

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)**

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**February 1, 2015 9:45 A.M. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** *Lord, Be Glorified* Bob Kilpatrick

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *We Have Come to Join in Worship* William Moore

† **HYMN 150** *Awesome Power*

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

**Many: We bring hope for health and wholeness.**

One: What afflictions do you bring to worship? Physical pain?

**Many: From illness and injury.**

One: Emotional pain?

**Many: From sad and scary life situations.**

One: Mental pain?

**Many: From disease of many kinds.**

One: With all these afflictions, it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

**Many: But where else would we be? We yearn to know God's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.**

One: In today's gospel, a person with an "afflicting spirit" interrupts Jesus,

**Many: And Jesus frees him.**

One: And where does the miracle of his story and our stories begin?

**Many: When we bring all of who we are—hopeful, afflicted, bold—into relationship with the Divine.**

One: So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves

**Many: —Hopeful, afflicted and bold.**

One: Come, let us worship!

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OUR LORD'S PRAYER** (*debts*) – 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** *I Love You, Lord* Laurie Klein

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *River in Judea* Jack Feldman

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Prayer*

Ken Mehalko, Native American Flute and Jake Williams, Guitar

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURES** Mark 1:21-28 New Testament, p. 30

**SERMON** *Power to Do*

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

Response: **We pledge to work with you whom we have chosen to lead us to further the work and ministry of our church. Together we will seek to discover what God is calling us to do. As we worship, work, study and serve together, we pray that God will enlighten us by the Spirit and give us strength to do the work of ministry in this place. Amen!**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*All are welcome to come forward, or Pastor Becky will come to you.*

† **HYMN 329** *There Is Power in the Blood*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *May the Peace of the Lord Go with You* Yannerella

† **POSTLUDE** *Majesty* Jack Hayford



## February 2015

- 1 Sun Communion  
Installation of New Church Officers at 9:45 a.m. Service  
KFC SOUPer Bowl Canned Soup Drive  
Trustees Meeting, after 9:45 a.m. Service
- 3 Tue Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 5 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 8 Sun Retreat Planning Meeting
- 10 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 12 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 13-15 Retreat at Pilgrim Hills
- 15 Sun Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Tue Advertising Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 19 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 22 Sun Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 26 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 27 Fri Prepare for Roast Pork Dinner
- 28 Sat Roast Pork Dinner

### SERVING TODAY AT 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Interim Choir Director	Ken Mehalko
Bell Choir Director	Barbara Fraunfelder
Liturgist	Bruce Keenen
Greeter	Sharon Ritchie
Usher	Roy Merkle
Nursery	Sarah Herzog
Coffee Hour	Rosemary Bechtel

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 8, 2014

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Kelly Bickley	11:15 a.m. Dan Masuga
Greeters		The Bickley Family
Ushers for 9:45 a.m.		Needed
Nursery for 9:45 a.m.		Dianne Maringer
Coffee Hour		Sarah Hayes
Graphics Operation for 11:15 a.m.		Rosemary Bechtel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 1, 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. **Members, please wear your nametags** to assist others to get to know you.

**This morning's altar flowers** are given—

*In Loving Memory of Erik O. Jannsohn and Emmy Herrebrugh  
The Jannsohn – Joyce – Dickson Family*

**Our steeple** will light the sky this week—

*Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
to John Maringer on February 1 and to Dianne Maringer on April 14  
Paul Hirt*

**Happy Birthday today** to John Maringer!

**Our love and prayers** are extended in sympathy to the family of Dan Munson on the occasion of his unexpected passing on January 26, 2015, in Plain City, Ohio (near Columbus). A former member of Strongsville UCC, Dan was confirmed in our church in 1972. Calling hours are today from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Ingram Funeral Home, 975 N. Maple Street in Marysville, Ohio. A private funeral service will be held tomorrow. Dan was 57 years old.

**Officers elected at last Sunday's Annual Meeting** will be installed this morning during the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

**The Audit Committee** completed their audit of all the accounts and found them to be in good standing. **Thanks to the members of this year's Committee: Sarah Hayes, Sarah Herzog, Kim McKenzie, and Sally Herzog.**

**KFC Souper Bowl Canned Soup Drive** – The Kids For Christ club will collect cans of soup today before and after the 9:45 a.m. service.

**Trustees** will meet today after the 9:45 a.m. service.

**Mission and Outreach Committee** will meet on Tuesday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m.

**Worship Team** will meet on Tuesday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m.

**Thank you** to all who supported yesterday's Swiss Steak Dinner.

**An Ecumenical Softball Team is being formed.** If you are interested to play on the team, please circle *Softball Team* on the front of your Attendance Card today. Thank you!

**The Wednesday Free Lunch Program is in operation.** All are welcome to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**A Retreat Planning Meeting** will take place next Sunday, February 8.

**Ash Wednesday** – We will begin the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. with a worship service in our sanctuary and the imposition of ashes. Nursery care will be available.

**Lenten Study** – Pastor Becky will lead a Lenten study on the book, Renegade Gospel, by Mike Slaughter on the Sundays of February 22 through March 29. We will enjoy a meal at the church at 6:00 p.m., and the study will follow at about 7:00 p.m. The book presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Please contact Pastor Becky or call the church office to sign up for the study, so we have enough books for all participants.

**Strongsville Food Bank** especially needs canned fruit, pork and beans, and family meals—like ravioli, chili, and beef stew. Thank you for helping those in need.

**Sign-up Charts for Altar Flowers, Greeters, and Ushers for 2015** are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. **Help is needed.** Please assist in these areas if you are able. Thank you.

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## CHURCH MUSIC REHEARSALS

### Wednesday Evening

Praise Band - 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

### Thursday Evening

Children's Choir - 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Children's Band - 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.

Bell Choir - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir - 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## 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, Sandra Kornick at Falling Water, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

**Church Family:** Rhea Clements, Charles Jannsohn, Michele Mhlack, Ann Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget \*, Rachel Zielinski

**Extended Church Family:** Ryan Brubeck, Marie Bury, Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung, 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), Paul Mhlack (father of Allen) at Parkside Villa, Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

\* If you wish to send Leah a card, her address is:

Leah Forget  
1604 Brentwood Street  
Middletown, OH 44054

*This list will be updated weekly. If you wish someone to remain on the list, please call the church office, (440) 238-6697.*

