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Ralph Sitko (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 3, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Kelly Bickley	11:15 Michele Mhlack
Morning Announcements		Kim McKenzie
Greeter		Linda Plain
Ushers	Linda Plain, Additional Volunteers Needed	
Coffee Hour		Cathy Hawk
Graphics Operation		Michele Mhlack

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 27, 2016

Welcome, visitors! All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

In Remembrance of the Birthday of My Dad (Nicholas) on March 31
Gary Paul

In Loving Memory of Our Parents—
Robert Heinrich, Albert and Elsie Ruman
Jim and Sharon Heinrich

The church office will be CLOSED tomorrow—Monday, March 28—for the Easter holiday.

Lent Study – Pastor Becky will lead the final study sessions on Adam Hamilton's book, John – The Gospel of Light and Life. **The two study times are Tuesday daytime at 12:00 noon** on March 29 and April 5 and **Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.** on April 3. Both studies include soup and sandwich. Donations of side dishes, salads or desserts are welcome. All are invited to attend, even if you missed previous sessions.

Official Board will meet Tuesday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Next Sunday, April 3, we will receive new members into the church and celebrate the Sacrament of Communion.

Pictorial Directory – We will begin taking pictures of families and church events for a Pictorial Directory. Please contact Cathy Hawk at (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes at (440) 781-7513 to schedule your photo time. We will make some day and evening times available.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist		Elena Taylor
Chancel Choir Director		Joshua Konow
Bell Choir Director		Barb Fraunfelder
Technical Setup and Operation		Doug Thorn
Sound System	9:45 Jim Heinrich	11:15 Doug Thorn
Liturgist	7:00 Jack Stephenson	9:45 Jim Nicoulin
Morning Announcements		Denise Bell
Greeter	7:00 Rosemary Bechtel	9:45 Peg Weakley

THE THRIFT SHOP BAG SALES

March 31, 2016 – \$6.00

April 7, 2016 – \$6.00

April 14, 2016 – \$5.00



April 21, 2016 – Closed April 28, 2016 – Reopen

Fill a Brown Paper Bag, which we will supply, with merchandise of your choice. **Overfill will be charged \$1.00 extra. Excluded are jewelry and cards. NO RETURNS** – Shop early for best selection.
Open Thursdays – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Wing Night is back—Friday, May 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 and include beverages and all-you-can-eat buffet. There will be side boards and basket raffles. Tickets will go on sale starting April 3. Please consider donating a basket of new items that is theme-based. If you donate a basket, please write what the contents are and the approximate value of the basket. Baskets should be brought to the church and given to Cheryl Sobek or another Diaconate member.

Arts in Strongsville

and

The Strongsville United Church of Christ

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

SUNDAY - MAY 1, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

The Satori Winds

4 Guys with 4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes

and

Cindy Smith

Sings

“Songs from The American Song Book”



Freewill Offering ~ Reception Following the Concert

MARCH 2016

29 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm

30 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm

31 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm

APRIL 2016

3 Sun Communion, Reception of New Members

4 Mon Spring into Fitness 8-week program begins, 7pm at church