

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 1, 2014

9:00 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

91 *Where Two or Three of You*
52 *Let the River Flow*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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People: We come singing your praises.

Leader: Lord, we come with thanksgiving in our hearts.

People: We come celebrating all the hard work our brothers and sisters have done.

Leader: We come to renew our commitment to give our ALL for YOU.

People: Whatever we do, we do it with all our hearts, because we do it for YOU.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

Be Forgiven

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

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:23

New Testament, p. 178

MEDITATION

"With All Your Heart"

CLOSING SONGS

47 *Jesus, Be the Center*
69 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

† BENEDICTION

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*.

Our Vision . . .

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

Our 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.

Serving Today

Music Director / Drums

Andrew Purdum

Keyboard

Nick Wilders

Guitar

Sean Patrick

Bass Guitar

Jack Stephenson

Song Leaders

Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause

Liturgist

Lora Rung

Graphics Operation

Rosemary Bechtel

Coffee Hour

Sarah Hayes

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June 1, 2014 11:00 A.M. Seventh Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE *Kiss the Rain* Yiruma

INTROIT *Ask, Seek, Knock* Lloyd Larson

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† **HYMN 526** *The Solid Rock*

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

ANTHEM *Fishers of Men* Arnold Freed

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 *My Savior's Love* arr. Jennifer Cook

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 435** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:23 New Testament, p. 178

SERMON "With All Your Heart"

† **HYMN 730** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* C. Lutkin

† **POSTLUDE** *He Never Failed Me Yet* Robert Ray

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Worship Accompanist	Nick Wilders
Liturgist	Lora Rung
Greeter	Jim Studer
Nursery	Cathy Hawk
Coffee Hour	Sarah Hayes

Strengthen the Church / Invest in the Vision offering will be received next Sunday.

Tickets for “Motown – The Musical” – As a community service for the Rotary and the City of Strongsville, Linda Plain is selling tickets to Playhouse Square. Linda has reserved seats for the show, “Motown – the Musical,” for Sunday, October 19, at the State Theatre for the 1:00 p.m. matinee. The seats on the first floor (Orchestra) cost \$80 each and seats in the balcony are \$60 each. Parking inside the attached garage is \$10 per car. For tickets or more information, please contact Linda Plain at 440-668-4848 or email her at lindaplain416@aol.com

June 2014

- 1 Sun Summer Sunday School begins
Confirmation Class rehearsal after 11:00 a.m. worship
Trustees Meeting after 11:00 a.m. worship
- 2 Mon Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- 4 Wed Worship Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Women’s Fellowship Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Sun Pentecost, Communion, Confirmation,
Strengthen the Church Offering
- 9 Mon Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Moms Group Meeting, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- 10 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Fri Strawberry Social, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Sun Father’s Day, Recognition of Graduates, Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Mon Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- 18 Wed Worship Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 22 Sun **Outdoor Worship at 10:00 a.m.**, followed by Picnic Lunch
Outdoors – **NOTE: ONLY ONE SERVICE**
- 23 Mon Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Thu Men’s Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at European’s Best Restaurant
New Journey in Faith Class begins, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 29 Sun **Summer Worship Schedule begins: 8:30 a.m.**
Contemporary Service, 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service
Later in the day: Blessing of Pets – time to be determined
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 30 Mon Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Serving Next Sunday – June 8, 2014

Liturgist	9am Betty Craig	11am Betty Craig
Graphics Operation for 9am		Sharon Heinrich
Greeter		Needed
Ushers		Needed
Nursery for 11am		Sarah Hayes
Coffee Hour		Cathy Hawk

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JUNE 1, 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.

Today’s altar flowers are given—

*Congratulations to Devin Thorn and all our UCC graduates!
Job well done!!!
Love, Sandy and Doug*

*In loving memory of Sharon’s father, Albert Ruman, on his birthday today
The Heinrich Family*

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*In Honor of Nicole’s 17th Birthday on May 28, 2014
Mom, Dad and Luke*

*Happy Anniversary on June 3 to Patti and Nate Johnson
With love, Mom*

*Happy Birthday to Dan Davis on June 4
Dad*

Summer Sunday School begins today. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet will be posted on Pilgrim Hall’s bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. See Sunday School Superintendent Irene Joyce if you have questions. **We thank Mrs. Sue Gigliotti** for teaching this morning.

Trustees will meet this morning after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Confirmation Sunday Rehearsal for Confirmation Students and their Parents – Today after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, there will be a rehearsal in the sanctuary for Confirmation students and their parents for Confirmation Sunday, June 8.

The recognition of Susan Stephenson Tressa for her 30 years of outstanding service and dedication to our church is postponed and will not take place today as originally planned.

June Cleanup – Each Monday in June from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, we will work on cleaning various areas around the church. We will focus on the inside of the church including the kitchen, Gathering Area and Sanctuary. Please join us to help make our church a cleaner, brighter place for

worship. Please come ready to get dirty. If you can bring a bucket and rags with you, that is great; or we can supply them. We will also supply the cleaning compounds. A sign-up sheet for each Monday will be posted in Pilgrim Hall. Please see Rachel Zielinski if you have any questions.

Happy Birthday today to Chris Haslam!

Air Conditioning Pilgrim Hall – Work is scheduled to begin on Tuesday this week. The project should take about six business days to complete.

Worship Team will meet Wednesday, June 4, at 9:00 a.m.

Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Brandi Garsteck will talk about her trip to California and about Invisible Children. Corrine Jackson is the hostess, and she will lead devotions. Please bring your own lunch; coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. As always, all ladies are welcome!

Pipe Organ Restoration Update – Restoration of the Choir division (the third phase of restoration) began this past week. The project will take approximately 90 days. The organ will remain playable with the Great, Swell and Pedal divisions making their contribution to the worship service. We are hopeful that the full organ will be ready to play on Rally Day in September.

Journey in Faith Membership Class – Pastor Becky will again teach a 12-week membership class entitled *Journey in Faith*, beginning 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.

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.

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

Outdoor Worship and Picnic – Sunday, June 22, on our Church Grounds. **One service ONLY at 10:00 A.M.**, followed by potluck picnic meal outdoors. For the picnic, please bring a main dish; either a side dish, salad, or dessert; and your own table service. After our meal, we will enjoy picnic games. All are welcome!

NEW SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 29:

Contemporary Service – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour and Fellowship – 9:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour and Fellowship – 11:00 a.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: Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village
Church Family: Jim Davis at Parkside Villa, Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Margot James, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Pincombe, Margaret Stayrook, Susan Tressa
Extended Church Family: June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), Logan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), 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 (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), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), Mary Ann Kreutzer (mother of Ginny Dangelo), 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), Donna Wadden (friend of Gayle Sperber), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)