

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are male, female, or transgender,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,
Or a life-long member of the UCC,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

**We welcome one another to this place,
even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!**

WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00

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OCTOBER 27, 2013 – TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Compassionate Holy One, Human history shows us that getting justice has always been a long and difficult struggle. Current events remind us that genuine justice is still denied to many, particularly the poor and powerless. Help us to be aware of the injustices in this world, and persistent in our work for equality and fairness for all people. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

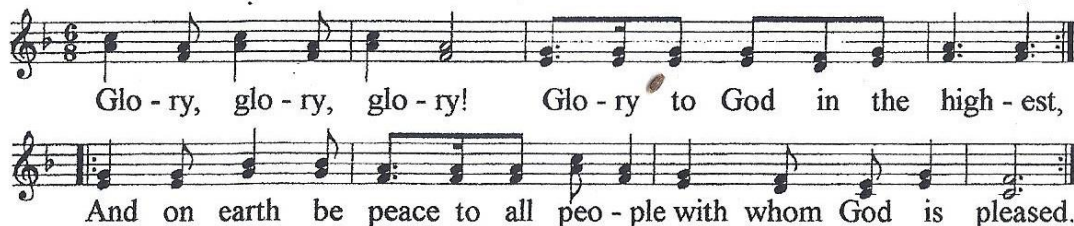
*** Prayer of Invocation [unison]**

Eternal Holy One, we seek your Presence here today. Fill us with a sense of your Being; move us with the power of your Spirit; touch us with faith, hope and love. Come to us and be with us, that we may worship you in this place, and then be prepared to serve you in this world. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Time with Young Worshipers

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism bears witness to the Divine Love and Grace that is extended to each of us at every stage of our lives.

P: Today we celebrate God's love for this child, and offer ourselves as instruments of that love in her life.

L: When parents brought their children to Jesus so that he might touch them, his disciples rebuked them; but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

P: "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Realm of God.

L: Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Realm of God like a little child, shall not enter it."

P: Then Jesus took the children into his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is an outward and visible sign of Divine Grace. Because the promise of the Gospel is not only to us, but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's Church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith.

P: Out of the Water of Holy Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiveness and grace as members of the One Body of Christ.

Promises of the parents and Godparents

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage her to resist the power of evil, and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach and encourage her that she may be inspired to know and follow Jesus Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise to grow with her in the Christian faith, to help her be a faithful member of the Church - by celebrating Christ's presence here, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering her the on-going nurture of the Church?

All: We do, with the help of God.

The Congregational Promise

Pastor: Members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ: Are you prepared to welcome, encourage and pray for Natalie as she grows in faith among us?

People: We promise our love, our support and our care as she lives and grows among us as a child of God.

Old Testament

**New Testament
Continuing Testament**

Musical Offering

Sermon

Hymn of Reflection

The Church at Prayer

**Silent Meditation
Prayers of the Church**

Our Lord's Prayer *[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's theological understanding]*

...Our Father-Mother, 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.

Organ Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

***The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all Blessings flow

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication** [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, Source of our lives and Giver of every good gift: accept these offerings that we present to you today. May they serve as symbols of our love and our commitment to you and to your saving work in this place

and in this world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us all. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

Circle of Fellowship

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallehujah** (3 times) **Hallehujah, Hallehujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it through once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallehujah". The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." are written below the staff. Above the staff, the chords A, E, A, D, Bm, and E are indicated. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." are written below the staff. Above the staff, the chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, and A are indicated.

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doug Lightbody, Nancy Foose, Bill & Ann Toneff, Beth Rehling, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, Effie Pappas, Betty Batsch, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, October 20, 2013 –Adults: 87 Kids: 16 Total: 103

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by

TODAY WE WELCOME

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for refreshments and conversation.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are available in the Upper Commons. Please pick them up to save the cost of mailing.

THE BLESSINGS JAR is for your use to drop in a note and/or money in response to a special blessing you have received during the week. We would like to recognize your blessing in the Pillar if you wish.

YOUR NEW ROOF Look for a display of the "before and after" pictures at fellowship hour today. \$30,000 has been given by very generous members and friends. \$4,330 is still needed to reach our goal.

E-MAIL MESSAGES are a convenient way to keep our congregation informed with timely messages. If you **did not** receive an e-mail last week, we do not have your correct e-mail address. Please pass it along to the church office.

OUR ANNUAL LEAF CLEAN-UP PARTIES will be held on the Sat. mornings of Oct 26 and Nov.16 starting at 8:30 am. Besides blowing leaves to the curb (if you have a blower, bring it), there is pruning and weeding to be done. Bring your favorite tools. A return-address sticker makes a quick way to identify a left behind possession. Good fellowship, fresh air, exercise and refreshments will be provided. See Jim Demko today or call him at 330-659-6324 and commit an hour or more.

DANCE PROGRAM: On Sunday November 10 at 4:00 p.m., Brecksville UCC will host the first program in our 2013-2014 free concert series. Members of the **Nritya Gitanjali School of Indian Classical Dance & Music** (based in Strongsville) will present a program of Classical Indian (Hindu) Dancing. Artistic Director Shoba Narayan will provide an overview of Indian culture and the Hindu religion; she will also discuss the symbolism of the dancers' movements. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. Please plan on joining us for this unique intercultural event. For more information, contact Dave Debick.

FOOD PANTRY items of need are always: canned fruit and vegetables, juice, cereal (hot or cold), Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Toilet Paper, Soap, Toothpaste/Brushes, all Toiletry products. Please, leave your donations in the basket outside of the office door. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Please mark your envelope "Food Pantry."

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

PASTOR DAVE can be contacted at the church office, 440-526-4364 or home at, 440-546-1193. He also be contacted by e-mail buccpastor@sbcglobal.net. Please do not hesitate to contact him if the need arises.

THE READINGS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 10/27/2013	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Tuesday 10/29/2013	10-11:30	CWRU-Mexico
Wednesday 10/30/2013	6 am	Early Birds

	5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday 10/31/2013	1 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Saturday 11/2/2013	9 am	Facilities
Sunday 11/3/2013	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
OCTOBER 27, 2013

LAY READER:	Kathy Pastor
HEAD USHER:	Jon Thompson
USHERS:	Sam Koch, Joanne Cook, Andrew Wilson, Max
Roha	
ACOLYTE:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
PEACE CANDLE:	Drew Demko
SOUND:	Mike Westerberg
COMMONS GRTR:	George Snider
NARTHEX GRTR:	Ruth Morris
FLOWERS:	Kathy Pastor

NURSERY:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
COUNTERS:	Bruce McCain, Anna Mary Fisher
SERVERS:	Darlene Kelly, Celia Kelly
CLEAN-UP:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
SNACKS:	Tia Began & Melissa Lund

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 3, 2013

LAY READER:	Evie Novak
HEAD USHER:	Caroline Chandler
USHERS:	Dave & Julie Bernard, David & Kathy Pastor
ACOLYTE:	Courtnei Began
PEACE CANDLE:	Carli Began
SOUND:	Max Roha
COMMONS GRTR:	Jane Cribbs
NARTHEX GRTR:	Marge Culver
FLOWERS:	Dot Bailey
NURSERY:	Peg Duffy
COUNTERS:	Nancy Stella, Betty Kaul
SERVERS:	Joy Garapic, Robin Coyer-Westerberg
CLEAN-UP:	David & Kathy Pastor
SNACKS:	Max Roha, Marge Culver