

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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NOVEMBER 10, 2013 – TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Merciful God, restore our spirits with the assurance that a way can be made where there seems to be no way. Give us strength and wisdom to see beyond the dark shadows and lead us into your light. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Revive us and enliven us

Krüger

“You tear our fear and our sloth from us.
You are the witness that through us God’s working.
You furnish gifts and God’s grace flows through us.”

Hartmut Handt (b. 1940), trans. Philip R. Dietterich

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Leader: Divine Spirit of Life and Love,

People: You are as near to us as our own breath.

L: Touch our eyes,

P: That we may see you in one another.

L: Open our ears,

P: That we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

L: Enter our hearts,

P: That we may be filled with your compassion toward all people.

L: Come, Holy Spirit of Life and Wholeness,

All: Be with us now; show us the way to new life; and give us the courage to be your faithful, welcoming, and loving people!

***Hymn of Praise**

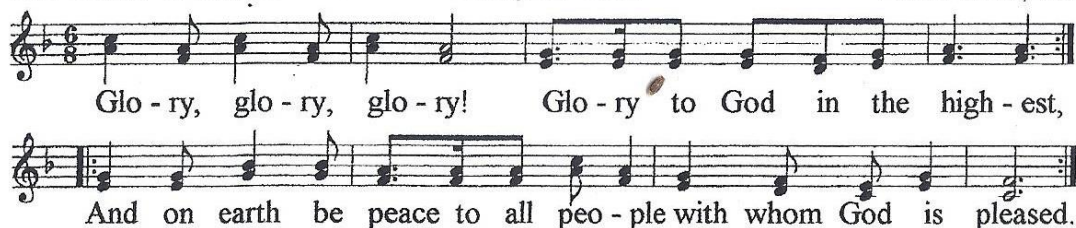
For the Beauty of the Earth

#28

***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy Source of the Universe, we bring to you our wonder. Divine Source of Wisdom, we bring to you our questions. Gracious Spirit of Steadfast Love, we bring to you our praise. Maker of All, we bring you ourselves. In this time of worship, may we be open to receive what you have to offer us, and may we find ourselves strengthened by your Magnificent Presence. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise** **Glory to God** Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament	Psalm 98	Pew Bible, page 551
The New Testament	Luke 20:27-38	Pew Bible, page 84
The Continuing Testament	A Message about <i>Stewardship</i> by	Jim
Duffy		

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering	Teach me, O Lord	Attwood
Sermon	<i>At least the Pharisees were Fair...</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
Hymn of Reflection	Now Is the Time Approaching	#609

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

Récit sur le Cornet

Marchand

***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**

**We offer our whole selves to you, O God, Creator of all things. Help us
remember what a joy and blessing it is, to be able to share our gifts with
one another. As we dedicate these contributions for the work of your
Church, help us also remember all that we can do together as the Living
Body of Christ in this world. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

#77

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, Hallelujah** (3 times) **Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. 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.*



*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Great God, Our Source

Cartford

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doug Lightbody, The Family of Nancy Foose, Bill & Ann Toneff, 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, November 3, 2013 –Adults: 122 Kids: 16 Total: 138

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC on Sunday December 1st at our morning worship service. If you are interested in joining, learning more about membership - or about our congregation or denomination - please talk with Pastor Dave

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR NANCY FOOSE will be held at BUCC on Saturday, November 23rd, at 1:30 pm. A reception will follow in Pilgrim Hall, giving family and friends the opportunity to continue sharing their memories and stories of Nancy's life.

THE BUCC PASTOR'S FUND was established several years ago to provide assistance to people who are facing critical needs. It is primarily used to help with rent or utilities, uncovered medical/medication bills, food gift cards, or emergency aid to

travelers passing through town. Because of increased needs, we are asking that our members and friends consider making a contribution to help increase this fund. Checks can be made out to BUCC, or cash may be placed in a pew envelope, with the notation "Pastor's Fund"

written on the check or envelope. Your generous gift will go a long way in helping our church make a positive difference in the life of a neighbor in need!

HINDU DANCE PROGRAM TODAY AT 4:00: This afternoon Brecksville UCC will host the first program in our 2013-2014 free concert series. Members of **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 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.

ADVENT BOOK there are still a few days that have not been filled. The dates are 12/7, 12/21, 12/29, and 1/2/14. Please see Jon Thompson for more information.

If you have completed your entries, please forward via email to buccoh@sbcglobal.net

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE OF THANKS:

*Dear United Church of Christ,
Thank you for your donation of notebook paper, pens, crayons, glue sticks, Folders, and notebooks. The supplies will help our students become even More successful! We appreciate you!
Sincerely, J. Rizi, Asst. Principal, Marion-Sterling School*

DECEMBER PILLAR DEADLINE IS this Friday 11/15. ***Due to the upcoming Holiday, this will be the last day for submissions.*** Please submit your Pillar information to Jeannette, BUCC Office at buccoh@sbcglobal.net

JOIN US ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 after Worship for our Steward Sunday Thanksgiving Dinner! The Stewardship & Membership Ministries are teaming up to provide Roast Turkey, Gravy and Mashed Potatoes. The congregation provides the rest. Please sign up to let us know what you will share, and let us know how many will be attending. Hope to See you there!

HELP IS NEEDED to decorate the Sanctuary after Worship on Sunday 11/24/13. Please see Caroline Chandler, or Jan Renovetz if you have any questions.

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.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the weekly bulletin and in the monthly Pillar.

OUR NEXT LEAF CLEAN-UP PARTY will be held on Sat. 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.

NOVEMBER FOOD PANTRY items are small canned hams, canned sweet and white potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned mixed vegetables, pie crust mix, canned pumpkin, etc

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

The Old Testament - from *Psalms* 98

O sing to the Holy One a new song, who has done marvelous things! God's right hand and holy arm have been victorious. God has remembered the house of Israel with steadfast love and faithfulness. All the ends of the earth have seen the triumph of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Holy One, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to God the with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Sovereign One.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the waters clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Holy One, who is coming to judge the earth. God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

The New Testament Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the Resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are honored with a place in that age to come, and in the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the Resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised, Moses himself showed, in the story about the burning bush, where he speaks of the Holy One as ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ Now God is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to God, *all* alive!”

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 11/10/2013

10 am

Worship Service

11 am

Coffee Hour

4 pm

***FREE CONCERT* INDIAN CLASSICAL
DANCING***

Tuesday 11/12/2013	10-11:30	CWRU-Mexico Family Promise
Wednesday 11/13/2013	6 am 5 pm 7 pm	Early Birds Recorder/Dulcimer Council
Thursday 11/14/2013	1 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Joyful Noise Seasonal Choir Choir
Saturday 11/16/2013	8:30 am	Leaf Clean-Up
Sunday 11/17/2013	10 am 11 am 5:30 pm 6 pm	Worship Stewardship Sunday Banquet Youth Percussion Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 10, 2013

LAY READER:	Tia Began
HEAD USHER:	Jan Renovetz
USHERS:	Dot & Stu Bailey, Diane Gressley, Linda
Kriynovich	
ACOLYTE:	Lindsey Maier
PEACE CANDLE:	Garrett Demko
SOUND:	Mike Westerberg
COMMONS GRTR:	Betty Gifford

NARTHEX GRTR:	Ann Kelly
FLOWERS:	Carole Snider
NURSERY:	Kathy Pastor
COUNTERS:	David Pastor, Dassie Matsuoka
SERVERS:	Darlene, Emily & Celia Kelly
CLEAN-UP:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
SNACKS:	Sue Maier

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 17, 2013

LAY READER:	Jill Zedan
HEAD USHER:	Max Roha
USHERS:	David Ritchey, Kathy Smith, Beth Rehling, Sue Maier
ACOLYTE:	Ben Davis
PEACE CANDLE:	Grace Hunt
SOUND:	Chad Sproul
COMMONS GRTR:	Fred Pesek
NARTHEX GRTR:	Cliff Cribbs
FLOWERS:	Tina Ortiz
NURSERY:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
COUNTERS:	Donn Whyte, Jim Kaul
SERVERS:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
	THANKSGIVING DINNER