

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL)

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May 3, 2015 9:45 A.M. Fifth Sunday of Easter

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE Choral 107 Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT My Lord arr. Elena Taylor

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all you people, enter the gate of God's sheepfold.

All: We hear God calling us by name.

One: Jesus will bring all people to be one flock, one shepherd.

All: From every nation, every people, tribe and language.

One: That they may be one, we proclaim:

All: God is still speaking.

† **HYMN 147** How Great Thou Art

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 Sweet Hour of Prayer William Bradbury

ANTHEM Joshua Traditional Spiritual
Clarinet – Catherine Conlin Trombone – Ryan Heinrich
Drum Set – Mike Soltis Descant – Rachel Kovatich

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 OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Hillandale Waltzes for Clarinet and Piano Babin
Catherine Conlin, Clarinet

* **DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

SCRIPTURE John 15:1-8 New Testament, p. 95

SERMON How to Live a Fruitful Life

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are welcome to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper, or
Pastor Becky will come to you, if you wish.*

MUSIC during Communion Cantilene for Clarinet and Piano Cahuzac
Catherine Conlin, Clarinet

† **HYMN 665** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

† BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE** Now unto Him David Morris, arr. Fettke

† **POSTLUDE** BWV 133 Johann Sebastian Bach

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

We welcome back Catherine Conlin, who is a graduating music
student at Cleveland State University; and we thank her for her special
clarinet music this morning.

This morning's altar flowers are given—

*In Loving Memory of John B. Millhoane
We miss you and love you – Happy 85th
Your Loving Family*

SERVING TODAY

Worship Accompanist and Interim Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Interim Choir Accompanist
Liturgist
Greeter
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Barbara Fraunfelder
Sharon Heinrich
Bruce Keenen
Lola Millhoane
Tom Gaumer

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

13 *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*
9 *Calling All Nations*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

81 *This Is the Day*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Remain here.

Remain here with me.

**All: Remain in this soil.
 Remain in this earth.**

One: Remain among these branches.
Remain watered in this love.

**All: Remain where we can grow.
 Remain here where God loves you.
 Remain here with us.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

67 Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts)*

OFFERING

77 *The Gift of Love*

THE WORD OF GOD

John 15:1-8

New Testament, p. 95

MEDITATION

How to Live a Fruitful Life

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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SONG

62 *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

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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 – Tom Gaumer

Graphics Operation – Rosemary Bechtel

MAY 2015

- 3 Sun Sacrament of Communion at both worship services
Trustees Meeting, after 9:45 worship
Stewardship Meeting, after 9:45 worship
Car Wash Organizational Meeting, after 9:45 worship
- 5 Tue Mission Outreach Meeting, 7pm
Worship Team Meeting, 7pm
- 9 Sat KFC and Mission Outreach Car Wash, 11am-1pm
- 12 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Fri Newsletter Deadline
- 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

/SACRA – I will be walking the 5K on Saturday, May 16, in Fairfax, Virginia, to support the /SACRA. I was born with sacral agenesis, which is a rare birth condition characterized by the absence of the lower spine and spinal cord. This fundraiser will support families and parents of children to put out more information to doctors and hospitals regarding this rare birth condition. Please help me raise funds by sponsoring me – any amount is appreciated – cash or check payable to **/SACRA**. Please give me your donation today. Thank you. Michele Mhlack

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.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 10, 2015

Liturgist	9:45 a.m. Kenn Oerkfitz	11:15 a.m. Jack Stephenson
Greeters	Dorothy Ritchie, Gina Cathcart, Sharon Ritchie	
Ushers	Needed	
Coffee Hour	Allen and Michele Mhlack	

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 3, 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.

Our steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday on May 7 to Hayley Craig
Happy Birthday on May 9 to Debbie Wentz
With love, Grammy and Mom*

Happy Birthday today to Shirley Brand, Ginny McKenzie Basenback, and Nicholas Miller.

Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy to Rich Tressa and family on the passing of his mother, Marjorie, on Wednesday, April 29.

Trustees will meet today after 9:45 worship

Stewardship Committee will meet today after 9:45 worship.

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 9, 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. **We will gather after the 9:45 service TODAY for a brief organizational meeting for anyone who can participate.**

Worship Team will meet Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Mission and Outreach will meet Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Fellowship's meeting on May 6 is CANCELED.

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.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$3,190
Offering Received 4/26: Traditional	\$4,373
Contemporary	\$357
4,730	
Difference	\$1,540

Thank you to all who supported the Diaconate Wing Nite this past Friday.

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

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.

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 bottles)
combs or brushes	sidewalk chalk
pencils	
crayons (16 count)	

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.

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*

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: 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)

* **Leah's Forget's address:** 1604 Brentwood Street
Middletown, OH 44054

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the prayers and good wishes before, during, and after my recent surgery and hospital stay. I am on the mend and feeling better each day. I truly believe that prayer works. Jim Joyce

Thank you for your prayers during my tonsillectomy and recovery. Thanks to Women's Fellowship for the card. It means a lot to know that people care. Erik Joyce