

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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May 1, 2016 9:45 A.M. Sixth Sunday of Easter

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloché

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Praise the Lord in His Holy Temple" Charles Yannerella

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,

Many: **To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.**

One: Open our eyes, Lord, and help us to listen,

Many: **Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

† **HYMN 654** "Change My Heart, O God"

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.**

RESPONSE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" William W. Walford

ANTHEM "Glory to God in the Highest" Giovanni Battista Pargolesi
(The Angel's Song) arr. Wallingford Riegger

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Blessed Assurance" Fanny S. Crosby, Phoebe P. Knapp

† **DOXOLOGY No. 166** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURES Acts 9:1-9 New Testament, p. 111

SERMON "What Are You Doing?"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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Pastor Becky will come to you if you wish.*

COMMUNION MUSIC "In the Name of the Lord" Sandi Patty

† **HYMN 562** "Be Thou My Vision"

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** "Go, Ye Who Bear the Word" Albin C. Whitworth

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

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life's journey, you are welcome here.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2016

11:15 A.M.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE *"Breathe"* Marie Barnett

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG *"Sanctuary"* Sing 2 times.

INTROIT *"Blessed Assurance"* Phoebe Knapp

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† **OPENING SONG** *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

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THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"In the Name of the Lord"* Sandi Patty

† **DOXOLOGY** *"We Are an Offering"*

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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MEDITATION *"What Are You Doing?"*

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† **CLOSING SONG** *"Shout Hallelujah"*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"* Naida Hearn

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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



Sunday – May 1, 2016 – 11:15 A.M.

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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,
(440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.*

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: Madison Bell, Betty Bushea, Richie McKenzie, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, Kyle Woodward

Extended Church Family: Elizabeth Arendt (granddaughter of Bev Wehr), Nancy Borchert (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Edie Deitcher (friend of Barbara O'Boyle), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), 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), Jessica Lane (granddaughter of Len and Bev), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (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 NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 8, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Kenn Oerkfitz	11:15 Kenn Oerkfitz
Morning Announcements		Irene Joyce
Greeter		Ginny Oerkfitz
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour		Volunteer Needed
Graphics Operation		Michele Mhlack

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 1, 2016

Welcome, visitors! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall after worship today.

The altar flowers are given—

In Loving Remembrance of Mark Kircher
The Kircher Family

In Loving Memory of John B. Millhoane – Love Ya, Miss Ya
Your Loving Family

The steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Hayley Craig on May 7
With love, Grammy

Happy Birthday today to Stanley Skrant and to Bryan Roub!

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to the family of Barb Stayrook on the occasion of her passing on Tuesday, April 26. The funeral was held yesterday.

Tuesday Meeting: Worship Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Meeting: Yard Sale, 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to all who last Sunday supported the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for our pipe organ's restoration. The profit was \$1,000!

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,900
Weekly Offering Received on 4/24/2016	<u>1,963</u>
Difference	- 1,937

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
Liturgist	9:45 Jim Studer
Morning Announcements	11:15 Doug Thorn
Greeter	11:15 Bill Schneider
Usher	Kim McKenzie
Coffee Hour	Linda Plain
Graphics Operation	Linda Plain
	Cheryl and Ed Sobek
	Lori Kovatich

ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE and STRONGSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

TODAY – May 1, 2016 – 4:00 P.M. at Strongsville UCC

The Satori Winds

4 Guys with
4 Clarinets and 4 Saxes



Cindy Smith

Sings

"Songs from The American Song Book"

Freewill Offering ~ Reception and Refreshments Following Concert

**For the reception—if you'd like to provide finger foods or snacks
or assist with setup or serving, please contact Pam Keenen, (440) 572-3675
or call the church, (440) 238-6697.**

Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Karen Morgan will lead devotions. For the program, we will discuss our appreciation of our church service. After the meeting, the ladies are welcome to enjoy the Free Lunch Program in Pilgrim Hall. As always, all ladies are invited to the meeting.

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.

Wing Night is Friday, May 6, from 6-9 p.m. Tickets for this Diaconate fundraiser are \$20 and include beverages and all-you-can-eat buffet. There will be side boards and a basket raffle. Tickets are on sale **today** and can be purchased after 9:45 worship from any Diaconate member.

Basket donations are needed for Wing Night. Please consider donating a basket of new items that is theme-based. A sign-up board is in Pilgrim Hall for you to write your name and the type of basket you are donating. 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 TODAY and given to any Diaconate member.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new cookbook! We would like to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also, we want any new recipes you currently love! Recipe letters and forms have been distributed or mailed. **Please return your recipe(s) by July 15** either in the basket in the Gathering Area, or use the envelope provided with your letter and mail your recipe. Thank you!

Wine Glasses Missing – Ten boxes with 12 wine glasses per box are missing from the church since the Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band Concert on December 18, 2015. If you know where these glasses might be or if someone borrowed them, please talk with Pastor Becky.

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

Spring into Fitness is a FREE 8-week health and fitness program designed for ALL levels that runs to May 23. The weekly program is at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays at the church and includes various ways to get involved. Come to all events or just come to what fits your schedule. Please request to join on our Facebook Group to stay motivated and keep current on all events. There is no minimum or maximum level of involvement. Join the group at:

facebook.com/groups/SpringIntoFitnessProgram/

Classes are 35-50 minutes in length. For more information, please contact Kelly Bickley, Team Beachbody Coach – phone and text (330) 461-4624 or email mindbodysoulmama@beachbodycoach.com

The Southwest Community Chorus will present its 2016 Spring concert, "Moments of Remembrance" on Sunday, May 15, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Berea Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street, in Berea. The chorus is directed by Tom Foley and accompanied by Carol Konet. UCC singers include Pam Keenen, Bruce Keenen, Jack Stephenson, Gary Hackett and UCC guest singer, Craig Hardy. Children 12 and under are free, and adult tickets are \$10. Tickets are available from chorus members or at the door the day of the concert. Please plan to attend. We love seeing church members in the audience.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TOTE BAGS PROJECT

Women's Fellowship Spring Project will be 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.

Collection is now until Sunday, June 5. **Collection boxes are under the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.** Travel size is best and can be found at Marc's or Target.

PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE 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 or 24 count)	

MAY 2016

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| 1 | Sun | Sacrament of Communion at both 9:45 and 11:15 worship
Performing Arts Series Concert, 4pm |
| 2 | Mon | Spring into Fitness, 7pm |
| 3 | Tue | Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm |
| 4 | Wed | Women's Fellowship Meeting, 10am
Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
Yard Sale Meeting, 7pm |
| 6 | Fri | Diaconate Wing Nite at Sidelines in Brunswick, 6-9pm |
| 7 | Sat | 200 th Anniversary Steering Committee Meeting, 10am |
| 8 | Sun | Mother's Day |
| 9 | Mon | Spring into Fitness, 7pm |
| 10 | Tue | Diaconate Meeting, 7pm |
| 11 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm |
| 15 | Sun | Methodist Confirmation Class Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall, 7:45-10am
Recognition of Bell Choir in 9:45 worship
Strengthen the Church Offering Received
Newsletter Deadline |
| 16 | Mon | Spring into Fitness, 7pm |
| 17 | Tue | Advertising Committee Meeting, 7pm
Trustees Meeting, 7pm |
| 18 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm |
| 21 | Sat | Spring into Fitness Healthy Potluck, 5pm at Kelly's Home |
| 22 | Sun | Recognition of The Thrift Shop's 35 th Anniversary in 9:45 worship |
| 23 | Mon | Spring into Fitness, 7pm |
| 24 | Tue | Official Board Meeting, 7pm |
| 25 | Wed | Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm
Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am |
| 30 | Mon | Memorial Day |

ATTENTION

**Beginning June 5, 2016
1 SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
OF COMBINED WORSHIP
10:00 A.M.**