

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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MARCH 2, 2014 – LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, we thank you that the imprint of your loving hand is upon each of us and throughout your entire creation. Help us to see and recognize the many ways in which your Spirit can touch and transform us and our world each day. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Kendrick

[Adult & Joyful Noise Choirs, assisted by Percussion Group]

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 Source of Life and Wholeness,

All: Be with us, guide us, and give us the courage to be your faithful, welcoming, and loving people!

***Hymn of Praise**

Sing Praise to God, Creating Still

#22

*** 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.

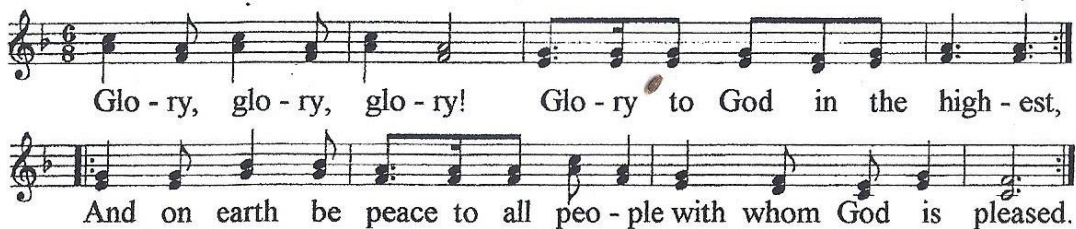
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Exodus 24:12-18

Pew Bible, page 70

The New Testament

Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible, page 18

The Continuing Testament from *A Return to Love*

by Marianne Williamson

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

The Lord Is Great
[Pastor Dave Shackle, trumpet]

Mendelssohn

Sermon

I Can See Right Through You

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Arise, Your Light Is Come

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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

Eternal Light

Marshall

***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]*

**Divine Creator of us all, we thank you that you have called us together to be
your people, and have given us all that we need to faithfully serve you. Help us
to willingly do our part in caring for your world, by caring for those around us,
by giving to those in need, and by sharing with all the greatest gift we have: the
gift of your compassionate grace. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our
shining Example and Light. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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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

Largo appassionato

Beethoven

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Divine Source 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; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#76

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

O for a shout of sacred joy

Parker

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

David Durkit and the Family of Bob Green, The Family of Michelle Rogers, The Family of Betty Batsch, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

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

Attendance Sunday, February 23, 2014 –Adults: 86 Kids: 22 Total: 108

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Diane Gressley in Memory of Pauline Farina.

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent. We begin our Lenten Journey with our annual Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall, followed by a Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00. All are invited to come, to bring a friend, and [if your last name starts with a letter from A through L] to bring a small loaf of bread to share, if you can.

DURING THE LENTEN SEASON Pastor Dave will be leading a Tuesday Evening Bible Study on the seven “I AM” statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John. These sessions will be held from 7:15- 8:30 pm. in Pilgrim Hall. Each of these statements can be studied on its own, so please feel free to attend any or all of these gatherings. Here’s what we will be studying: “I AM...

...The Light Of The World “- March 11th

...The Good Shepherd” - March 19th

...The Bread Of Life / ...The Vine” - March 25th

...The Way, The Truth, and The Life / ...The Gate” - April 1st

...The Resurrection and the Life” - April 9th

FAMILY PROMISE - Tuesday, March 4 at Christ the Redeemer Church in Brecksville: Please consider a donation of food (homemade or store bought) and/or your time to assist in this program which provides temporary shelter to needy families. For more info please see Kathy Pastor, the Chandlers, or Pastor Dave.

BOB GREEN, SPOUSE OF REV. DAVID DURKIT who is pastor of Fellowship UCC in Wickliffe, died on Wednesday, February 26. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 2 at 3:11PM at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church (20401 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River).

CHRISTIAN ED UPDATE:

Lenten Project: What's the first sign of spring for CE? The Lenten Project! This year, the kids would like to raise money to help with local need, and have chosen to support The Centers for Family & Children (thecentersohio.org). As an organization, BUCC regularly supports the Brookside Food Center on Pearl Road through our donations of food and supplies. As part of this project, we will be organizing a trip for the kids to visit Brookside to see how our donations are used to help others in our community.

This year the kids are going to make beaded lanyards for the name tags that they will sell at Fellowship Hour during Lent for between \$5 & \$10. We like this idea because not only is it a fun way for the kids to raise money, but we hope it will also help encourage

members to wear their name tags as they will have one or more *beautiful, handmade lanyards* to show them off with!

This is also a great opportunity to clean out your craft closet or cabinet -- if you have any crafting beads that you would like to donate to the cause, you can give them to any of the kids to take to class. Thanks in advance!

Secondary Room Cleanup: In March we will be working to clean up the Secondary Classroom (2nd - 5th grade) and make it feel more inviting and less like a 'storage room'. We have already reached out to Council to help identify items we need to preserve - if you have anything stored in this room you would like us to watch out for, please contact Sue Maier.

SEASONAL CHOIR: Seasonal choir begins preparing for Holy Week this Thursday March 6 from 7-8 p.m. Rehearsals run weekly on Thursdays during Lent. Holy Week services are scheduled for April 13 (Palm/Passion Sunday); April 17 (Maundy Thursday); and April 20 (Easter Sunday.) If you enjoy singing in a group setting but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a unique opportunity for music, fellowship and spiritual growth as we prepare to commemorate events that are central to our Christian faith. High school students are welcome to participate. CDs will be made available to help with the learning process.

THE BUCC LIBRARY calls your attention to some of our new books: Jesus, a Revolutionary Biography, by John Dominic Crossan; Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words have Lost Their Meaning and Power -- and How They Can Be Restored, by Marcus J. Borg; Forged: Writing in the Name of God -- Why the Bible's Authors Are Not Who We Think They Are, by Bart D. Ehrman; Living Buddha, Living Christ, by Thich Nhat Hanh; When Jesus Came to Harvard: Making Moral Choices Today, by Harvey Cox; The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Islam, by Yahiya Emerick; Looking Around for God: The Oddly Reverent Observations of an Unconventional Christian, by James A. Autry; The Future of Faith, by Harvey Cox; Joshua: A Parable for Today, by Joseph F. Girzone; and a second copy of Infidel, by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Look for these and others on the middle shelf of the red book cart. We also have both new and older issues of Still Speaking, the UCC magazine, on the top shelf of the red book cart.

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

MARCH FOOD PANTRY Items are Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta.

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 members alike, to help us to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

THE READINGS

The Old Testament - Exodus 24:12-18

The Holy One said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Holy One settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Holy One was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The New Testament - Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Continuing Testament - from *A Return to Love* - by Marianne Williamson.

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 3/2/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	12 pm	Kent State Museum Trip
Tuesday 3/4/2014	*Family Promise*	
	7 pm	Membership
Wednesday 3/5/2014	6 am	Early Birds
	5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
	6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7 pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 3/6/2014	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8 pm	Choir
Sunday 3/9/2014	10 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 2, 2014

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard, Fred
Pesek, Sue Maier
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Cndl: Garrett Demko
Sound: Kevin Smith
Commons: Ruth Morris
Narthex: George Snider
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Kate Klonowski
Counters: Nancy Stella, Anna Mary
Fisher
Servers: Joy Garapic, Joanne Cook
Clean Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks: Melissa Lund, Tia Began
Snow Herder: Chad Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 9, 2014

Lay Reader: Lenore Harris
Head Usher: Diane Gressley
Ushers: Carole & George Snider
Joanne Cook, Sam Koch
Acolyte: Courtni Began
Peace Cndl: Drew Demko
Sound: David Pastor
Commons: Linda Kriynovich
Narthex: Mage Culver
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Carole Snider, Kathy Pastor
Servers: Dorie Gabor, Jill Zedan
Clean Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Marge Culver & Kathy Smith
Snow Herder: Matt Wolbert