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June 7, 2015 9:45 A.M. Second Sunday after Pentecost

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Praise the Lord in His Holy Temple* Yannerella

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

INTROIT *Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving* Whitworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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† **HYMN 172** *All the Glory Belongs to Jesus* **Sing Twice**

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

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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 *Here I Am, Lord* Daniel L. Schutte

ANTHEM *For God So Loved the World* Harold De Cou
from the cantata, *God's Love Gift*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lora Rung
*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 *Deep River* Bruce Keenen, Vocalist

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17 New Testament, p. 81

SERMON *Does God Need to Be Born Again?*
Rev. Mendle Adams

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER Rev. Mendle Adams

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SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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MUSIC during Communion *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*
Strongsville UCC Band

† **HYMN 157** *The Love of God* **Verses 1 and 3**

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *Holy Spirit, Fall on Me* Mary Kay Beall

† **POSTLUDE** *Depart Now in Peace* Albin C. Whitworth

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Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor
Choir Director	Joshua Konow
Bell Choir Director	Barbara Fraunfelder
Liturgist	Lora Rung
Greeters	Lloyd and Barbara Bridle
Coffee Hour	Dianne Maringer

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 7, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

12 *Change My Heart, O God*
13 *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

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SONG

70 *Shout Hallelujah*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

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I'll Fly Away

THE WORD OF GOD John 3:1-17 New Testament, p. 81

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SONG 46 *Jehovah-Jireh*

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

Keyboard – Elena Taylor

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 – Lora Rung

Graphics Operation – Rosemary Bechtel

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JUNE 7, 2015

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 is 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.

Pricing Party for the Garage Sale will take place today after worship. All are welcome to join in the fun! Pizza will be provided.

Diaconate will meet Tuesday, June 9, 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.

The Garage Sale / Bake Sale is this coming Saturday, June 13 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are now accepting items (no hazardous materials or liquids). Folks are invited to help price items each evening this week from around 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Donations of baked goods for the Sunday School can be delivered on Friday, June 12, or on the morning of the Garage Sale before 9:00 a.m. Also – the Thrift Shop will be open during the Garage Sale.

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

The Strategic Planning Meeting is 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!**

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 the children's music programs, please contact our Worship Accompanist and Praise Band Director, Elena Taylor.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 5/31	Traditional \$1,415 Contemporary \$265
	1,680
	Difference (\$1,510)

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. Next Sunday, June 14, 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	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 count)	

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.

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.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 14, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Jim Nicoulin	11:15 a.m. Sarah Hayes
Greeters		The Bickley Family
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour		Rosemary Bechtel