

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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March 8, 2015 9:45 A.M. Third Sunday in Lent

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Arioso in G Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAYLET *On the Road with Jesus* Third Sunday in Lent

† **HYMN 450** *Lift High the Cross* Verses 1 and 3

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Our lips sing praise, and our whole selves rejoice in the God who makes us free.

All: We gather, recognizing that not all human beings have known this freedom.

One: The divine will was made known in Eden and in Egypt; in Gettysburg and in Cape Town.

All: Born in freedom, redeemed from slavery, our destiny in Christ is liberty.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

RESPONSE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William Batchelder Bradbury

ANTHEM

Anthem for Lent

Althouse

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Catherine Conlin, Clarinet

Fantasy Pieces for Clarinet and Piano, Opus 73, No. 1 Schumann

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURES

John 2:13-22

New Testament, p. 81

SERMON

Zeal for the Lord

† **HYMN 446** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* Verses 1, 3, 4

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

God Be with You

† **POSTLUDE**

It Is Well with My Soul

Phillip Bliss

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

We welcome Catherine Conlin, who is a graduating music student at Cleveland State University; and we thank her for her special clarinet music this morning.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist

Elena Taylor

Interim Choir Director

Ken Mehalko

Bell Choir Director

Barbara Fraunfelder

Liturgist

Jack Stephenson

Greeters

Dan and Vicky Masuga

Coffee Hour

Gina Cathcart

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

16 *Days of Elijah*
12 *Change My Heart, O God*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAYLET *On the Road with Jesus* Third Sunday in Lent

SONG **56** *Majesty*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING Catherine Conlin, Clarinet
Fantasy Pieces for Clarinet and Piano, Opus 73, No. 1 Schumann

THE WORD OF GOD John 2:13-22 New Testament, p. 81

MEDITATION *Zeal for the Lord*

SONG **96** *Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

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We welcome Catherine Conlin, who is a graduating music student at Cleveland State University; and we thank her for her special clarinet music this morning.

Songs are from the white *Contemporary Worship Songbook*.

SERVING TODAY

Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor

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

Keyboard – Elena Taylor

Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams

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 – Barb Fraunfelder

March 2015

- 8 Sun Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
9 Mon Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.
10 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
11 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
12 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
13 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:00 a.m.
14 Sat Facilities Visioning Meeting at church, 9:00 a.m. to noon
15 Sun One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale, during Coffee Hour
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
17 Tue Advertising Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
18 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
19 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
22 Sun KFC CROP Walk skits and demonstrations, during Coffee Hour
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale, during Coffee Hour
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall
24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
25 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
26 Thu Journey in Faith Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
29 Sun Palm Sunday – Communion at both worship services
Reception of New Members
Penny Sunday
Lenten Meal and Study, 6:00 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall

CHURCH MUSIC REHEARSALS

Wednesday Evening: Praise Band - 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening:

Children's Choir - 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Children's Band - 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.
Bell Choir - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir - 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 15, 2015

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| Liturgist | 9:45 a.m. Lynne McCray | 11:15 a.m. Michele Mhlack |
| Greeter | | Denise Bell |
| Ushers for 9:45 a.m. | | Needed |

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 8, 2015

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 by the Heinrich family in honor of the birth Penelope and Oliver Zielinski on February 24, 2015.

Happy Birthday today to Elizabeth Snook and Manny Deherrera!

Lenten Study – Pastor Becky continues to lead a Lenten study on the book, Renegade Gospel, by Mike Slaughter on the Sundays during Lent through March 29. We will enjoy a meal at the church at 6:00 p.m., and the study will follow at about 7:00 p.m. The book presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. For the meal, the main course will be provided; please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Thank you.

Women's Fellowship Candy Making – All are invited to join in the fun: Monday – March 9 – 9:00 a.m. Friday – March 13 – *time to be announced*

Diaconate will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Mission and Outreach Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch Program is in operation. All are welcome to attend this free weekly lunch, which is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Facilities Visioning Team will meet next Saturday, March 14, at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

One Great Hour of Sharing – As one of the most important and largest efforts by the United Church of Christ, we ask that you give from the heart in this year's One Great Hour of Sharing. The offering will be received next Sunday, March 15. These funds are used to:

- support self-help programs in more than 80 nations to build sustainable communities, enabling them to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy dignity.
- provide emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of natural or human-caused events.

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- respond with help, hope, and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their homes. More than 30 million of the world's people are uprooted at any given time.

Providing monetary assistance for others is not an easy thing to do. But we can share what we can, knowing that we are helping others, changing lives, sharing joy . . . the foundation of our Christian faith. A brochure about the program is enclosed in this bulletin. Offering envelopes are also enclosed since many receive their church newsletters by email and do not receive the offering envelope in the mail.

Coffee Hour Fund – Thank you to all who contribute to the Coffee Hour Fund. Besides Coffee Hour, these contributions will now also provide supplies for the Wednesday Free Lunch program. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thrift Shop Schedule:

March 12 Everything GREEN will be half off
 March 19 BAG SALE – all bags \$6
 March 26 BAG SALE – all bags \$6
 April 2 FINAL BAG SALE – all bags \$5
 April 9 Thrift Shop Closed for Changeover

If possible, please hold your donations until The Thrift Shop is cleaned and organized for the April 9 Changeover. Thank you!

Altar Flowers – You may provide flowers for the altar on any Sunday you wish; however, the following are dates for which either one or two vases are still needed for Sunday worship: March 15, 29; May 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21; July 5; August 2, 9, 16, September 6, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 25; November 8, 29; December 13, 20. Thank you for providing flowers for our worship services.

Weekly Food Bank Donations – Judy Carte continues to be our liaison to the Strongsville Food Bank and you will see that she lists items that the Food Bank needs most. We will be starting a weekly rotation of donations on the first through fourth Sundays of the month. The donation box will be located in the foyer as you walk in for services. This will allow our church to more consistently give the Food Bank what they most need for the people who utilize it. The schedule will be as follows for now, until needs change. (We will notify you accordingly when they do.)

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| First Sunday | Canned fruit |
| Second Sunday | Pork and beans |
| Third Sunday | Family meals (such as chili, beef stew, ravioli) |
| Fourth Sunday | Toiletry items |

Diaconate Sponsored Fundraiser

WING NITE

Friday – May 1, 2015 – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at

Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill

1165 Pearl Road

Brunswick, Ohio

\$20.00 per person includes wings, penne pasta with marinara sauce, garden salad, hot dogs, pop, draft beer. Cash bar also available.

Additional fun events for the evening:

Chinese Auction, Side Boards / 50/50, Heads / Tails game

Tickets for this event will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings from Diaconate members. Anyone willing to provide theme baskets/gifts for the auction, please sign up on the board in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you!



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: 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: Betty Bushea, Rhea Clements, Charles Jannsohn, Jim Joyce, Michele Mhlack, Denzil Richards, Melinda Slavik, Doris Soucie, Ann Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget *

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Marie Bury, Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung, Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Ruth Fraley (relative of the Jannsohn family), Brian Gogerty (friend of the Heinrichs), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Wilson Lansell (brother of Dorothy Ritchie), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Paul Mhlack (father of Allen) at Parkside Villa, Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Marjorie Tressa (mother of Rich), Shirley Wilson (mother of Sue Hawk), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

* If you wish to send Leah a card, her address is: Leah Forget
 1604 Brentwood Street
 Middletown, OH 44054

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



Orders are now being accepted. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or Church Office with your cash or check payment by the deadline of **Sunday, March 15, 2015**. The cost is **\$7.00**.

Wording for bulletin: _____

Given by: _____

Total number of plants: _____

- ☐ I will take my plant(s). ☐ I will leave my plant(s) for someone who needs some cheer.

Please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**, and place your order (with payment) in the church office, or mail it to:

**The United Church of Christ
13740 Pearl Road
Strongsville, OH 44136**



Thank you for placing a lily on the altar on Easter Sunday morning.

Additional lily order forms **and envelopes** are available on the rectangular table in the Gathering Area at the church.

For Church Records

2015 Easter Lily

Total number of plants: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Offering envelope number: _____ Cash/Check No. _____

Name: _____

*Order deadline is next **Sunday, March 15, 2015**.*

Roast Pork Dinner – The profit from the dinner on February 28 was \$1,205.41. Thanks again to all who supported the dinner in any way.

An Ecumenical Softball Team is being formed. If you are interested to play on the team, please circle Softball Team on your Attendance Card; call the church office, (440) 238-6697; or tell Pastor Becky. Thank you!

Vehicle Needed – Our Mission and Outreach Committee has adopted two families, who were recommended by Kelly Kling, the Strongsville Food Bank administrator. One family needs a vehicle. The father is using a loaned vehicle to get to work, but he had to return it at the end of February. If you have an old car or van that you are thinking of donating to a charity, you can donate your vehicle through our church. Our church will provide a tax donation receipt to the donor. For more information, please contact Judy Carte, Mission and Outreach Committee liaison for the adopted families, or Kenn Oerkfitz, Church Treasurer.

Penny Sunday – The KFC Club and the kids of the congregation would like to thank you for your participation in Penny Sunday! In January and February, we raised \$102.37 for the Strongsville Food Bank. (This still doesn't count the HUGE glass jar of pennies that we're half-way through; we've counted \$25 in pennies from that so far!) Our next Penny Sunday will take place on MARCH 29. Keep saving that change!

CROP WALK on Saturday, April 25 – On Sunday, March 22, be sure to stick around for or come early to Coffee Hour! The KFC Club (and helpers) will be performing short skits and putting on a demonstration to teach about Crop Walk and why we "Walk Because They Walk". Our fund-raising goal for the walk is \$1,000. Sponsored by Church World Service, CROP Hunger Walk is the oldest hunger-fighting fundraising event in the U.S. It involves more than 1,600 communities each year – a mix of faiths, community groups, individuals and schools. Around 25 percent of the money raised fights hunger in each of those communities, with the remainder supporting the life-saving work of CWS – helping people around the world have enough food to eat and clean water to drink – and allowing children to have the best start at life possible.

Sign up to be a walker or donate on our Team Page:
<http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/UCCCongregational>

There is also a sign up in the Gathering Area.

Offering Needed \$3,190
Offering Received 3/1: Traditional \$2,049 Contemporary \$766 2,815
Difference (\$375)