

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2014

9:00 A.M.

† Those who are able may stand.

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONGS

46 *Jehovah - Jirah*  
53 *Let There Be Praise*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

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**People: No, we're NOT.**

Leader: Are we here to worship Aphrodite?

**People: No.**

Leader: Are we here to worship Money?

**People: No! No! No!**

Leader: Then why are we here?

**People: We are here to worship the One God,  
the God above all gods, and  
Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: The Lord our God—the Lord is One!!!

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

67 *Sanctuary*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### OFFERING

*Hope of the Nations*

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

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:22-31

New Testament, p. 120

### MEDITATION

*"Sounds Greek to Me"*

### CLOSING SONGS

16 *Days of Elijah*  
66 *Rise Up and Praise Him*

### † BENEDICTION

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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*.

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#### ***Our Mission Statement . . .***

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#### **Serving Today**

Music Director / Drums

Andrew Purdum

Keyboard

Nick Wilders

Guitar

Sean Patrick

Bass Guitar

Jack Stephenson

Song Leaders

Barb Fraunfelder, Kyra Krause

Liturgist

Rachel Zielinski

Graphics Operation

Rosemary Bechtel

Coffee Hour

Sarah Hayes

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**May 25, 2014 11:00 A.M. Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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### PRELUDE

### INTROIT

*Ask, Seek and Ye Shall Find*

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### † HYMN 210

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### 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.**

### PIANO RESPONSE

### ANTHEM

*Soon and Very Soon*

### 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

*Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name*

### † DOXOLOGY (No. 815)

### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### † HYMN 794

*Let All Things Now Living*

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:22-31

New Testament, p. 120

### SERMON

*"Sounds Greek to Me"*

### † HYMN 433

*Rise Up, O Church of God*

### † BENEDICTION

### † RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

### † POSTLUDE

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Worship Accompanist  
Liturgist  
Greeter  
Nursery  
Coffee Hour

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Nick Wilders  
Kelly Bickley  
Roy Merkle  
Beth Giuliano  
Sarah Hayes

**Congratulations to Judy Gaumer** who won the beautiful quilt made by Ha Bennett as a fundraiser for the Mission and Outreach Committee! The raffle raised \$445. Thank you to all who supported the cause.

**Tickets for “Motown – The Musical”** – As a community service for the Rotary and the City of Strongsville, Linda Plain is selling tickets to Playhouse Square. Linda has reserved seats for the show, “Motown – the Musical,” for Sunday, October 19, at the State Theatre for the 1:00 p.m. matinee. The seats on the first floor (Orchestra) cost \$80 each and seats in the balcony are \$60 each. Parking inside the attached garage is \$10 per car. For tickets or more information, please contact Linda Plain at 440-668-4848 or email her at lindaplain416@aol.com This show will be a sellout, as it is the music of the Temptations, Diana Ross and The Supremes, Jackson 5 and all the other great stars discovered by Barry Gordon, Mr. Motown.

#### May 2014

- 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.  
Air Conditioning installation may begin this week.  
Pipe Organ Restoration Phase 3 may begin this week.
- 28 Wed Worship Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

#### June 2014

- 1 Sun Communion, Summer Sunday School begins  
Confirmation Class rehearsal after 11:00 a.m. worship
- 4 Wed Women’s Fellowship Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Sun Pentecost, Confirmation, Strengthen the Church Offering
- 9 Mon Moms Group Meeting, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- 10 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Wed Worship Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 13 Fri Strawberry Social – Please watch Sunday bulletin for details.
- 15 Sun Father’s Day, Recognition of Graduates, Newsletter Deadline
- 22 Sun Outdoor Worship at 10:00 a.m., followed by Picnic Lunch  
Outdoors – **NOTE: ONLY ONE SERVICE THAT SUNDAY**
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Wed Worship Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 26 Thu Men’s Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at European’s Best Restaurant  
New Journey in Faith Class begins, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 29 Sun Summer Worship Schedule begins:**  
**8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service,**  
**10:00 a.m. Traditional Service**  
Later in the day: Blessing of Pets – time to be determined  
Kindred Spirit Singles Meeting, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 25, 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—

*Celebrating Our 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 27 and  
Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Our Grandson Tucker on May 31  
George and Joyce Reed*

**The steeple** will light the sky this week—

*Happy Anniversary today  
to Adam and Kristina Craig and to Stacie and Dan Sauter, and  
Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday on May 28 to Sandra Wentz  
With love, Grammy*

*For the anonymous person or persons who gave me a ticket for the  
wonderful ORC dinner made by a fabulous cook  
and best friend anyone could ever have, Marty Winch  
Betty Craig*

*For Marty Winch,  
Thank you for all your hard work to cater the fabulous dinner  
on May 17 for the Organ Restoration Fund  
Bill, Dorothy, Gina and Sharon*

*In loving memory of all our service men and women who fought for our  
freedom, and in honor of those still serving our country.  
Lord, please watch over them all and keep them safe.  
God bless them all.*

*In honor and appreciation of  
Marty Winch,  
Lori Deertz, Lauren Deertz, Dave Namosky, Beth Giuliano,  
Claudia Bader, Jim Nicoulin, Sandy O’Shea, and Sandy Pogozelski  
for an awesome meal and marvelous time on May 17, 2014*

**Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy** to Beth (Fraunfelder) and Harold Lewis on the passing of Harold’s father Dale from Mansfield on May 22. Visitation and the funeral will take place on Tuesday, May 27, in Lexington, Ohio. For more information, please see Barb Fraunfelder.

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

**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 TODAY after the 11:00 service.** Please note: all KFC events will require a parent to attend with their child(ren).

**Official Board** meets Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m.

**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 this 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

For questions or concerns, please contact Barb Fraunfelder, Financial Secretary, or Joyce Reed, Moderator.

**The Organ Restoration Committee is excited to begin the third phase of our pipe organ's restoration.** We will be restoring the Choir division this time. The process should begin the week of May 26. The project will take approximately 90 days. The organ will remain playable with the Great, Swell and Pedal divisions making their contribution to the worship service. We are hopeful that the full organ will be ready to play on Rally Day in September.

**Air Conditioning Pilgrim Hall** – Work will begin this week or the first week in June. The project should take about one week to complete.

**Worship Team** meets Wednesday, May 28, at 9:00 a.m.

**Confirmation Sunday Rehearsal for Confirmation Students and their Parents** – Next Sunday, June 1, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, there will be a rehearsal in the sanctuary for Confirmation students and their parents for Confirmation Sunday, June 8.

**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 TODAY. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 15, when graduates within the church will be recognized.

**June Cleanup** – Each Monday in June from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, we will work on cleaning various areas around the church. We will focus on the inside of the church including the kitchen, Gathering Area and Sanctuary. Please join us to help make our church a cleaner, brighter place for worship. Please come ready to get dirty. If you can bring a bucket and rags with you, that is great; or we can supply them. We will also supply the cleaning compounds. A sign-up sheet for each Monday will be posted in Pilgrim Hall. Please see Rachel Zielinski if you have any questions.

**Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday, June 1.** Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts: Please sign up to teach one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. The signup sheet will be posted on Pilgrim Hall's bulletin board. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. See Sunday School Superintendent Irene Joyce if you have questions.

**Journey in Faith Membership Class** – Pastor Becky will again teach a 12-week membership class entitled *Journey in Faith*, beginning on June 26. Members, as well as potential members, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Class is held on Thursdays at the church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Even if you are a member of Strongsville UCC, you will enjoy the knowledge that Pastor Becky shares and the camaraderie with new friends. A sign-up sheet is by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. As always, all are welcome to enroll in the class.

**ATTENTION LADIES!** If you are looking for a little getaway, come and join in for a spiritual and fun weekend at our second annual **Women's Retreat Weekend** from August 22 through August 24, 2014, at Pilgrim Hills. The cost of \$93.60 includes room and meals. Please contact Kim McKenzie to sign up or for questions: [davekimkenzie@cox.net](mailto:davekimkenzie@cox.net) or call 216-398-1462.

**“God Is Still Speaking” Embroidery** – In the Gathering Area is a sample polo shirt with the logo. To have your shirt embroidered, 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](mailto: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, Janet Kato at ManorCare of Parma, Margot James, 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 (Goddaughter 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)

**Serving Next Sunday – June 1, 2014**

Liturgist	9am Lora Rung	11am Lora Rung
Greeter		Jim Studer
Ushers		Volunteers Needed
Nursery for 11 a.m.		Cathy Hawk
Coffee Hour		Bev Wehr

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Honors and Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Diploma / Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 **TODAY.**

