

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 23, 2014 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Meditation Music

Gracious God, in many different ways you offer us the Refreshing Water of your Life-Giving Spirit. May we be willing to freely offer to others the same kind of gracious, refreshing support and care that you provide for us. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Come Now to the Water
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Peters

“For the Lamb will be our shepherd
and will guide us to the wellsprings
of the water of life.”

Based on Revelation 7:17

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** [from *Psalms* 95]

L: O come, let us sing to the Holy One!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

P: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

L: For the Holy One is a great God, and a great Ruler above all.

P: In God's hands are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains.

L: The sea is God's, for God made it,

P: And God's hands have formed the dry land.

L: O come, let us worship and bow down,

P: Let us kneel before God, our Maker!

L: For the Holy One is our God,

All: And we are God's people!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

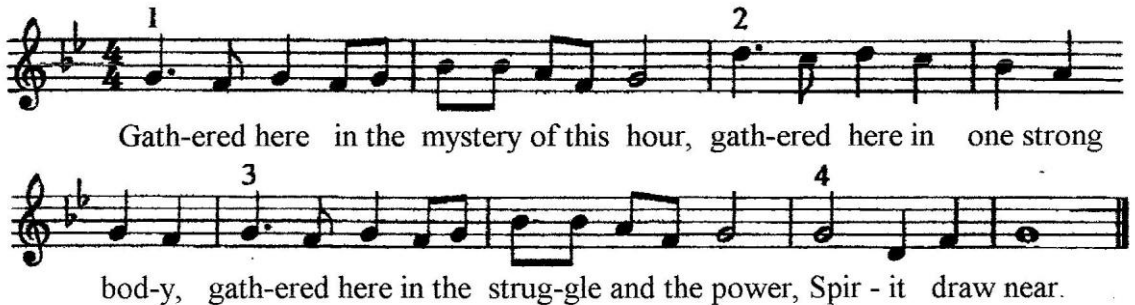
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*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, every day you show your tender care for this world. Through your gracious Spirit, you seek to redeem your creation and to make it whole again. In your great love, you sent Jesus Christ to bind up our brokenness and heal our wounded souls. Grant that we might be receptive to Christ's healing touch today, so that we may freely reach out to others with compassion and grace every day. Amen.

***Song of Praise**

Gathered Here [sung twice]



1 2

Gath-ered here in the mystery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong

3 4

bod-y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

The Old Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible, page 64

The New Testament

John 4:5-30, 39-42

Pew Bible, page 94

The Continuing Testament

from *Light and Warmth*

by John Claypool

Musical Offering

Fill My Cup, Lord

Blanchard, arr. Clark

Time with Young Worshipers

Sermon

Do Talk to Strangers!

Pastor Dave Shackle

*** Hymn of Reflection**

When, like the Woman at the Well

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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

Canzona in F minor

Guilmant

***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]**

We thank you, Gracious God, for the opportunity to take part in your creative and transforming work within this world. Because you have blessed us in so many ways, we have so many blessings to share. May these offerings express our gratitude to you, and our desire to follow you as your faithful people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who graciously gave himself for us all. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

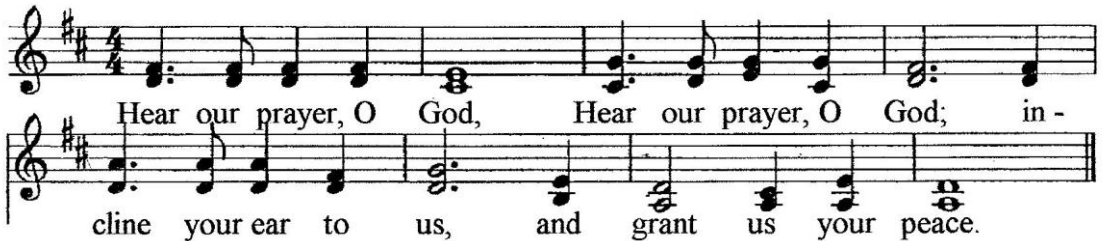
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Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

* Circle of Community

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Hear our Prayer, O God.** After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.



*Benediction

Postlude

O Blessed Spring

Farlee

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jim & Betty Kaul, 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, March 16, 2014 – Adults: 118 Kids: 24 Total: 142

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Max Roha In loving memory of Mary C. Roha on our 68th wedding anniversary and of Lois L. Wallin on her 91st birthday.

A LONG-STANDING LENTEN TRADITION within the Christian Church is to “put away” hymns or verses that contain “Alleluia” - and to set a more reflective tone with our musical selections. The purpose of doing this is so that on Easter Sunday our “Alleluias”

can ring-out with freshness and renewed vigor, as we hail the Risen Christ. This is why we are using a different “Song of Praise” and concluding hymn for the benediction today.

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 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

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING will be received next Sunday, March 30.

Note the bulletin insert highlights the positive effects on clean water in one region of Kenya. Multiply this effort on one country by the number of countries impacted, and you can see the enormity of just the effort to provide clean water. Note also that about One-third of the offering went to support disaster relief from Hurricane Sandy. And there are many other uses for this resource - food, clean water, medicines and medical supplies, shelter, education, and other things. Please respond generously.

EASTER FLOWERS DEADLINE CHANGE Please note that the Deadline to order Easter Flowers has been changed to April 7, 2014 a week earlier than the previous Deadline.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH MINISTRY is making some final touches (and continual updates) to our website at www.brecksvilleucc.org One of the suggestions that we are looking forward to implement is to populate the current pictures (especially on the home page) with pictures/photos from our own church family. In order to do that, we are requesting that you review the social media policy and release form. We want to be sensitive to people's privacy but also celebrate all the wonderful happenings that occur every week at our church. Please complete the social media photo/video release form, copies are in the office. Thanks for your cooperation. If you should have any questions, call Diane Gressley @ 440.417.2675 or digressley@gmail.com

THE BUCC LIBRARY calls your attention to the books for Lent and Easter on the red book cart. Lenten and Easter books for children are included among the children's books on the lowest shelf. The middle shelf contains recently cataloged books for adults. The top shelf contains Lenten and Easter books for adults, along with new and older issues of Still Speaking, the UCC magazine.

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.

MARCH FOOD PANTRY Items are Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta.

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 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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Holy One commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Holy One?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to God, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." God said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested God, saying, "Is the Holy One among us or not?"

The New Testament - John 4:5-30- 39-40

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"

(Jews do not have dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get this living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and who drank from it with his sons and his flocks?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a fountain of water springing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Holy One neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation comes by way of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Holy One in spirit and truth, for the Holy One seeks to be worshiped by such as these. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (who is called the Christ). When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and went on their way to him....

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Continuing Testament - from *Light and Warmth* - by John Claypool

Jesus brought into this world both incredible light and extraordinary warmth. The Gospel of John states that the very expression of God became a human being in Jesus of Nazareth, and those who looked on Jesus found him full of grace and truth. St. Augustine said that Jesus loved everybody he ever met as if that one were the only person in all the world. He loved all as He loved each. Every person who looked into his eyes found an affection looking back at them which said in powerful ways, "What happens to you makes a difference to me." Jesus brought the warmth of God into a cold and lonely world. The Good News is, that same Risen Christ is still available today, to give us light and warmth. If you know your own heart, and know how deep that need for light and warmth truly is, then this really is the best News that any person could ever hear!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 3/23/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday 3/25/2014	10-11:30 am	CWRU - Parlor
	7:15-8:30	Adult Bible Study (Pilgrim Hall)
Wednesday 3/26/2014	6 am	Early Birds
	5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday 3/27/2014	1pm	Bible Study
	4:30 pm	C4C
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8 pm	Choir
Sunday 3/30/2014	10 am	Worship - One Great Hour of Sharing
	11am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 23, 2014

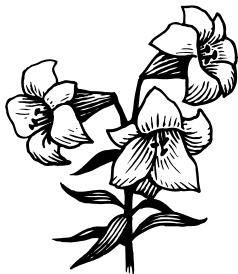
Lay Reader: Max Roha
Head Usher: Evie Novak
Ushers: George & Carole Snider,
David & Kathy Pastor
Acolyte: Benjamin Rehling
Peace Cndl: Garrett Demko
Sound: Chad Sproul
Commons: Sue Stenzel
Narthex: Carole Snider
Flowers: Carole Snider
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Bruce McCain, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Chad Sproul & Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks: Ruthie Thorp, Diane Gressley
Snow Herder: Billy Harris

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 30, 2014

Lay Reader: Spencer Whyte
Head Usher: Max Roha
Ushers: Jim Duffy, Linda
Kriynovich, Dorie Gabor,
Drew Wilson
Acolyte: Ian Stewart
Peace Cndl: Indira Bigelow
Sound: Val Duffy
Commons: Joanne Cook
Narthex: Chad Sproul
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Peg Duffy
Counters: Mac Hoppel, David Pastor
Servers: Dorie Gabor, Caroline Chandler
Clean-Up: Bob Chandler, Lynne Struck
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Lenore Harris
Snow Hrdr: David Pastor

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANTUARY



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Easter with those who are ill or shut-in, or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office

DEADLINE – SUNDAY, APRIL 7

I Enclose \$10.00 _____ or other _____ for Easter Plants

In Memory _____ or Honor _____ or _____

Of _____

Your Name

I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter _____