

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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November 15, 2015 9:45 A.M. Pentecost 23

† *Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *It Is Well with My Soul* Philip P. Bliss

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Rejoice in the Lord* John Horman

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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Many: **We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.**

One: Come with joyful expectation.

Many: **We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise.**

One: Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit

Many: **That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be God's instruments of grace.**

† **HYMN 103** *All Hail King Jesus*

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 Ken Mehalko

ANTHEM *Do Not Be Afraid* Craig Courtney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional Irish Melody
Gary Hackett, Ken Mehalko, Jack Stephenson, Rob Toth, Elena Taylor

*** DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN 3 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 6:1-5 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 595

SERMON *Here I Am*

† **HYMN 668** *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Ask, Seek, Knock* Lloyd Larson

† **POSTLUDE** *Give Thanks* Henry Smith

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.

All are invited to have coffee and baked goods in Pilgrim Hall after our worship service today.

Worship Accompanist
Chancel Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Technical Setup and Operation
Sound System
Liturgist
Greeters
Ushers
Morning Announcements
Coffee Hour

Elena Taylor
Joshua Konow
Barbara Fraunfelder
Doug Thorn
Jim Heinrich
Pam Keenen
Lloyd and Barbara Bridle
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Barb Fraunfelder
Gina Cathcart

PENTECOST 23

November 15, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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SONGS

84 *Trading My Sorrows*
4 *Awesome God / Humble Thyself*

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SONG

I Will Call upon the Lord

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Melody

THE WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 6:1-5

Hebrew Scriptures, p. 595

MEDITATION

Here I Am

SONG

9 *Calling All Nations*

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SERVING TODAY

Rita Budd – Tambourine

Christian Habart-Scott – Drum Pads

Gary Hackett – Acoustic Guitar, Voice

Aidan Hurtig – Drum Pads

Rachel Kovatich – Voice

Kyra Krause – Voice

Toni Newborn – Voice

Herbert Parker – Electric Guitar

Julia Soltis – Violin, Acoustic Guitar, Clarinet

Mike Soltis – Drum Set

Jack Stephenson – Bass Guitar, Voice

Elena Taylor – Praise Band Director, Voice, Keyboard

Robert Toth – Mallet Percussion

Clay Williams – Voice

Jake Williams – Acoustic Guitar, Viola

Doug Thorn – Sound System, Technical Setup and Operation

Barb Fraunfelder – Morning Announcements

Betty Craig – Liturgist

Sharon Heinrich – Graphics Operation

NOVEMBER 2015

- 15 Sun Decorate for Christmas Outside – after worship
Newsletter Deadline
DFS Music Rehearsal in Pilgrim Hall, 5-7pm
- 16 Mon Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:30am
Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
- 17 Tue Trustees Meeting, 7pm
Advertising Team Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Packaging, 10:30am
- 22 Sun Stewardship Sunday
Thanksgiving Baskets Dedicated in Worship
Set up Mitten Tree
Church Open House, 5-8pm – in conjunction with the City of
Strongsville's Holiday Lighting – **Baked goods are needed.**
- 23 Mon Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets in Pilgrim Hall, 9am
Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
- 24 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Wed Men's Luncheon, 11:30am at European's Best Restaurant
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Joseph Catholic
Church in Strongsville, **7:30pm**
- 26 Thu Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Sun Hanging of the Greens, Newsletter Pickup
Deadline for submitting Constitution changes
Kindred Spirit Singles arrive at 1pm, meeting at 2pm
Advent Study, 5:30pm
- 30 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm

DECEMBER 2015

- 6 Sun Communion, New Members Received
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale, Poinsettia Order Deadline
Advent Study, 5:30pm
- 11 Fri Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance, 7:30pm
- 12 Sat Christmas Open House at the Parsonage, 5pm – All welcome!
- 13 Sun Diaconate Holiday Cookie Sale
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale
Advent Study, 5:30pm
- 15 Tue Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Fri Strongsville City Jazz Fundraiser Concert, 7:30pm
- 20 Sun Children's Christmas Presentation and Supper, 5pm

Serving Next Sunday – November 22, 2015

Liturgists	9:45 Michael Fischer and Dale Hawk	11:15 Jim Nicoulin
Greeters		Dale and Cathy Hawk
Morning Announcements		Denise Bell
Ushers		Needed
Coffee Hour		Ginny Oerkfitz
Graphics Operation for 11:15 Service		Vicky Masuga

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 15, 2015

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The altar flowers are given this morning—

*In Memory of Barb's Mom, Hallie Strine
Mark and Barb Camp*

*In Memory of Dr. Frank L. Weakley
Peg Weakley*

The steeple will light the sky this week—

*Happy Birthday on November 18 to Katie Rower and
Happy Birthday on November 20 to Adam Craig
With love, Grammy*

All are invited to enjoy coffee and baked goods in Pilgrim Hall after 9:45 worship today.

Today is the December Church Newsletter deadline. Please place articles in the church office today or email them to the church at strongsvilleucc@gmail.com – thank you.

Our Church Constitution is being reviewed this year. If you have suggestions for changes, please give them to Sally Herzog by Sunday, November 29, 2015. Thank you.

Constitution Review Committee will meet today after 9:45 worship.

Tuesday Meetings: Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
Advertising Team, 7:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday Rehearsals: Children's Choir at 7:30 p.m.
Praise Band at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Rehearsals: Bell Choir at 7:00 p.m.
Children's Instrumental at 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190			
Offering Received 11/08	Traditional \$3,050	Contemporary \$68	3,118
		Difference	(\$72)

The profit from the Turkey Dinner on November 7, 2015, was \$2,667.48. Thank you to all who participated.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CANDY SCHEDULE

Package Candy – from 9:30 a.m. until finished
Monday, November 16

NOTHING ON FRIDAY, November 20, because we finished early!

Sell Candy – between the two services
Sunday, December 6 Sunday, December 13

All are welcome to help!

Betty Craig, Candy Chairman

Join us for a **BABY SHOWER** for
Sarah and Jon Hayes
Saturday – November 21, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.
in Pilgrim Hall



RSVP to Amanda Hawk by Sunday, November 15, at (440) 465-4950.
Sarah and Jon are registered at Babies R Us and Target.

In conjunction with the City of Strongsville's Holiday Lighting, **Sunday, November 22, is our Church Open House**, when we open our church doors to the community. Volunteers are needed. To help, please mark your Attendance Card, or sign up on the bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. In addition, donations are requested for the cost of the live animals (camel, donkey, sheep and goat) for the nativity. Please see Dale Hawk or Rachel Zielinski to make your donation.



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday – November 25 – 7:30 P.M.
at St. Joseph Catholic Church
12700 Pearl Road in Strongsville
Pastor Becky will give the message, and
some of our choir members will sing
in the Ecumenical Choir.

Strongsville Food Bank requests jelly as their current need, although ALL donations are gratefully received and transported to our distribution center. Please be sure to put your donations in our NEW collection area in Pilgrim Hall, which is alongside our glass display case. Thank you for your support.

Cookbook – For our church's 200th anniversary in 2017, Strongsville UCC will print a new, one-of-a-kind cookbook. Please submit all recipes in an envelope with your name and phone number to Marty Winch or Dianne Maringer; or place the envelope under the church office door.

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 at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar, Erla Mae Schultz at Medina Village

Church Family: Steve Herzog, Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Eileen Pincombe, Denzil Richards, Sharon Ritchie, Barb Stayrook, Keith Sullen, Leah Tressa Forget, John Wood

Extended Church Family: Ryan Brubeck, Emelyn Carels (sister of Irene Jannsohn), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfritz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Rebecca Deeb (Goddughter of Lora Rung), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Kay Gritti (friend of Lola Millhoane), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of Betty Kircher), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Jessica Lane (granddaughter of Len and Bev), Lily (student of Lora Rung), Maggie (friend of the Bickleys), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen), Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan), Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)

THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD COLLECTION – 2015

Our goal is to prepare 75 baskets for needy families within our community. Collection began on Sunday, October 18. Each week we will bring to church the following designated items, which will be placed in our sanctuary:

- Oct. 18 cans of green beans, cans of corn
- Oct. 25 boxes of stuffing (like Stove Top) and jars of gravy
- Nov. 1 dessert mixes (like brownies, cake mixes, or cookie mixes) and cans of icing
- Nov. 8 cans of cranberry sauce and boxes of corn muffin mix
- Nov. 15 boxes of instant mashed potatoes or a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes, canned or fresh yams
- Nov. 22 turkeys or hams

To make a cash donation instead, please make your check payable to **Strongsville United Church of Christ**. On the memo line, write **Thanksgiving Basket**. \$20 covers the cost of the turkey or ham; \$40 covers the cost of a whole basket. All financial donations will be gratefully accepted, whatever the amount.

Thank you for your support of this benevolent project.

If you know someone who would appreciate a basket, please provide Pastor Becky with the following information:

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution – 2015

Name of Family: _____

Number of People in Family: _____ Adults _____ Children

Address: _____

Telephone: _____



Please don't miss the Strongsville UCC Sunday School

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION 2015

and

SUPPER "AT THE INN"

(A free, simple meal will be served.)



Sunday – December 20 – 5:00pm – Pilgrim Hall

All are welcome! Reservations are limited to 100 people. Please complete form below to make your reservation, and place form in the offering plate. You may also call the church to make your reservation.

One Rehearsal Only – Wednesday – December 16 – 6:30pm

FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN:

Yes! My child (or children) will participate. I will bring him/her/them to:
rehearsal on Wednesday, **December 16**, at **6:30pm** and
presentation on Sunday, **December 20**, at **5:00pm**.

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Number _____

Reservations for attendees + volunteers: _____ Adults _____ Children

Name _____

For Adults: ☐ I / We would like to help with this event.

Please place this form in the offering plate.

Thank you for your participation!