

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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May 22, 2016

9:45 A.M.

Trinity Sunday

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Lloyd Larson

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise to God our Creator, source of our being and wellspring of life.

People: Praise to God our liberator, who sets us free and gives us hope.

Leader: Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us.

People: Praise to Jesus the Christ, who feeds the hungry and shows us the Way.

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Leader: Come let us worship the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, and the Life-giver.

All: Let us worship God!

† **HYMN 466**

"Jesus, Our Lord and King"

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

ANTHEM

"Thanks to Thee"

Georg Friedrich Händel

RECOGNITION OF OUR THRIFT SHOP'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† **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**

† **HYMN 539**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

SCRIPTURES

Romans 5:1-5

New Testament, p. 135

SERMON

"Suffering, Endurance, Character, Hope"

† **HYMN 391**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

"Let Me Love"

Harlan Moore

† **POSTLUDE**

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

We welcome back our worship accompanist, Elena Taylor.

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 22, 2016

11:15 A.M.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE *"Amazing Grace"* Traditional American
arr. Steven L. Rosenhaus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG *"Sanctuary"* Sing 2 times.

INTROIT *"I Will Follow"* Tomlin, Ingram, Morgan

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† OPENING SONG

"Let the River Flow"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Blues in A"* arr. Herbie Parker

† **DOXOLOGY** *"We Are an Offering"*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURES Romans 5:1-5 New Testament, p. 135

MEDITATION *"It Won't Work"*

† **CLOSING SONG** *"Better Is One Day"*

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** *"The Gospel Train"* African-American Spiritual
arr. Richard Walters

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We welcome back our Praise Band director, keyboardist, and vocalist—Elena Taylor!

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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GRADUATES

Graduates will be recognized in church on **Sunday, June 12, 2016, during 10:00 A.M. Worship.** 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 12.

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

Please place graduation information in the church office, or call the church office at (440) 238-6697 with this information **by Sunday, May 29.** Thank you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 22, 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 Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents,
Richard and Ruth Saylor
The McKenzie and Fischer Family*

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday on May 22 to Ryan Craig and Tracey Hill,
Happy Birthday on May 28 to Sandra Wentz, and
Happy Anniversary on May 25
to Adam and Kristina Craig and to Stacie and Dan Sauter
With love, Grammy*

*Congratulations Richie, Ginny and Kevin on your achievements!
We are very proud of you!
Mom and Dad*

*In Celebration and In Honor of All the Thrift Shop Volunteers—
Past, Present And Future—These Past 35 Years
The Thrift Shop would not have survived without them.
A big THANK YOU to them all!*

Today we will celebrate The Thrift Shop's 35th Anniversary during 9:45 worship. After the service, a reception with refreshments and fellowship will take place in Pilgrim Hall. Activities for children are on the tables by the north wall. All are welcome!

Tuesday Meeting: Official Board, 7:00 p.m.

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 Lora Rung	11:15 Lora Rung
Morning Announcements	Denise Bell	
Greeters	The Bickley Family	
Ushers	Ted and Kelly Bickley	
Coffee Hour	Cathy Hawk	
Graphics Operation	Vicky Masuga	

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,900
Weekly Offering Received on 5/15/2016 2,047
Difference - \$1,853

Calling All Women! The fourth annual Women's Retreat will be held Friday through Sunday, August 12-14, at Pilgrim Hills. All women are WELCOME! Come and enjoy a GREAT weekend! Please contact Cathy Hawk 440-781-7512 or Lori Kovatich 440-238-3938 with questions or to sign up. A sign-up sheet is also on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board.

Ladies' Restroom in Gathering Area – To accommodate a wheelchair, the partition in the ladies' restroom was removed. A latch was put on the door, and the restroom is now a "family" restroom. We plan to have the restroom renovated soon to ADA standards for accessible design.

Church's 200th Anniversary Cookbook – Please return recipes by **July 15** either in the basket in the Gathering Area or use the envelope you received to mail your recipe. To date, only 31 recipes have been submitted. **Because it takes time to load recipes into the automated system, please submit your recipe(s) as soon as possible.** Additional recipe forms are by the recipe basket in the Gathering Area.

Pictorial Directory – We are taking pictures of families and church events. Please contact Cathy Hawk at (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes at (440) 781-7513 to schedule your picture taking time. Thank you.

Spring into Fitness concludes tomorrow, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. 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

Women's Fellowship Spring Project is to fill about 60 tote bags for the Strongsville Food Bank children, ages 5 to 12. The finished bag is about 11" x 12". Your donations of items or monetary donations, so we may purchase items, are 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 and a list of items needed 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.**

MAY 2016

22 Sun Recognition of The Thrift Shop's 35th Anniversary in
9:45 worship, with reception following in Pilgrim Hall
23 Mon Spring into Fitness, 7pm – Final Session
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

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

Church Family: Madison Bell, Betty Bushea, Betty Craig, Richie McKenzie, Harvey Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Keith Sullen, Elena Taylor, 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), Pam DePierna (friend of Betty Kircher), 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), Luther (acquaintance of The Thrift Shop), 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), Trish Shields (friend of Pastor Becky) at O'Neill Healthcare, Ralph Sitko (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan) at Southern Hills, Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

Kids for Christ collected \$341.97 from Penny Sundays for January through April. This amount was donated to Strongsville Food Bank.

"The Mystery of The Shroud of Turin" – St. Joseph Church is hosting a presentation by David M. Onysko on Tuesday, May 24, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend this free event. A freewill offering will be taken. No registration is required.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 29, 2016

Liturgist	9:45 Dan Masuga	11:15 Jim Nicoulin
Morning Announcements		Kim McKenzie
Greeter		Roy Merkle
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour		Volunteer Needed
Graphics Operation		Rosemary Bechtel