

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27, 2014

8:30 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

OPENING SONG 76 *Thank You, Lord*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG 80 *The River Is Here*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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All: You made promises long ago.

One: You offered your chosen ones blessings.

All: You did wonderful things.

One: We remember those old stories of promise.

All: But, we often doubt your works now amid the poverty, the violence, and the racism of our time.

One: We confess that we don't see with your eyes.

All: We don't see the people that are hidden from television cameras and government budgets.

One: Covenanting God, we seek you in their eyes.

All: Help us to see as you see.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG 67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?*

THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 13:44-52

NT, p. 13

MEDITATION

"Where Is Your Treasure?"

SONG

42 *I Will Celebrate*

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

3 *Almighty*

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

Sandy O'Shea, Kyra Krause

Liturgist

Kenn Oerkfitz

Graphics Operation

Rosemary Bechtel

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July 27, 2014 10:00 A.M. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Via Dolorosa* Niles Borop

INTROIT *I Sing Praises* Terry MacAlmon

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† HYMN 33 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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 *The Sweetest Name of All* Tom Coomes

ANTHEM *It Is Well with My Soul* Philip Bliss

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 *In the Name of the Lord* Sandi Patty

† DOXOLOGY (No. 815)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 605 *Living for Jesus*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:44-52 NT, p. 13

SERMON "Weed"

† HYMN 564 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *How Majestic Is Your Name* Michael W. Smith

† POSTLUDE *Amazing Love* Graham Kendrick

This morning we thank Sharon Metivier for providing special music for our worship service.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Andrew Purdum
Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Liturgist	Kenn Oerkfitz
Greeters	Jim Nicoulin and Claudia Bader
Summer Sunday School Teacher	Jamie Habart
Nursery	Sharon Heinrich
Coffee Hour	Vicky Masuga

July 2014

- 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.

August 2014

- 3 Sun Communion
4 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
5 Tue Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
7 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
9 Sat Vesper Service (and picnic), 5:00 p.m. at Greenbrier Lake
11 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
12 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Land Presentation, 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage
14 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
16 Sat Free Family Fun Day, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
18 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
19 Tue Advertising Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
21 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
22 - 24 Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Hills
25 Mon Bereavement Outreach Network Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
26 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
28 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
31 Sun Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Serving Next Sunday – August 3, 2014

Liturgists	8:30 a.m. Sharon Heinrich	10:00 a.m. Lynne McCray
Graphics Operation for 8:30 a.m. Worship		Rosemary Bechtel
Greeters for 10:00 a.m. Worship		Volunteers Needed
Nursery for 10:00 a.m. Worship		Gina Cathcart
Coffee Hour		Dianne Maringer

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JULY 27, 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—

*In Memory of Our Daughter/Sister, Lynne Golden,
on Her Birthday on July 30
Carol Merkle and Sandy Pogozelski*

Happy Birthday today to Nancy Marchant and Jordyn Miller!

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: davekimkenzie@cox.net or call (216) 398-1462.

A Planning Meeting for the Women's Retreat will take place today at 9:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Parish invites us and other church communities to their **annual picnic this afternoon** 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.

Interested in furthering the mission of the church, locally and beyond? The Mission and Outreach Committee extends an invitation to one or two people to join us in this area of the Christian faith. Please speak with Kelly Bickley, (330) 461-4624.

“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

West Park UCC invites us to celebrate with them as they honor

Rev. Lawrence H. Craig by bestowing on him the title of Pastor Emeritus, on Sunday August 3, at 10:00 a.m. during worship with communion. A reception will follow in Bartter Hall. Letters of congratulations may be sent to their church by Monday, July 28:

West Park United Church of Christ
3909 Rocky River Drive
Cleveland, OH 44111.

Vesper Service – Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 9, for the Vesper Service at 5:00 p.m. at Greenbrier Lake in Strongsville. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a chair, your tableware, and a dish or two to share.

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.**

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| 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 |

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.

Our Sunday School will present Free Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 16, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please join us for free hot dogs and lemonade, free crafts, sidewalk chalk, inflatable fun, balloons, and awesome activities for the kids!

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 Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Margot James, Vicky Masuga, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, 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 (Goddaughter 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)

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 A.M. – Contemporary Service

9:15 A.M. – Coffee Hour and Fellowship in Pilgrim Hall

10:00 A.M. – Traditional Service

11:00 A.M. – Coffee Hour and Fellowship in Pilgrim Hall
