

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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FEBRUARY 2, 2014 – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Grace and Good News, in all our deliberations and musings on matters great or small, may we always apply the values found within the Gospels. Help us to discern and to follow the loving way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Scottish trad. melody

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: Let us praise the Holy One!

P: Let us praise the Creator who has filled the earth with blessings!

L: Let us give thanks to the Gracious One who has filled our lives with joy!

P: Let us worship the Compassionate One who is always with us!

L: Let us gather together in hope and faith,

P: To praise our Divine Source of Life and Love.

L: The Holy One who created heaven and earth, renews and remakes us today!

All: Let our spirits sore to greet our God!

***Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

#4

*** Prayer of Confession** [Unison]

Eternal Holy One, we look to your saving power and grace. Enter those parts of ourselves that disturb us and heal them. Use our broken places as the places where you bring us together in community. Transform our own weakness into compassion for the weakness of others. Give us that graceful combination of humility and self-esteem that we may see ourselves and others as you see us - your restored and loved people. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life.

All: Thanks be to God!

* Passing the Peace

L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

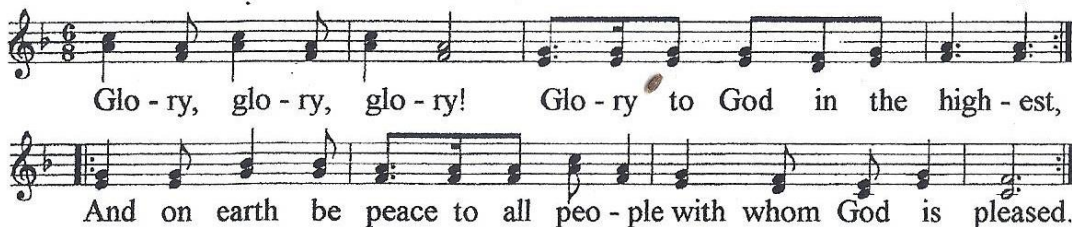
The Peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you!

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, page 866

The New Testament

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, page 4

The Continuing Testament

by Kate Huey

in *Sermon Seeds*

Youth Anthem

Blest Are They
[Joyful Noise Choir]

Haas

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Tubwayhun lahwvday shlama
[Betsey Wilson, flute; Percussion Group]

IndiaJiva

Translation from Aramaic: Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the children of God.

Allaha (Aramaic), Allah (Arabic),

Elohim (Hebrew), Elat (Old Canaanite): sacred names for God.

Sermon

Bribing the Bigwig

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

O for a World

#574

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

Humility

Shaker hymn

"How many fail in growth of soul who climb the barren height,
Where worldly elements control and truth is lost to sight.
The Christian's faith will ever lead where meekness lends her charm,
For only those who find this grace shall win the victor's palm."
Canterbury Village Shakers (New Hampshire), pub. 1908
Canterbury, N. H.

***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]**

**Creator of all, we thank you that you have called us to be your people, the
Church. We thank you that you have given us all that we need to serve you.**

Help us to willingly take our part in your service, by helping one another, by freely giving to those in need, and by sharing the greatest gift we have: the gift of your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our shining Light. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

The Thanksgiving

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in God's presence!

L: Let us give thanks for God's Holy Love!

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

L: It is truly good and right to give thanks to you, O God of Light and Glory, because you have manifested yourself in Jesus Christ, begotten from the heart of your love. And so, with your people of every time and place, we praise your Holy Name, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Communion

Vierne

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

God of all blessings, we give you thanks and praise for Jesus, the Light of the World - the Light that no darkness can overcome. We thank you that you have called us to walk in your light and have nourished us for our journey with this Bread of Life. Fill us with your Spirit and guide us in your way of peace, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

#573

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.

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The first staff has lyrics: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. The second staff has lyrics: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Chords are indicated above and below the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

O Righteous Lord

Norton

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Family of Effie Pappas, Doug Lightbody, Bill & Ann Toneff, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, 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, January 26, 2014 –Adults: 63 Kids: 15 Total: 78

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Bill & Sherrill Witt in appreciation and thanks for a Vibrant, Loving, and Growing Brecksville United Church of Christ.

OUR BUCC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately after worship on **Sunday, February 16th**. Please plan to attend, as we will finalize this year's budget and our Church Council and Ministry Team members.

FREE CONCERT ON FEB. 16: On Sunday February 16 at 4:00 p.m., BUCC will host the **Third Rail Wind Trio** from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The ensemble will perform works by Mozart, Simon and Villa-Lobos. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. We hope you can join us on Feb. 16 to enjoy this highly-recommended student ensemble.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Pastor Dave, Dave Debick, Susan Snyder, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith and I are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have! - Marge Culver.

FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

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.

THE INTERMEDIATE KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL room could use a **cd player**. Please let Tia Began know if you have an extra radio that plays CDs that you could donate to the classroom. We are also in need of: kid friendly magazines for cut-up, solid-ish color fabric material, and clear storage containers with lids, especially shoe box sized. Thanks for thinking of us!

BOWLING PARTY Join us at Northwood Lanes on Sunday, February 23 at 1:00 PM for our Annual Bowling Party. This has always been a fun activity for all ages. Two games

and shoes will be \$6. Pizza and Pop will be provided. Bumper lanes available for our youth. Sign up today with someone from Membership. See you there.

UPCAM BOARD NEEDS YOU! UPCAM is the United Protestant Campus Ministry serving Case Western University, Cleveland State University and Tri-C. As a board member you will help provide guidance and leadership to the Executive Director and serve on a committee or project. If you are interested in applying for a board position, contact board member Edward Lusk. To learn more visit www.upcam.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

OUR COMPLETE WORSHIP SERVICE, including anthems, hymns, etc., is fed by our sound system to our new audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its location so that its continuing feed is not eliminated from the system.

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.

FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY/CRAFT CUPBOARD items are school supplies.

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."

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.

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.

THE READINGS

The Old Testament Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Holy One says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains and you enduring foundations of the earth, the controversy of the Holy One; for the Holy One has a controversy with God's people, and will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what way have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may recall the saving acts of your God."

With what shall I come before the Holy One, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Holy One be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Holy One require of you? To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

The New Testament - Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Realm of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Realm of Heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Continuing Testament - by Kate Huey - in *Sermon Seeds* [edited]

Every day, in this land of affluence and abundance, we confront the reality of those who do not have enough to eat, jobs to support themselves and their families, decent housing, and quality education. The words "foreclosure" and "unemployment" are painfully familiar, day

in and day out. Childhood poverty and hunger persist at distressing levels, even as our cities raise shiny new buildings and upscale shopping centers - and claim we don't have enough money for schools. In the midst of all that, we have more and more children who are in need of our compassion and mercy and generosity....

It seems that part of being "a person of faith" is trying to figure out just what God wants from us. Many of us follow the rules we were given as a child, or the ones that were explained to us as adult converts when we learned "the rules" of religion. And yet, there seems to be a more important moment, or experience, when faith comes to us as something else - as grace, as forgiveness, and as a call - rather than simply rules or expectations. Still, one wonders if we can have a call without expectations.

God indeed has something for us to do in response to Divine grace. More than that, God expects a radical reorientation of our lives, a fundamental commitment to live in covenantal faithfulness. That doesn't mean fastidious religious observance of ritual, even if everyone around us seems to be enthusiastically practicing it. It means getting right down to basics: justice, kindness, and humbly walking with our God.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 2/2/2014	10 am	Worship Service
	11am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday 2/4/2014	10-11:30am	CWRU Parlor
	7 pm	Membership
Wednesday 2/5/2014	6 am	Early Birds
Thursday 2/6/2014	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday 2/9/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Diane Gressley, Linda
Kriynovich, David Ritchey,
Jill Zedan
Acolyte: Ian Stewart
Peace Cndl: Lily Hunt
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Commons: Ann Kelly
Narthex: Marge Culver
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Peg Duffy
Counters: Nancy Stella, Sam Koch
Servers: Darlene, Emily, Celia Kelly
Clean Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks: Ruth Thorp & Lenore Harris
Snow Herder: Bob Chandler

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 9, 2014

Lay Reader: Kate Klonowski
Head Usher: Max Roha
Ushers: Sue Stenzel, Val Duffy,
Beth Rehling, Fred Pesek
Acolyte: Lindsey Maier
Peace Cndl: Ryan Stewart
Sound: Mike Westerberg
Commons: Betty Gifford
Narthex: David Pastor
Flowers: Lenore Harris
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Anna Mary
Fisher
Servers: Carole & George Snider
Clean Up: Jill Zedan, Pat Bailey
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Betsey
Wilson
Snow Herder: Doug Fawcett