

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2014

8:30 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

OPENING SONG 13 *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG 4 *Awesome God / Humble Thyself*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For everything there is a season.

People: A time for every matter under heaven.

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

People: Now is the time to give our hearts.

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

People: Come, just as we are before our God.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG 67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING *I Love You, Lord*

THE WORD OF GOD Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Leader: For everything there is a season,

People: and a time for every matter under heaven;

Leader: A time to be born, and a time to die;

People: A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

Leader: A time to kill, and a time to heal;

People: A time to break down, and a time to build up;

Leader: A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

People: A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Leader: A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

People: A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

Leader: A time to seek, and a time to lose;

People: A time to keep, and a time to throw away;

Leader: A time to tear, and a time to sew;

People: A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Leader: A time to love, and a time to hate;

People: A time for war, and a time for peace.

MEDITATION

"Seasons of Our Lives"

SONG

6 *Better Is One Day*

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

40 *I Love to Praise Him*

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

Andrew Purdum

Keyboard

Elena Taylor

Guitar

Sean Patrick

Bass Guitar

Jack Stephenson

Drums

David Cola

Song Leaders

Andrew Purdum, Kyra Krause

Liturgist

Tom Gaumer

Graphics Operation

Rosemary Bechtel

Coffee Hour

Dianne Maringer

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PRELUDE *The Heart of Worship* Matt Redman

INTROIT *Psalms 51* Susan Stevenson Tressa

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† **HYMN 3** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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.

PIANO RESPONSE *In Christ Alone* Stuart Townsend

ANTHEM *God Is Our Refuge* Allen Pote

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 *Kaeno* Susan Stevenson Tressa

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 390**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

THE WORD OF GOD

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SERMON

"Seasons of Our Lives"

† **HYMN 90**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Lutkin

† **POSTLUDE** *Majesty* Jack Hayford

Thank you to the Chancel Choir for singing and to Jim Heinrich for
playing the trumpet for the special music this morning.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music
Worship Accompanist
Liturgist
Nursery
Greeter
Coffee Hour

Andrew Purdum
Elena Taylor
Tom Gaumer
Ginny Oerkfitz
Lora Rung
Dianne Maringer

Ring Praise!

Susan Stevenson Tressa

Let the heavens be glad, Sing! Let the earth rejoice, Ring!
For He is the God of all of our days,
and greatly to be praised!
O sing to the Lord a joyful song,
Sing to the Lord all the earth!
O sing to the Lord and bless His name,
Tell of his marvelous works!
Let the heavens be glad, Sing! Let the earth rejoice, Ring!
Declare His glory through all of the land,
Salvation is ours by His hand!
Then shall all the trees of the wood, Rise and ring for joy!
The grass shall sing and the stones cry out,
Worshiping Him in one voice!
Let the heavens be glad, Sing! Let the earth rejoice, Ring!
Lift up your voice, exalt His name,
Our God forever reigns!
O lift a song of praise!

Parting Prayer

Susan Stevenson Tressa

*May the blessings of the Lord go with you.
May your song of praise ring strong and true.
And although your time in this place may be through,
God will carry you, and renew your heart
With songs to worship Him.
And bring glory to His name evermore!
God be with you,
As you go upon your way.
God be with you,
You'll be in our hearts always.
May the peace and love of God be with you.
May your burdens and your cares be few.
God bestow His blessings upon you anew.
As you walk with Him,
And you raise your voice and sing Alleluia!
And sing to honor Him all your days!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JULY 13, 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 others to get to know you.

This morning's flowers are given—

*Celebrating George's Birthday on July 15, Joyce's Birthday on July 16,
and Our Granddaughter Alison's 16th Birthday on July 17
George and Joyce Reed*

The glass vase on the altar is presented—

*Thank you, Susan Stevenson Tressa,
for 31 Wonderful Years of Music Ministry*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*For Rachel Zielinski for all her cleaning during June
with a very few helpers
With love, Grammy*

In Honor of Susan Stevenson Tressa

Happy Birthday today to Lynn Milhorn, Dennis Habrat, Rena Haluska, Susan Plain, and Alex Krause!

Happy Anniversary today to Andrew and Barbara Purdum!

This morning during our 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service we will honor Susan Stevenson Tressa upon her retirement as our Organist, Pianist and Accompanist after over 30 years of outstanding service and dedication. A luncheon and fellowship will follow in Pilgrim Hall. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate her music ministry.

Today the K.F.C. Club will meet with any willing veterans in our congregation to ask them a few questions about their service to our country. We will meet in the front classroom after 10:00 a.m. worship. The interviews will take 10-15 minutes to complete, and then we can enjoy the reception for Susan Tressa together.

On Tuesday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. the Mission and Outreach Committee have its monthly meeting at the Bickleys' house to celebrate summer. Burgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The meeting will follow dinner. Anyone is welcome to attend, especially anyone interested in learning what the M&O Committee is up to!

Advertising Team meets Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Strongsville Homecoming Parade is this Wednesday, July 16. To be in the parade with our church float, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. We will meet at church at 5:00 p.m. on that day.

ATTENTION LADIES! If you are looking for a little getaway, come and join in for a spiritual and fun weekend at our second annual **Women's Retreat Weekend** from August 22 through August 24, 2014, at Pilgrim Hills. The cost of \$93.60 includes room and meals. Please contact Kim McKenzie to sign up or for questions: davekimmckenzie@cox.net or call (216) 398-1462.

"God Is Still Speaking" Embroidery – In the Gathering Area are sample shirts with the logo. To have your shirt embroidered, the cost is \$8.00. The shirt's left chest area must be free of seams, embroidery, and pockets. Shirts made of cotton, polyester or a blend are ideal. Leather and silk are not good fabrics for embroidering. To order embroidery, please provide your own shirt, your name, your phone number, and payment (cash or checks payable to *Excellence in Embroidery*) to the church office. For questions or special requests, please email: excellenceinembroidery@gmail.com

St. Joseph Parish invites us and other church communities to their annual picnic on Sunday, July 27, 2014, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at their church, 12700 Pearl Road in Strongsville. There is no admission charge, but food, drink, and games are available for a small charge. St. Joseph wishes to make this a community event, as they will welcome back Father Joe Mamich after his kidney transplant.

Travel Presentation for the 2015 Trip to Israel will take place on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage, 2214 Substation Road in Medina. RSVP: (440) 238-6697.

Women's Fellowship's summer project will be to fill 60 tote bags for the Brookside children, ages 5 to 12. The finished tote bag size is 12" x 12". Donations of any of the items listed below or a monetary donation so we can purchase items would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Brookside Project" and placed in the church office. **Collection will be now through August 10. Please do not bring in family-size items.**

soap (facial size or small)	small tissue packets
shampoo	small cars or trucks
deodorant	decks of cards
toothbrushes	books
toothpaste (small tubes)	activity books
combs or brushes	coloring books
wash cloths	small stuffed toys
sidewalk chalk	crayons
pencils	blowing bubbles – small bottles

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: Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Holly Elkins at Century Oak Care Center, Janet Kato at ManorCare, Margot James, Vicky Masuga, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Pincombe, Margaret Stayrook

Extended Church Family: Marianne Allwood (niece of Dale Hawk), June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Audrey and Gene Curry (parents of Pam Keenen), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung), Victor DiChiro (father-in-law of Rob Wentz), Pam Doubell (friend of Sue Gigliotti), 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), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Cyndi Klein (step-daughter of Jim Studer), Mary Ann Kreutzer (mother of Ginny Dangelo), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Barbara Sommers (mother of Sheri Martin), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Donna Wadden (friend of Gayle Sperber), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

July 2014

- 13 Sun Recognition of Susan Stevenson Tressa during 10:00 a.m. worship, followed by luncheon in Pilgrim Hall
- 15 Tue Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Bickleys' home
Advertising Meeting at the church, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Wed Strongsville Parade – meet at church at 5:00 p.m.
- 17 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 22 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 27 Sun Kindred Spirit Singles Group Meeting, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 31 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Serving Next Sunday – July 20, 2014

Liturgists	8:30 a.m. Jack Stevenson	10:00 a.m. Ted Bickley
Graphics Operation for 8:30 a.m. Worship		Sharon Heinrich
Greeters for 10:00 a.m. Worship	Lola Millhoane and Linda Plain	
Nursery for 10:00 a.m. Worship		Cheryl Sobek
Coffee Hour		Sharon Heinrich