

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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June 14, 2015 9:45 A.M. Third Sunday after Pentecost

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Praise the Lord in His Holy Temple* Charles Yannerella

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and give thanks to our God. Sing praises to the holy name.

Many: **With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our hearts, we declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night.**

One: God's works make us glad.

Many: **Your works are great, O God. We sing our praises of joy to you.**

† **HYMN 140** *Great Is the Lord*

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 *People Need the Lord*

ANTHEM *Soon and Very Soon* Crouch/Schrader

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 Message.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN 107 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

SERMON *Feeling God*

† **HYMN 358** *Because He Lives*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Ask, Seek, Knock* Lloyd Larson

† **POSTLUDE**

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.

Summer Sunday School is now in session and continues until September 6. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet is posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. Please see Sunday School Superintendent, Irene Joyce, if you have questions. **We thank Mrs. Aimée Jannsohn for teaching the Sunday School class this morning.**

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist
Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Substitute Worship Accompanist
Liturgist
Greeters
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Sharon Heinrich
Jim Nicoulin
The Bickley Family
Rosemary Bechtel

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

58 *Mighty Is Our God*
48 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

13 *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING

We Bow Down

MEDITATION

Feeling God

SONG

92 *You Are My All in All*

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Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor

Vocalists – Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause,
Toni Newborn, Clay Williams

Keyboard – Elena Taylor

Keyboard – Sharon Heinrich (substitute)

Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams

Acoustic Guitar II – Julia Soltis

Electric Guitar – Herbert Parker

Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson

Violin – Julia Soltis

Viola – Jake Williams

Clarinet – Emily Phan

Mallet Percussion – Robert Toth

Drum Set – Mike Soltis

Drum Pads – Aidan Hurtig, Christian Habart-Scott

Liturgist – Dale Hawk

Graphics Operation – Rosemary Bechtel

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. This list is updated weekly. If you wish someone to
remain on the list, please call the church, (440) 238-6697.*

Long-Term Care or Homebound Members: Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Sandra Kornick at Falling Water, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village
Church Family: Denise Bell, Erhardt Bell, Nancy Cochran at Pearlview, Michele Mhlack, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Keith Sullen at Parkside Villa, Pastor Becky Stephenson, Leah Tressa Forget
Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Godddaughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatch (mother of Bob), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

JUNE 2015

- 14 Sun Deadline for signup and payment for Women's Retreat
Deadline for collection of Women's Fellowship tote bag items
Deadline for submitting graduate information
- 15 Mon Facilities Visioning Team Meeting, 7pm
Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
Advertising Team Meeting 7pm
- 20 Sat Strategic Planning Meeting, 9am-12noon in Pilgrim Hall**
- 21 Sun Father's Day
- 23 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Wed Men's Luncheon, 11:30am at European's Best Restaurant
- 26 Fri Baby Shower for Denise Bell at the Parsonage
- 28 Sun Graduates' Recognition during 9:45 worship
Newsletter Pickup
Kindred Spirits Singles Meeting, 1pm

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 14, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Lynne McCray	11:15 a.m. Betty Craig
Greeters		Volunteers Needed
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour		Beth Giuliano

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JUNE 14, 2015

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Loving Memory of John R. Soucie and In Honor of the Soucie Family
Doris Soucie*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday today to Dan Sauter
With love, Grammy*

*Happy Belated Anniversary to Dale and Valerie (Millhoane) Hopkins
on May 28, 2015
Love, Mom aka Ganny*

*Happy Belated 35th Anniversary to Dan and Vicky Masuga
on June 7, 2015
Love, Mom / Banny*

*Happy 30th Birthday to Kyleen Masuga on June 13, 2015
Love, Banny*

Happy Birthday today to Howard Wilson!

Music Ministry – This morning our Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and instrumentalists will be recognized during 9:45 worship, and we will celebrate with cake and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after the 9:45 service. Because Elena Taylor is away today, our Praise Band and Children's Choir will be recognized next Sunday, June 21, during 9:45 worship, when the Children's Choir will sing.

Tomorrow is the deadline for the July Church Newsletter. You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today.

Facilities Visioning Team will meet Monday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees will meet Tuesday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Advertising Team will meet Tuesday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch – All are invited to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our own Pilgrim Hall.

Thank you all who supported yesterday's Garage Sale!

		Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 6/7	Traditional	\$3,648	Contemporary \$818
			4,466
		Difference	\$1,276

Calling All Women! The third annual Women's Retreat is Friday through Sunday, August 14 through 16, 2015, at Pilgrim Hills. **The cost is \$93.60 and is due TODAY.** A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. For questions, please email Kim McKenzie at davekimkenzie@cox.net or call her at (216) 401-8738.

Tote Bags – Women's Fellowship Spring Project is to fill about 60 Tote Bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11" x 12". Donations of any of the items listed below or monetary donations, so we may purchase items, would be appreciated. Monetary donations should be put into an envelope marked "Tote Bag Project" and placed in the church office. **TODAY is the final day for collection. The collection box is under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN FAMILY SIZE ITEMS.**

soap (facial size or smaller)	small tissue packets
shampoo	small cars or trucks
body lotion	decks of cards
deodorant	activity books
tooth brushes	coloring books
toothpaste (small tubes)	small stuffed toys (<i>no bigger than 8"</i>)
wash cloths	blowing bubbles (small bottles)
combs or brushes	
pencils	
crayons (16 count)	sidewalk chalk

The Strategic Planning Meeting is this Saturday, **June 20, at 9:00 a.m.** in Pilgrim Hall. Breakfast will be provided. **We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Your opinion and ideas do count and will help the church to proceed forward with goals to succeed!**

Save the date of Friday, June 26, for a Baby Shower at the parsonage for our Diaconate chairperson, Denise Bell. Details will be forthcoming.

Gordon Food Service – A reminder that GFS gives the church a rebate on purchases. When you check out, just tell them you are from Strongsville UCC. Also, they now have partnered with Market Days and have a section for those items. Remember, you can purchase gift cards at church, and the gift card program helps the Organ Restoration Fund.

Our church flowers need watering and deadheading (removing dead blooms)—especially the petunias. To help, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. We are scheduling help for Fridays at 12 noon. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For details, please contact Melinda Slavik at (440) 783-1148. Thank you.

"Unexpected Places" – General Synod 2015 – Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship with friends (new and old). From June 26 through 30, 2015, thousands from across the country (and abroad) will gather for General Synod 30 in Cleveland, Ohio — the birthplace of the United Church of Christ. To register or for more information, see the website: <http://synod.uccpages.org/> **The Mission and Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help at General Synod!** The registration fee for a volunteer is \$60. **The Mission and Outreach Committee will pay for half of any volunteers' registration fee, so you need only pay \$30, not \$60.** Mission and Outreach will provide funds for 5 volunteers. Since Synod is right in our backyard, let's graciously offer our time and money June 26-30!! Please talk to Judy Carte or Kelly Bickley to volunteer!

Logansport Children's Choir will present a concert in our Sanctuary on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. The choir is from Logansport, Indiana, and is wrapping up a tour in Canada and the northeastern United States. A "meet and greet" reception will take place in Pilgrim Hall at 6:00 p.m., and light refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the concert, but a freewill offering will be received for our pipe organ's restoration.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new, one-of-a-kind cookbook! We want to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also we want new recipes you currently love! Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch or Dianne Maringer; or place the envelope under the church office door. Thank you for sharing your recipes.

Children's Choir and Band - The Children's Choir is on hiatus until September 3. Children who would like to participate in the Band are welcome to practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., before Praise Band rehearsal. For more information about children's music, please contact our Worship Accompanist and Praise Band Director, Elena Taylor.

Greeters and Ushers are really needed on Sunday mornings! If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you.