

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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March 20, 2016 9:45 A.M. Palm Sunday

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "In The Name Of The Lord" McHugh/Gaither/Helvering

PALM PROCESSIONAL "Hosanna! Jesus is the Rock"

The congregation is invited to stand and join the choir and the children in singing the Palm Processional:

Hosanna! Jesus is the Rock! Jesus is the Rock of my salvation.

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I will magnify the Lord, for He is worthy to be praised.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Come Before His Presence with a Song" Whitworth

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem.

All: We now come near to the end of one story. Another will soon begin.

One: We have followed Jesus this far; today we remember how he faced betrayal, falseness, rejection, and torment.

All: And we witness, once more, that he taught and walked in love through every step of the journey.

† **HYMN 101** "All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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 "Hosanna" Todd Pettygrove

ANTHEM "Hosanna in Excelsis!" John Purifoy

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Andante" W. A. Mozart

† **DOXOLOGY** "What Gift Can We Bring?"

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 300** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

SCRIPTURES Luke 19:28-40 New Testament, p. 72

SERMON "The Stones Will Sing"

† **HYMN 297** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** "Change the World with Love" Joseph Martin

† **POSTLUDE** "Menuetto" W. A. Mozart

MUSICIANS

Bill Black, trumpet

Steve Jessup, trombone

Jim Heinrich, trumpet

Kevin Peters, trombone

Clarence Barber, timpani

PALM SUNDAY

March 20, 2016

11:15 A.M.

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PRELUDE *"How Majestic Is Your Name"*
(The congregation is welcome to join in singing.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG *"Sanctuary"* Sing 2 times

INTROIT *"Unto Thee, O Lord"* Charles F. Monroe

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† **SONG** *"The River Is Here"*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Here I Am, Lord"* Daniel L. Schutte

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"A Shield about Me"* Thomas and Williams
† **DOXOLOGY** *"We Are an Offering"*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURES Luke 19:28-40 New Testament, p. 72

MEDITATION *"The Stones Will Sing"*

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.*

† **SONG** *"Shout to the Lord"*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *"Change the World with Love"* Joseph Martin

Welcome, visitors! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

SERVING TODAY

Kelly Bickley – Flute
Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads
Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Vocalist
Kyra Krause – Vocalist
Ken Mehalko – Clarinet, Saxophone
Toni Newborn – Vocalist
Herbert Parker – Electric Guitar
Emily Phan – Clarinet, Vocalist
Julia Soltis – Violin, Acoustic Guitar, Clarinet
Mike Soltis – Drum Set
Jack Stephenson – Bass Guitar, Vocalist
Elena Taylor – Praise Band Director, Keyboard, Vocalist
Doug Thorn – Technical Setup and Operation, Sound System
Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion
Clay Williams – Vocalist
Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola



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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, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Betty Craig, Michele Mihlack, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Rebecca Deeb (Goddaughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Kay Gritti (friend of Lola Millhoane), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Phillis Kurz (mother of Karen Morgan), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Jessica Lane (grand-daughter of Len and Bev), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mihlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Dana Moran (sister of Ginny Dangelo), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Ralph Sitko (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

SERVING EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 27, 2016

Liturgist	7:00	Jack Stephenson	9:45	Jim Nicoulin
Morning Announcements				Denise Bell
Greeter	7:00	Rosemary Bechtel	9:45	Peg Weakley
Ushers				Volunteers Needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 20, 2016

Welcome, visitors! All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Memory of Dick Craig and Bernie Roub
Betty Craig*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*In Loving Memory of Edith Graves
Roberta and Dan Carpenter*

*Congratulations to
Granddaughter Heidi and her husband Keith Davis
on the birth of their son, Wyatt Adam, on March 16, 2016, and
Congrats also to Grandparents Valerie and Dale Hopkins
and to Great-grandparent Lola
Love ya all,
"Gi" "Gj"*

Lent Study – Pastor Becky continues to lead a study on Adam Hamilton's book, John – The Gospel of Light and Life. **Two study times are offered: Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.** today and April 3; and **Tuesday daytime at 12:00 noon** on March 29 and April 5. Both studies include soup and sandwich. Donations of side dishes, salads or desserts are welcome. All are invited to attend, even if you missed previous sessions.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist	Elena Taylor		
Chancel Choir Director	Joshua Konow		
Bell Choir Director	Barb Fraunfelder		
Technical Setup and Operation	Doug Thorn		
Sound System	9:45 Jim Heinrich	11:15	Doug Thorn
Liturgist	9:45 Jim Studer	11:15	Dan Masuga
Morning Announcements			Denise Bell
Greeter			Roy Merkle
Coffee Hour			Cathy Hawk, Chris Fischer
Usher			Roy Merkle
Graphics Operation for 11:15 worship			Michele Mihlack

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 24

7:30 P.M. Communion Service in Pilgrim Hall

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 25

7:30 P.M. Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 27

7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service outdoors, weather permitting
Inclement weather will move worship to the Sanctuary.

Easter Breakfast of Scrambled Eggs and Ham

served from 8:00 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. in Pilgrim Hall

Donations of baked good are needed.

9:45 A.M. Blended Service in the Sanctuary
Sunday School meets during this time.

Our congratulations to great-grandparent Lola Millhoane, grandparents Valerie and Dale Hopkins, and parents Heidi and Keith Davis on the birth of Wyatt Adam Davis on March 16, 2016!

Wednesday Free Lunch – All are welcome to this free lunch, which is served every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

Wednesday Rehearsals: Children's Choir at 7:30 p.m.
Praise Band at 8:00 p.m.

Communion – We will celebrate communion during 11:15 a.m. worship today.

Good Friday Breakfast – Help is needed on March 25 in the morning for the Breakfast that will be served in Pilgrim Hall at 7:00 a.m. for Strongsville Rotary. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall or talk with Pastor Becky. THANK YOU to those who will help.

Women's Fellowship – Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no sale of Easter candy this year.

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in serving at Coffee Hour but the task is new for you, the Diaconate will train you. Please see Cathy Hawk. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you for helping.

Pictorial Directory – We will begin taking pictures of families and church events for a Pictorial Directory. Please contact Cathy Hawk at (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes at (440) 781-7513 to schedule your photo time. We will make some day and evening times available.

Wing Night is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, May 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 and include beverages and all-you-can-eat buffet. There will be side boards and basket raffles. Tickets will go on sale starting April 3. Please consider donating a basket of new items that is theme-based. If you donate a basket, please write what the contents are and the approximate value of the basket. Baskets should be brought to the church and given to Cheryl Sobek or another Diaconate member.

MARCH 2016

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| 20 | Sun | Kindred Spirit Singles – arrive 1pm, meet 2pm-4pm
Lenten Study, 5pm |
| 21 | Mon | Pipe Organ Tuning, 1:30pm |
| 23 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
Men's Luncheon, 11:30am at European's Best Restaurant |
| 24 | Thu | Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:30pm in Pilgrim Hall |
| 25 | Fri | Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary |
| 27 | Sun | Easter Worship at 7am and 9:45am
Easter Breakfast, 8-9:30am – Donations of bakery needed. |
| 29 | Tue | Official Board Meeting, 7pm |
| 30 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm |
| 31 | Thu | Journey in Faith Class, 7-9pm |

MARK YOU CALENDAR!!!

The Strongsville United Church of Christ

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

SUNDAY - MAY 1, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

presents

The Satori Winds

4 Guys with 4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes

and

Cindy Smith

sings "Songs from The American Song Book"

Freewill Offering ~ Reception Following the Concert

