

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL)

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May 10, 2015 9:45 A.M. Sixth Sunday of Easter

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Allemande in A Minor HWV 478* G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL INTROIT *Bell Fanfare* Douglas E. Wagner

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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One: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

All: Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

† **HYMN 43** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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 *The Lord's Prayer*

BELL ANTHEM *Jubilate* arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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 OFFERING

Never Alone Buxton, Shaw, Burr

OFFERTORY

Duet by Pam and Sarah Keenen

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 656**

Take Time to Be Holy

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:1-8

New Testament, p. 112

SERMON

Open Our Minds and Hearts

† **HYMN 648**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

† BENEDICTION

† **BELL RESPONSE**

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein
arr. Peggy Bettcher

† **POSTLUDE**

Sarabanda in G Minor Largo

Domenico Zipoli

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

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist

Elena Taylor

Choir Director

Joshua Konow

Bell Choir Director

Barbara Fraunfelder

Liturgist

Kenn Oerkfitz

Greeters

Dorothy Ritchie, Gina Cathcart, Sharon Ritchie

Coffee Hour

Allen and Michele Mhlack

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

41 *I Love You, Lord*
37 *How Majestic Is Your Name*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

80 *The River Is Here*

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING

4 *Awesome God*

THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 10:1-8

New Testament, p. 112

MEDITATION

Open Our Minds and Hearts

SONG

47 *Be the Centre*

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SERVING TODAY

Praise Band Director – Elena Taylor

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

Keyboard – Elena Taylor

Acoustic Guitar I – Jake Williams

Acoustic Guitar II – Julia Soltis

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 – Jack Stephenson

Graphics Operation – Sharon Heinrich

MAY 2015

- 12 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Fri Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Sat Plant Flowers at the Church, 9am to 12 noon
KFC and Mission Outreach Car Wash, 11am-1pm
- 17 Sun Methodist Confirmation Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall, 7:45-10am
Sunday School Ice Cream Party, after 9:45 worship
- 19 Tue Advertising Team Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Sun Pentecost / Strengthen the Church Offering
Deadline for submitting Sunday School scholarship applications
- 26 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 27 Wed Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30am

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 by 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.

Strongsville Golf League – If you are interested to play golf on the league, please sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. For more information, please see Laurie Meister or Pastor Becky.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will be printing a new, one-of-a-kind cookbook! We would like to include old recipes passed down through generations from your families and friends. Also we want any new recipes that you are currently loving! Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch, Dianne Maringer, or place the envelope under the church office door. Thanks.

Facilities Visioning Team – Please mark your calendar! The next meeting is Monday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Signup charts for Altar Flowers, Greeters, Coffee Hour, Ushers, Strongsville Golf League, and Women's Retreat are on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 17, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Pam Keenen	11:15 a.m. Betty Craig
Greeter		Beth Giuliano
Ushers		Needed
Coffee Hour		Bev Wehr

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 10, 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.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*With Love to Our Mother, Dorothy Ritchie, on Her Birthday, and
Happy Mother's Day to All Moms
Gina and Sharon*

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday Tomorrow to Patti Johnson, and
In Memory of Cousin Ron
With love, Mom and Betty*

*In Honor of My Wife Dorothy – Happy Birthday!
Love, Bill*

Happy Birthday today to Dorothy Ritchie and to Keith Sullen!

Happy Anniversary to Allen and Michele Mhlack!

Diaconate will meet Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m.

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

June Church Newsletter Deadline is this Friday, May 15. You may want to leave your article(s) in the church office today.

KFC Club and Mission Outreach CAR WASH! – Come, get the winter grime washed off of your car and help raise funds for the KFC Club and Mission Outreach Committee! We are looking into future mission trips and community projects, and every dollar will help us do more and more. The car wash will take place Saturday, May 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We also need helpers at the car wash! Please speak to Kelly Bickley, Jamie Habart, Lora Rung, Claudia Bader, Jim Nicoulin, or Greg Dickson if you can help.

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190		
Offering Received 5/3: Traditional	\$3,091	Contemporary \$871 3,962
		Difference \$772

Flower Planting – On Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, we will plant flowers on our church grounds. Please bring your work gloves, gardening tools, trowels, sunscreen, and sun hat. Please sign up on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board if you plan to help. A hot dog lunch will follow the planting. All are welcome

The Diaconate thanks all who supported Wing Nite on May 1.

The profit from tickets, raffles, and basket sales was \$2,768.01. Thanks again!

Frances Millward, Minister of Outreach for Church Street Ministries, is retiring on June 1, 2015. To celebrate her commitment to helping people, a retirement party is planned for Sunday, May 31, at the Berea/Midpark High School cafeteria, 165 East Bagley Road in Berea. Information about tickets and supporting Church Street Ministries is posted on the board in Pilgrim Hall.

Recycling – We now have recycling containers in our church kitchen. Please use them for recycling glass, cans, plastic, paper and cardboard. Also, please keep these containers **in the kitchen so they are visible for all to use.** Thank you for recycling!

Tote Bags – 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 will be now until Sunday, June 14. **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 <i>bottles</i>)
combs or brushes	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 count)	

Do you have questions about Stewardship? Suggestions? What would help you to increase and think about your Stewardship? The Stewardship Committee would love to hear your suggestions as we gear up for the Fall campaign. Please, reach out with suggestions, concerns, and questions!

The Stewardship Committee

*Natalie Daniels and Darla Wickline (co-chairs),
Barbara Bridle, Kris Fischer, Gina Gigliotti, Sue Gigliotti,
Laurie Meister, Chris Minnick, Linda Plain, and
ex-officio members: Barb Fraunfelder, Kenn Oerkfitz*

The Strongsville Community Band and the North Royalton Community will both appear in concert next Sunday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m. in the Ehrnfelt Senior Center. Admission is free.

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, 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: Charles Jannsohn, Jim Joyce, Pam Peacock, Denzil Richards, Ann Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget *

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Rebecca Deeb (Godddaughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Dorothy Kovatich (mother of Bob), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

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