

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2014

9:00 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

22 *Glorify Thy Name*

36 *How Excellent Is Thy Name*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: I can't see beyond the tip of my nose.

People: **Woe are we.**

Leader: Wait. I see a Light.

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Leader: Is that you, Lord?

People: **Now I can see everything clearly.**

This world is a wonderful place, for God is here with us.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

Creation Sings the Father's Song

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

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-9

New Testament, p. 111

MEDITATION

"Living in 3D"

CLOSING SONGS

12 *Change My Heart, O God*
37 *How Majestic Is Your Name*

† 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*.

Our Vision . . .

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

Our 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.

Serving Today

Music Director / Drums

Andrew Purdum

Keyboard

Nick Wilders

Guitar

Sean Patrick

Bass Guitar

Jack Stephenson

Song Leader

Kyra Krause

Liturgist

Pam Keenen

Graphics Operation

Sharon Heinrich

Coffee Hour

Rosemary Bechtel

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May 18, 2014 11:00 A.M. Fifth Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE *Kiss the Rain* Yiruma

INTROIT *Ask, Seek and Ye Shall Find*

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† **HYMN 207** *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

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

ANTHEM *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth

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 *My Savior's Love* arr. Jennifer Cook

† **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 539** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

SERMON *"Living in 3D"*

† **HYMN 592** *Jesus Calls Us*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

† **POSTLUDE** *He Never Failed Me Yet* Robert Ray

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Worship Accompanist
Liturgist
Greeters
Nursery
Coffee Hour

Andrew Purdum
Nick Wilders
Pam Keenen
Tom and Judy Gaumer
Tom Gaumer
Rosemary Bechtel

GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 15, 2014**. Please let us know if someone is graduating within your family. We are interested to have an accurate list of graduates from high school, college, and schools of higher learning.

Name: _____

School: _____

Graduation Date (month at least): _____

Activities: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Diploma / Degree Earned _____

Future Plans: _____

The graduate _____ will _____ will not attend church on June 15.

In addition, we would like a **graduation announcement and photo of the graduate for our church graduation bulletin board** that will be displayed in June. The announcement and photo will be returned to you.

Please leave this completed form in the church office, or call the church office at (440) 238-6697 with this information **by Sunday, May 25, 2014**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 18, 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.

Today's altar flowers are given—

*In Loving Memory of Richard and Ruth Saylor
The Fischer and McKenzie Family*

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Congratulations to Sara Grega on Her Graduation from Miami University
Love, Grandma and Aunt Barb*

In gratitude for all of the church family who have been visiting, sending cards or flowers, calling, emailing, bringing meals, and helping me in so many ways these recent months during my illness. You inspire and encourage me with your loving kindness and your continued friendships since my retirement. And even though I won't be there with you every week, you all remain in my heart and prayers always.

*I wish you joy and all the wildest blessings!
Susan Stevenson Tressa*

Sunday School will enjoy an ice cream party today after the 11:00 a.m. worship. All are welcome!

The Strongsville Community Band will perform TODAY at 3:00 p.m. at the Ehrnfelt Senior/Rec Center. Admission is free.

The recognition of Susan Stephenson Tressa for her 30 years of service as our organist is postponed and will not take place on June 1 as originally planned.

Men's Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 22, at European's Best Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. As always, all men are welcome.

KFC Club for Kids – The first "official" meeting will take place next Sunday, May 25, after the 11:00 service. Below is more information.

HEY KIDS! Are you from the age of 0 to 10? Do you want to have some fun with friends from church and help people in our community?

THEN JOIN US FOR: K. F. C. - Kids for Christ!

Parents and Adults: Starting this summer, the K.F.C. club will begin meeting once a month. We will be going on "Mini-Mission Trips" to help

people around the community and alternate these with activities just to have some good old fun together! Please speak with Kelly Bickley or Jamie Habart if you are interested in helping out or if you have any suggestions! We welcome all to join our club, even adults, especially if you enjoy the energy and wonderment of children! **The first "official" meeting of the club will be Sunday, May 25, after the 11:00 service.** Please note: all KFC events will require a parent to attend with their child(ren).

ATTENTION Committee/Team Treasurers – To continue our work on budgets for each committee and for the church as a whole, ALL organizations are required to send their Treasurer or a representative to our Official Board meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. Here is a list of known Treasurers or Representatives:

Trustees – Kenn Oerkfitz and Barb Fraunfelder
Christian Education Team – Lora Rung
Diaconate – Ginny Oerkfitz
Endowment Fund and Memorial Fund – Greg Dickson
Mission and Outreach – Erv Koch
Music Committee – Ingrid Dickson / Pam Keenen
Official Board – Ted Bickley
Organ Restoration Committee – Sarah Keenen
Stewardship – Irene Jannsohn / Aimée Jannsohn
Sunday School – Irene Joyce
Thrift Shop – Lola Millhoane
Women's Fellowship – Barb Fraunfelder
Youth Group – Sally Herzog

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Barb Fraunfelder, Financial Secretary, or Joyce Reed, Moderator.

Attention Graduating Seniors! The Sunday School has a scholarship available to Sunday School alumni who are graduating from high school this year. This is a service scholarship, not based on financial need or academic merit, but on participation in the Sunday School and church activities. Please pick up an application from the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Deadline for submission is Sunday, May 25. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 15, when graduates within the church will be recognized.

"God Is Still Speaking" Embroidery – In the Gathering Area a sample polo shirt with the logo is on display. To have your shirt embroidered with the logo, the cost is \$8.00. The shirt's left chest area must be free of seams, embroidery, and pockets. Shirts made of cotton, polyester or a blend are ideal. Leather and silk are not good fabrics for embroidering. To order embroidery, please provide your own shirt, your name, your phone number and payment (cash or checks payable

to *Excellence in Embroidery*) to the church office. For questions or special requests, please email: excellenceinembroidery@gmail.com

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

Church Family: Jim Davis at Parkside Villa, Jerry Gugliotta, Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Margot James, Don Kovach, Dolores Matchett, Ruth Milidonis, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Pincombe, Margaret Stayrook, Susan Tressa

Extended Church Family: June Brewer (niece of Ed Powers), Ryan Brubeck, Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega), 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 (Goddughter 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 Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Kate Heisler (friend of Lora Rung), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Erik Kratky (friend of Sarah Hawk), Mary Ann Kreutzer (mother of Ginny Dangelo), 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), Donna Wadden (friend of Gayle Sperber), Marilyn Woodward (mother of David and Carol)

May 2014

- 18 Sun Methodist Confirmation Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall, 8:30-10am
Sunday School Ice Cream Party, after 11:00 a.m. worship
- 22 Thu Men's Luncheon at European's Best Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
- 25 Sun KFC Meeting, after 11:00 a.m. worship
Deadline for Graduates Information
Deadline for Sunday School Scholarship Applications
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 27 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Serving Next Sunday – May 25, 2014

Liturgist	9am Rachel Zielinski	11am Kelly Bickley
Greeter		Roy Merkle
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Nursery for 11 a.m.		Beth Giuliano
Coffee Hour		Sarah Hayes