

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 9, 2014 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Meditation Music

Loving and Gracious Holy One, as we leave what is familiar and find ourselves wandering through a wilderness of confusion and struggle, may we turn to you for guidance and help. Grant us wisdom and flexibility that we may grow together in our faith and in our service. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

When in the hour of utmost need

J. S. Bach

“When in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid,
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought.
Then this our comfort is alone,
That we may meet before Thy throne,
And cry, O faithful God, to Thee
For rescue from our misery.”

Paul Eber (1511-1569); trans. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878)

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - from *Psalm 91*

Leader: Let all those who live in the shelter of the Most High proclaim together:

People: God is our refuge and strength, the One in whom we trust!

L: God delivers you from the snare and from deadly pestilence.

P: We will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day.

L: Because you have made the Holy One your refuge,

P: No evil shall abide with us or overcome us.

L: God will command the angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.

P: On their hands they will bear us up, lest we dash our foot against a stone.

L: When you call for help, God will faithfully answer.

All: God will fill our lives with redemption and blessing!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Lift High the Cross

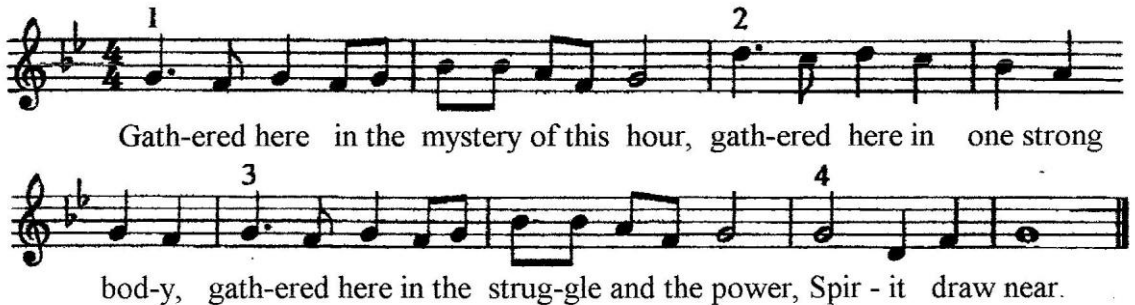
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*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Almighty Creator of our world and ourselves, we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself fully in the person of Jesus Christ, who shared our human life, walking the path of loving service all the way to the cross. Following Christ's example, may we also be willing to give ourselves, and live our lives, for the sake of others. 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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The New Testament

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible, page 3

The Continuing Testament

from *Life of the Beloved*

by Henri Nouwen

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Psalm 131 (Come to the Quiet)
[Betsey Wilson, flute]

Talbot

Sermon

Speak of the Devil....

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days

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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

Give to the Winds Your Fears

Red

"Give to the winds your fears;
In hope be undismayed:
God hears your sighs and counts your tears,
God shall lift up your head."
Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. John Wesley, 1739, alt.

***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**

**Gracious and Merciful Holy One, as we present our gifts at your altar, we pray
that you would warm our hearts and expand our generosity. Help us to
faithfully trust in your loving care for us, so that we might boldly give of our
lives and resources to care for others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Jesus, Still Lead On

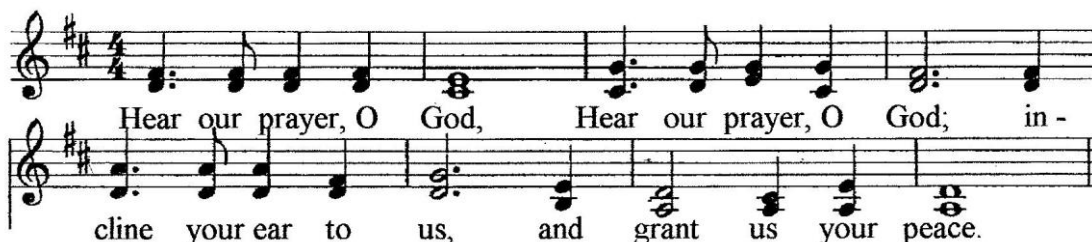
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Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy)

Couperin

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, March 2, 2014 – Adults: 70 Kids: 20 Total: 90

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.

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 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

SEASONAL CHOIR: It’s not too late to join seasonal choir as we prepare special music for Holy Week (April 13-20.) Seasonal choir rehearses on Thursdays during Lent from 7-8 p.m. High school students are welcome. CDs will be made available to help with the learning process.

CORNERD BEEF POTLUCK.....Join us for a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage potluck next Sunday, March 16 after worship. Membership will be serving corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. Please sign up so we know how many places we need to set. Bring a side dish to share (i.e. salad, vegetable, bread, dessert). A free will donation will be taken.

NAOMI KLONOWSKI AND HER MOM will be shaving their heads **BALD** on March 16th for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation to raise money for childhood cancer research! If you’d like to learn more or help us reach our goal by donating, please feel free to visit us on the web! <http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/663108/2014>
We’ll also happily accept donations in person. Your tax deductible donation can be made out to St. Baldrick’s. We’ll also take cash...and hugs! If you’d like to cheer us on in

person, the shaving will take place at New Heights Grill in Cleveland Heights on March 16th, time TBA. Thanks so much!

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.

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.

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.

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 - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

....Now the serpent was more subtle than any other animal that God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil!"

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The New Testament - Matthew 4:1-11

[The following takes place immediately after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, where the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and a voice from Heaven declared, "You are my Child, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased!"]

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written in Scripture, 'God will command the angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms

of the world and their splendor; and said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Sovereign One, and serve only God.’” Then the devil left him, and angels came and ministered to him.

The Continuing Testament - from *Life of the Beloved* - by Henri Nouwen

Yes, there is that voice, the voice that speaks from above and from within and that whispers softly or declares loudly: “You are my beloved, and on you my favor rests.” It certainly is not easy to hear that voice in a world filled with voices that shout: “You are no good, you are ugly; you are worthless, you are despicable, you are nobody - unless you can demonstrate the opposite.”

These negative voices are so loud and so persistent that it is easy to believe them. That’s the great trap. It is the trap of self-rejection. Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection. Success, popularity and power can, indeed, be a great temptation, but their seductive power often comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. For when we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 3/9/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6 pm	Youth Ministry
Tuesday 3/11/2014	7:15-8:30	Adult Bible Study (Pilgrim Hall)
Wednesday 3/12/2014	6 am	Early Birds
	5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
	7 pm	Council (Pilgrim Hall)
Thursday 3/13/2014	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8 pm	Choir
Sunday 3/16/2014	10 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Corned Beef/Cabbage Potluck

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 9, 2014

Lay Reader: Lenore Harris
Head Usher: Diane Gressley
Ushers: Bob & Caroline Chandler
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: Joanne Cook, Kathy Pastor
Servers: Dorie Gabor, Jill Zedan
Clean Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Marge Culver & Jane Cribbs
Snow Herder: Matt Wolbert

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 16, 2014

Lay Reader: Kathy Pastor
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: David Ritchey, Sue Stenzel,
Val Duffy, Jim Duffy
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Cndl: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Max Roha
Commons: Ann Kelly
Narthex: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Kathy Pastor
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow
Counters: Bruce McCain, Dassi
Matsuoka
Servers: Joanne Cook, Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: David & Kathy Pastor
Snacks: Kathy Smith & Anne Melfo
Snow Herder: Joe Wilson

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 13

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 _____