

# TRINITY SUNDAY

June 15, 2014

9:00 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONGS

31 *Here I Am to Worship*  
7 *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

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**Many: Amen.**

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**Many: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

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One: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

**Many: We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.**

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### OFFERING

*Your Grace Is Enough*

### SCRIPTURE

John 15:26 through June 16:7

NT, p. 96

### MEDITATION

*"Knowing the Trinity"*

Rev. Jim Cunningham

### CLOSING SONGS

26 *Great Is the Lord*  
15 *Dance*

### † BENEDICTION

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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

Betty Craig

Graphics Operation

Rosemary Bechtel

Coffee Hour

Beth Giuliano

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**June 15, 2014**      **11:00 A.M.**      **Trinity Sunday**

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**PRELUDE**

**BELL INTROIT**      *As the Deer*      arr. Bettcher

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† **HYMN 3**      *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**      Joyce Reed, Moderator

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**      Irene Joyce, Superintendent

**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**

**BELL ANTHEM**      *Shine, Jesus, Shine*      arr. Bettcher

**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**

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 93**      *God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*

**SCRIPTURE**      John 15:26 through John 16:7      NT, p. 96

**SERMON**      *"Knowing the Trinity"*      Rev. Jim Cunningham

† **HYMN 409**      *Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **BELL RESPONSE**      *How Firm a Foundation*      arr. Page

† **POSTLUDE**

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**SERVING TODAY**

Director of Music  
Worship Accompanist  
Liturgist  
Greeters  
Nursery  
Coffee Hour

Andrew Purdum  
Nick Wilders  
Dan Masuga  
The Bickley Family  
Sarah Herzog  
Beth Giuliano

## 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, Holly Elkins at Century Oak Care Center, Janet Kato, 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 (Goddughter 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)

### June 2014

- 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.
- 19 Thu Advertising Team Meeting, 7:00 p.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
- 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**  
KFC goes to the park, after 10:00 a.m. worship  
Blessing of Pets – 5:00 p.m.  
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 22, 2014 (Picnic) – 1 Service at 10 A.M.**  
Liturgist Ken Oerkfitz  
Greeters Needed

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – JUNE 15, 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—

*In Memory of Patti-Jean Veon – Happy Birthday, Mom  
In Memory of Richard Veon and Happy Father's Day to All Dads  
Michele and Alan Mhlack*

**Happy Birthday today** to Jonathan Justice, Sarah Hayes, Brandi Garsteck, and Nathan Beckett.

**Happy Anniversary today** to Rob and Linda Stepan and also to Dave and Brigitte Matchett!

**Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Shirley Brand and family** on the sudden, unexpected passing of her son Jeffrey. A memorial service is being planned.

**We welcome Rev. Jim Cunningham** and thank him for leading worship while Pastor Becky is away this morning. Rev. Jim is retired from full-time ministry, having served for 23 years as a health care chaplain and 15 years as a parish pastor in the United Church of Christ. He was Director of Pastoral Care at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland for 10 years. In retirement Jim is assisting congregations as a preacher, teacher, lecturer, wedding officiant, and/or administrative consultant. Jim and Charlie and their two dogs live in Lakewood. They also have five adult children and four grandchildren! To learn more about Rev. Jim, visit his website: <http://thegospelofjim.com>.

**Thank you to Nick Wilders**, our substitute pianist, organist and accompanist for the past few weeks. We hope to enjoy his talents and enthusiasm again!

**Thank you to the members of the Bell Choir** as they begin their summer hiatus.

**Summer Sunday School is now in session.** Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet is posted in the Gathering Area. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. See Sunday School Superintendent Irene Joyce if you have questions. **We thank Jamie Habart** for teaching today.

**Combined Sunday School class** is for students age 10 and younger.

**The Sunday School** has a small gift for the men of the church in honor of Father's Day.

**Newsletter deadline is today.** Please place your article(s) in the Church Office. Thank you.

**June Cleanup** – Each Monday in June from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, we continue to clean various areas around the church. 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.

**Worship Team** meets Wednesday, June 18, at 9:00 a.m.

**Advertising Team** meets Thursday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.

**Outdoor Worship and Picnic** – Next 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!

**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.

**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.

**Blessing of Pets** will take place on Sunday, June 29, at 5:00 p.m.

**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](mailto:davekimmckenzie@cox.net) or call 216-398-1462.

**Thank you to all who supported our Strawberry Social this past Friday!**

**Air Conditioning Pilgrim Hall** – The project was completed this past Friday.

**Pipe Organ Restoration Update** – Restoration of the Choir division (the third phase of restoration) is in progress and 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.

**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](mailto:excellenceinembroidery@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:lindaplain416@aol.com)

*Dear Church Family,  
I truly appreciate everyone's prayers and wishes after my hip surgery.  
Thank you very much.*  
*Sincerely, Holly Elkins*

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