

# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

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**November 8, 2015 9:45 A.M. Pentecost 22**

† *Those who are able may stand.*

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in C Major* Steggall

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BELL INTROIT** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: Unless our GOD watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.

**People: We have come to listen to the stories of people who throughout the generations have shown us the way by their trust in the promises of God, who is always watching over us.**

Leader: The widow who gives her last coin and Naomi and Ruth who are lifelong companions for each other remind us of the risks we are free to take with confidence that God will take care of us through times of plenty and times of want, all along our journey through life.

**ALL: So let us celebrate this gathering which can bind us together. Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with God's people here or throughout the nations. Let us worship God!**

† **HYMN 542** *My Life Is in You, Lord*

## 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** *Choral from Sonata VI* Mendelssohn

**BELL ANTHEM** *Simple Gifts*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *Prayer in F Major* Alexander Guilmant

**\* DOXOLOGY** (No. 815)

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN 589** *Here I Am, Lord*

**SCRIPTURES** Ruth 1:1-8 Hebrew Scriptures, p. 223

**SERMON** *I Will Go with You*

† **HYMN 571** *Trust and Obey*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

† **POSTLUDE** *Postlude in C Major* Thomas

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*Worship Accompanist  
Chancel Choir Director  
Bell Choir Director  
Technical Setup and Operation  
Sound System  
Liturgist  
Greeter  
Usher  
Morning Announcements  
Coffee Hour*

*Elena Taylor  
Joshua Konow  
Barbara Fraunfelder  
Doug Thorn  
Jim Heinrich  
Ted Bickley  
Linda Plain  
Linda Plain  
Irene Joyce  
Rosemary Bechtel*

## PENTECOST 22

November 8, 2015

11:15 A.M.

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### SONGS

55 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

68 *Seekers of Your Heart*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SONG

*I'll Fly Away*

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#### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### GATHERING SONG

*Sanctuary*

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING

*Gospel Changes*  
Gary Hackett

J. Williams

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Ruth 1:1-8

Hebrew Scriptures, p. 223

#### MEDITATION

*I Will Go with You*

#### SONG

30 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

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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

Irene Joyce – Morning Announcements

Lora Rung – Liturgist

Lori Kovatich – Graphics Operation

## NOVEMBER 2015

- 9 Mon Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:30am  
Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm
- 10 Tue Finance Team Meeting, 7pm  
Diaconate Meeting, 7pm
- 13 Fri Women's Fellowship Candy Making, 9:30am
- 15 Sun Decorate for Christmas Outside – after worship  
Newsletter Deadline
- 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
- 30 Mon Journey in Faith Membership Class, 7-9pm

## DECEMBER 2015

- 6 Sun Women's Fellowship Candy Sale  
Poinsettia Order Deadline
- 11 Fri Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance, 7:30pm
- 13 Sun Diaconate Holiday Cookie Sale  
Women's Fellowship Candy Sale
- 15 Tue Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Fri Strongsville City Jazz Fundraiser Concert, 7:30pm
- 20 Sun Children's Christmas Pageant and Potluck Meal, 5pm

### Serving Next Sunday – November 15, 2015

Liturgists	9:45 Pam Keenen	11:15 Betty Craig
Greeters		Lloyd and Barbara Bridle
Morning Announcements		Barb Fraunfelder
Ushers		Lloyd and Barbara Bridle
Coffee Hour		Gina Cathcart
Graphics Operation for 11:15 Service		Vicky Masuga

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 8, 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.

**The altar flowers** are given this morning—

*In Loving Memory of Our Mother and Grandmother, Ruth Saylor  
The McKenzie and Fischer Families*

*In Remembrance of My Mom and Dad and  
Their Passing on November 5  
Gary Paul*

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

*Happy Birthday to Zach Craig on November 13  
With love, Grammy*

**Our love and prayers are extended in sympathy** to Bob, Lori and Rachel Kovatich on the passing of Bob's mother Dorothy in Pennsylvania on Monday, November 2, 2015. A funeral mass was held yesterday at the Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church in Pennsylvania.

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

**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:** Finance Team, 7:00 p.m.  
Diaconate, 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.

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,190		
Offering Received 11/01	Traditional \$2,001	Contemporary \$78 2,079
Difference (\$1,111)		

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

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### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CANDY SCHEDULE**

#### **Make Candy – from 9:30 a.m. to noon or later**

Monday, November 9      Friday, November 13      Monday, November 16

#### **Package Candy – from 10:30 a.m. till finished**

Friday, November 20

#### **Sell Candy – between the two services**

Sunday, December 6      Sunday, December 13

Betty Craig, Candy Chairman

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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.*

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**November 22 is our Church Open House**, in conjunction with the City of Strongsville's Holiday Lighting, when we open our church doors to the community. Volunteers are needed for the live nativity, for providing treats, for serving refreshments, and for various other tasks. Please see the signup sheet in Pilgrim Hall. In addition, we are collecting donations to cover 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.

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### **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 200<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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 Oerkfitz), 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:

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### Thanksgiving Basket Distribution – 2015

Name of Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People in Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults    \_\_\_\_\_ Children

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

