

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2014

9:00 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONGS

15 *Dance*  
73 *Spirit Song*  
70 *Shout Hallelujah*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

*(inspired by Psalm 27)*

Leader: Jesus, our Teacher, this is what you want us to learn

**People: Not the world's wisdom, but God's.**

Leader: Awaken us to our need of you in our lives

**People: And you will give us your life.**

Leader: Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world

**People: And you will make us strong through our tears.**

Leader: Give us the humility to admit our failures

**People: And you will bring treasure out of them.**

Leader: Make us hungry for justice

**People: And you will give us food that lasts.**

Leader: Help us to see others through your eyes

**People: And you will show us ourselves with love.**

Leader: Show us how to practice what we preach.

**People: And we will see God in everyone.**

Leader: Support us in standing firm for truth, even when it costs

**People: And the truth will also make us free.**

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

54 *Lord, Be Glorified*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### OFFERING

† BRING GIFTS FORWARD 88 *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament, p. 3-4

### MEDITATION

*"What Be Your Attitude?"*

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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### CLOSING SONGS

47 *Jesus, Be the Centre*

41 *I Love You, Lord*

27 *He Is Exalted*

### † BENEDICTION

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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*.

### Serving Today

Music Director / Drums

Andrew Purdum

Organist / Pianist

Susan Stevenson Tressa

Substitute Pianist

Jaclyn Ford

Song Leaders

Sandy O'Shea, Tiffany Schmidt

Liturgist

Lora Rung

Graphics Operation

Vicky Masuga

Nursery

Gina Cathcart

Coffee Hour

Sharon Heinrich

Communion Servers

Lora Rung, Rachel Zielinski

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**11:00 A.M.**

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**PRELUDE**

**INTROIT** *Come, Now to Worship the Lord* Besip

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† **HYMN 11** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** *Hear Us, O Lord*

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Winter Carol* Lovelace

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*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**

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 184** *Thy Word*

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:1-12 New Testament, p. 3-4

**SERMON** *"What Be Your Attitude?"*

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

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† **HYMN 182** *For The Beauty of the Earth*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *May the Lord Go with You*

† **POSTLUDE**

**SERVING TODAY**

Director of Music	Andrew Purdum
Organist / Pianist	Susan Stevenson Tressa
Substitute Organist / Pianist	Jaclyn Ford
Liturgist	Lora Rung
Greeter	Jim Studer
Nursery	Gina Cathcart
Communion Servers	Bill and Beth Giuliano, Cathy Hawk, Sharon Heinrich

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2, 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 visitors, our minister, and other members to get to know you.

**Today's altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn.

**Happy Birthday today** to Rebecca Deertz!

**Welcome and Thank You to Jaclyn Ford**, Interim Organist / Pianist. We look forward to working with you.

**The Sunday Morning Discussion Group**, which was meeting during coffee hour, is now on hiatus and will not meet until further notice.

**Official Board** will meet today after 11:00 a.m. worship.

**Christian Ed** will meet Saturday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m. at church.

**Officers** elected at last Sunday's Annual Meeting **will be installed next Sunday, February 9.**

**Thank you to all** who supported last night's Swiss Steak Dinner. Whether you worked, dined or got carry out, we appreciate your contribution to this successful event.

**From the Organ Restoration Committee:** There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 2, at 10:00 a.m. to update the congregation on our progress. To date we have raised \$138,000 and have completed half of the restoration (electronics and Great Division). We still have the Swell and Choir divisions to complete and will update you on our plans on March 2.

**From the Mission and Outreach Committee** – Clay Williams has brought to our attention a special project called "The Eliminate Project". Kiwanis is partnering with UNICEF to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus, a highly preventable disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. Our committee is making a donation to this worthy cause and encourages members of our congregation, who are interested in helping, to make a donation. Donations can be made with a check payable to the "Kiwanis International Foundation" and writing "The Eliminate Project" on the memo line. The check can be inserted in a plain envelope or a pew envelope marked "The Eliminate Project" and placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

**Memorial Fund Donations for Music Chairs** – The new chairs in the sanctuary were recently purchased after a search by Music Committee members. These 30 chairs are needed for the choir on a routine basis, for special programs, and can be used for extra sanctuary seating. Some key features are the neutral color, stackability (with a book rack in place), and comfort. The chairs are being paid for by the Memorial Fund and by contributions. \$50 supports the purchase of a chair. If you would like to help, please write a check to the *Strongsville UCC Memorial Fund*, and forward it to Greg Dickson, along with the information if you're purchasing it in memory of or in honor of someone. The Committee is investigating a way to label the chairs to recognize individual donations.

**Paper Recycling** – The paper bin from River Valley Paper Company is in our church parking lot. **Please break down boxes before putting them into the bin.** **Acceptable items:** brown paper bags, cardboard, catalogs, hard and soft bound books, magazines, mail, newspapers, office and school paper, phone books **Unacceptable items:** aluminum, glass, metal, plastic of any type, styrofoam, trash

**Ushers are really needed and appreciated for Sunday worship at 11:00 a.m.** Please sign up on the board in the Gathering Area. Thank you! (The 9 a.m. service is casual worship and has no signup.)

**Altar Flower Chart for 2014** is posted in Pilgrim Hall. Please indicate whether you want one or two vases on the date(s) you select. Thanks!

**Greeter Chart** for the 11 a.m. service and other special services is also posted in Pilgrim Hall. Please help if you are available. (The 9 a.m. service is casual worship and has no signup.)

**The Stewardship Committee invites you to a "Tailgate Party Potluck"** to wrap up our stewardship campaign. Please join us Sunday, February 9, in Pilgrim Hall after the 11 a.m. worship service for food, fun, and games. Please see the sheet in Pilgrim Hall for a list of what we're providing as well as suggested tailgate munchies you can sign up to bring. We're going to have a great time! Everyone is welcome. "Sporty" attire is encouraged, so get that Browns jersey out of storage!

**Next month is our church's annual winter retreat** at a new location: Pilgrim Hills in Brinkhaven, Ohio. Pilgrim Hills is about 90 minutes south of Strongsville. The retreat will take place Friday, February 14 (arrive after 6pm) through Sunday, February 16 (departure at 2pm). We're happy to announce that the costs to attend will remain the same for the fourth year in a row:

Adults: \$65      Children ages 9-12: \$20      Children ages 3-8: \$10  
Children ages 2 and under: Free

These costs include 2 nights' lodging and 5 meals. The sign-up sheet is posted in Pilgrim Hall. Please sign up ASAP. Sleeping accommodations are as follows:

1] 4 double cabins (Boardwalk Cabins 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8) with 6 bunk beds and 1 single bed each. (Bunk beds do not have to be used as bunk beds.)

2] Fellowship Cabin, which has 6 separate rooms with 2 beds each and 1 larger room with 5 beds.

Both cabins are about a 2-minute walk from the main lodge where we will have meals and do our group activities. Be sure to join us for a semi-brief planning meeting on Sunday, February 9, in the sanctuary immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. Although we held the previous 33 retreats at the same location, let's consider this a new adventure! Pilgrim Hills is larger (by 100 acres) than Tempel Hills and has more activities, indoor and out. And the staff is super-friendly and accommodating already! Questions? Please call Charles and Aimée Jannsohn at (440) 895-1858 or email: [jannsohn@cox.net](mailto:jannsohn@cox.net). Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to relax and spend quality time with church family and friends!

**Old Sweaters** – We are collecting old sweaters for our craft at the Church Retreat in Pilgrim Hills. Do you have an old sweater that we can have? We will take any sweater, but any that have wool would be best! We will model our craft when we return from the retreat. Please give sweaters to Karen Morgan or Rachel Zielinski or leave in the church office with our names on them. Thanks!

**Due to your generosity, The Thrift Shop is overstocked right now!** Please hold your donations until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Special thanks to everyone for their cards, calls, visits, and other get well wishes. I was quite surprised by the amount of support and prayers that were offered to me. I truly appreciate all the concern. Please keep me in your prayers. I am trying to get well so I can be back at church as soon as possible.*

*Sincerely, Joyce Reed*

### **Serving Next Sunday – February 9, 2014**

Liturgist	Charles Jannsohn
Greeters	Tom and Judy Gaumer
Nursery	Rachel Zielinski
Coffee Hour	Bev Wehr
Ushers	Volunteers Needed

### **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:** Bill Betz at Chapel Hill Community in Canal Fulton, Edith Graves at Century Oak Care Center, Betty Kovach at Emeritus at Brookside Estates (15435 Bagley Road), Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

**Church Family:** Dan Davis, Holly Elkins, Margot James, Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Dolores Matchett, Barbara Morgan, Joyce Reed, Susan Tressa

**Extended Church Family:** June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Audrey and Gene Curry (parents of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Tom Davern (relative of the Woodwards), Rebecca Deeb (Godaughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), Janine Kaltenstein (cousin of Vicky Masuga), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), Rick Mahon (friend of the Woodwards), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Marge Tressa (mother of Rich)

### **February 2014**

2	Sun	Communion Official Board Meeting, after 11 a.m. worship
6	Thu	Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
8	Sat	Christian Ed Team Meeting, 9 a.m. at church
9	Sun	Installation of Church Officers during 11:00 a.m. worship Retreat Planning Meeting, after 11 a.m. worship
10	Mon	Mom's Group Meeting, 9:30-11 a.m.
11	Tue	Diaconate Meeting, 7 p.m.
12	Wed	Mission and Outreach Comm. Meeting, 6 p.m. at Hoolihan's
13	Thu	Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
14-15-16		Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Hills
20	Thu	Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
21	Fri	Wedding Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
22	Sat	Wedding, 1:00 p.m.
23	Sun	Guest speaker - Dr. Peter Makari
25	Tue	Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
27	Thu	Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.

***Our Proposed Vision . . .***

*A world filled with God's love, where all are welcome at God's table.*

***Our Proposed Mission Statement . . .***

*Wherever you are on life's journey, the Strongsville United Church of Christ (Congregational) welcomes all to become passionate followers of Christ through Unconditional Love with Justice and Peace † Meaningful Prayer † The Celebration of Worship † Uplifting Music † Mutual Support † Joy of Service † Honoring Creation † the Giving Spirit, where all are welcome at God's table.*