

THE TRANSFIGURATION

March 2, 2014

9:00 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

75 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*
76 *Thank You, Lord*
27 *He Is Exalted*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: No, we cannot stay.

People: **We must join our brothers and sisters in joyful celebration, for we have seen God.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

54 *Lord, Be Glorified*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

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

SCRIPTURE Matthew 17:1-13 New Testament, p. 16

MEDITATION *Mountaintop Experiences*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or Pastor Becky will come to you, if you wish.

CLOSING SONGS

74 *Step by Step*
87 *We Bow Down*
35 *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

† 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*.

Serving Today

Music Director / Drummer	Andrew Purdum
Organist / Pianist	Susan Stevenson Tressa
Substitute Organist / Pianist	Jaclyn Ford
Bass Guitarist	Jack Stephenson
Guitarist	Sean Patrick
Song Leaders	Sandy O'Shea and Kyra Krause
Liturgist	Betty Craig
Graphics Operation	Rosemary Bechtel
Coffee Hour	Cathy Hawk

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11:00 A.M.

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PRELUDE

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Come, Now to Worship the Lord

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† HYMN 104

O Worship the King

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear Us, O Lord

CHOIR ANTHEM

We Are God's People

Brahms

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 668

I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-13

New Testament, p. 16

† HYMN 138

Holy Ground

SERMON

Mountaintop Experiences

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† HYMN 36

He Is Exalted

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

May the Lord Go with You

† POSTLUDE

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Director of Music

Andrew Purdum

Organist / Pianist

Susan Stevenson Tressa

Substitute Organist / Pianist

Jaclyn Ford

Liturgist

Betty Craig

Greeters

John and Maggie Struhar

Nursery

Rachel Zielinski

Coffee Hour

Cathy Hawk

Ushers

Dan Davis, Sharon Heinrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 2, 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 altar flowers are given—

*In Celebration of Elena's 17th Birthday on March 3
The Joyce, Jannsohn and Dickson Families*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday to Mikey Craig today!
With love, Grammy*

Happy Birthday today to Bruce Sperber, Jason Pogozelski, and Jason Becka!

A Special Congregational Meeting will take place today at 10:00 a.m., when the Organ Restoration Committee will update the congregation on the organ restoration progress. To date we have raised \$138,000 and have completed half of the restoration (electronics and Great division). We still have the Swell and Choir divisions to complete and will update you on our plans. **Also during today's meeting** we will approve our proposed Vision and our proposed Mission Statement:

Our Proposed Vision . . .

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

Our Proposed 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.

Worship Team will meet on Wednesday, March 5, at 9:00 a.m.

We will begin the season of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. with a worship service in our sanctuary and the imposition of ashes. Nursery care will be available.

The family of Dolores Matchett invites you to help celebrate her 90th birthday. Please stop by our home on Sunday, March 9, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for an Open House Buffet to wish her well and celebrate her life! Our address is 2455 Boxberry Lane, Broadview Heights, OH 44147.

From the Mission and Outreach Committee – Clay Williams has brought to our attention "The Eliminate Project". Kiwanis is partnering with UNICEF to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus, a highly preventable disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. Our committee is making a donation to this worthy cause and encourages members of our congregation, who are interested in helping, to make a donation. Donations can be made with a check payable to the "Kiwanis International Foundation" and writing "The Eliminate Project" on the memo line. The check can be inserted in a plain envelope or a pew envelope marked "The Eliminate Project" and placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

Greeters and ushers are needed for 11:00 a.m. worship. Please help if you are available. The signup sheets are now on the Gathering Area bulletin board. (The 9:00 a.m. service is casual and has no sign-up for greeters and ushers.)

Thanks to your generosity, The Thrift Shop is now overstocked!

If possible, please hold your donations until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation. Also, when you do provide donations, please label them "Thrift Shop" to avoid confusion. Thank you!

Strongsville UCC

ROAST PORK, KIELBASA & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Saturday – March 15, 2014 Seatings at 5:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Reservations Only: (440) 238-8192

Adults - \$9 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 years – Free

Help is needed. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. For safety reasons, no children under age 6 (with or without parent) can be helpers in any capacity during the serving hours of 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. Children who are 6 to 10 years old must have a parent helping them. Adult help is needed. If you will be donating bakery or helping, please sign up because we cannot assume your participation.

Confirmation Class & Youth Group
SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER FUNDRAISER
Saturday - March 29, 2014

Seatings at 5:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Reservations: (440) 238-8192 Walk-Ins Welcome
 Adults - \$9 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 years - Free

The Confirmation Class and Youth Group are holding this dinner to help cover expenses for their **trip to Washington D.C. in April**. Some of the sites the group is planning to visit are the Washington National Cathedral, Franciscan Monastery, Arlington National Cemetery, and Hood College. Please help support our Youth by attending the dinner or purchasing carry-out dinners. Donations are also appreciated and may be given to Sally Herzog or placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Washington D.C. Trip". Thank you for your support.

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: Bill Betz at Chapel Hill Community in Canal Fulton, Edith Graves at Century Oak Care Center, Betty Kovach at Emeritus at Brookside Estates (15435 Bagley Road), Debbie Krause, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Betty Babics, Holly Elkins, Pat Jefferis, Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Dolores Matchett, Barbara Morgan, Joyce Reed, Susan Tressa

Extended Church Family: June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, 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 (Godddaughter 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 Hagemeier (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), Janine Kaltenstein (cousin of Vicky Masuga), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), 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), Marge Tressa (mother of Rich), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

March 2014

- 2 Sun Congregational Meeting about Organ Restoration and approving our Mission and Vision statements, 10 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.
- 5 Wed Worship Team, 9 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Sat Executive Team Meeting, 9 a.m. at the parsonage
- 9 Sun Trustees Meeting, after 11 a.m. worship
Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.
Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 10 Mon Moms Group Meeting, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Lenten Bible Studies – 12 noon and 7 p.m.
- 11 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
- 14 Fri Prepare for Roast Pork Dinner in Pilgrim Hall, 9 a.m.
- 15 Sat Roast Pork Dinner
- 16 Sun Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.
Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 17 Mon Lenten Bible Studies – 12 noon and 7 p.m.
- 19 Wed Worship Team, 9 a.m.
Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9 a.m.
- 20 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
- 21 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9 a.m.
- 23 Sun Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2 p.m.
Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 24 Mon Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9 a.m.
Lenten Bible Studies – 12 noon and 7 p.m.
- 25 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Wed Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9 a.m.
- 27 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7 p.m.
- 28 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Packaging, 10:30 a.m.
- 29 Sat Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
- 30 Sun One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale during coffee hour
Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.
Lenten Meal at 6 p.m., followed by Worship at 7 p.m.
- 31 Mon Lenten Bible Studies – 12 noon and 7 p.m.

Serving Next Sunday – March 9, 2014

Liturgist	9:00 a.m. Dale Hawk	11:00 a.m. Lynne McCray
Graphics	Operation for 9:00 a.m. worship	Barb Fraunfelder
Greeter		Ray Suttle
Nursery		Beth Giuliano
Coffee Hour		Bev Wehr
Ushers		Volunteers Needed