

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6, 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

One: God is gracious and merciful.

All: God's bounty is love.

One: We are all God's beloved.

All: We listen for God's voice,

One: Leaping upon mountains, bounding over hills,

All: Gazing through the lattice, we look and seek God's face.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG 67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

OFFERING *Praise You*

THE WORD OF GOD Psalm 145:8-15 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 544

MEDITATION *"Praise the Lord"*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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SONG

78 *The Mission*

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

59 *My Life Is in You*

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Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

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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

Betty Craig

Graphics Operation

Sharon Heinrich

Coffee Hour

Tom Gaumer

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July 6, 2014 10:00 A.M. Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *A Simple Song* from Bernstein's Mass

INTROIT *Interlude* James Southbridge

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† **HYMN 36** *He Is Exalted*

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 G Major* Dennis Elliott

ANTHEM *Who Am I?* Casting Crowns

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 *An Appalachian Air* Gilbert M. Martin

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 462** *Come, Share the Lord*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 145:8-15 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 544

SERMON "Praise the Lord"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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† **HYMN 353** *Victory in Jesus*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord* James Kilbane

† **POSTLUDE** *Postlude* Colin Curtis

We thank Nick Wilders for his special vocal worship music this morning.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music
Worship Accompanist
Vocalist
Liturgist
Nursery
Summer Sunday School Teacher
Coffee Hour

Andrew Purdum
Elena Taylor
Nick Wilders
Tom Gaumer
Rosemary Bechtel
Irene Joyce
Tom Gaumer

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, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Pincombe, Margaret Stayrook, Susan Tressa

Extended Church Family: Marianne Allwood (niece of Dale Hawk) at Southwest General, June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Megan Craig (granddaughter of Rev. Larry and Christina Craig), 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), 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), Mary Ann Kreutzer (mother of Ginny Dangelo), Rick Mahon (friend of the Woodward's), 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

- 6 Sun Sacrament of Communion
- 8 Tue NO Diaconate Meeting – CANCELED because of low attendance
- 9 Wed Float Making – 6:00 p.m. at church
- 10 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 13 Sun Recognition for Susan Stevenson Tressa at 10:00 a.m. worship, followed by potluck meal 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JULY 6, 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 presented today by Frank and Pat Jefferis in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 30.

The red rose on the altar is in honor of Rev. Larry Craig's birthday, and it is given by Christina.

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*In Honor of Rev. Larry Craig's 40th Anniversary of His Ordination,
which took place July 7, 1974
Christina*

*Happy Birthday to Matt Rower on July 12
With love, Grammy*

Happy Birthday today to Kelly Haney and Kyra Masuga!

All are welcome to the cake provided by Jean Straub in Pilgrim Hall today after 10:00 a.m. worship, in celebration of her 90th birthday on March 22, 2014.

Diaconate meeting for this Tuesday is CANCELED because of low attendance.

Church Float for the Strongsville Homecoming Parade – Come and help make our float **this Wednesday, July 9, at 6:00 p.m.** at the church. Pizza will be provided! Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

Recognition of Susan Stevenson Tressa's dedication and extraordinary service to our music ministry and to our church for over 30 years will take place at the church next Sunday, July 13, after our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will celebrate with a **potluck meal at 11:30 a.m.** Everyone, please come and bring a dish to share for the potluck!

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

Journey in Faith Membership Class – Pastor Becky is again teaching a 12-week membership class entitled *Journey in Faith*, that started on June 26. Members, as well as potential members, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Class is held on Thursdays at the church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Even if you are a member of Strongsville UCC, you will enjoy the knowledge that Pastor Becky shares and the camaraderie with new friends. A sign-up sheet is by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. As always, all are welcome to enroll in the class.

On Tuesday, (not this week, but the following week) **July 15, at 5:30 p.m. the Mission and Outreach Committee will be having 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!

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: davekimcmckenzie@cox.net or call 216-398-1462.

Needed in the Church Kitchen: Paper towels, paper napkins, small plastic 7-oz. cups for juice, GFS gift cards, or donations of money. Please see Betty Craig if you have questions.

“God Is Still Speaking” Embroidery – In the Gathering Area is a sample polo shirt 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

Greeters are needed for the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the month of July. Please sign up to help with this Sunday morning ministry if you are available. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

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 admittance 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, 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 from July 13 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

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Nursery for 10:00 a.m. Worship
Coffee Hour

Tom Gaumer
Rosemary Bechtel
Sharon Heinrich
Ginny Oerkfitz
Dianne Maringer