

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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APRIL 20, 2014 – EASTER SUNDAY

Meditation Music

The Good News of the Risen Christ is about love, about inclusion, about having open hearts and open arms. May the Spirit of the Living Christ abide within us this Easter day. And may the grace and peace of Christ fill and guide our lives every day!

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude Easter Medley: Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers Welsh melody / Fishel

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble with Percussion Group]

“Spread the good news o’er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.”

Donald Fishel, b. 1950

Bearing the Light of Peace
Bearing the Light of Christ

Introit

Alleluia

Henkes

[Joyful Noise and Adult Choirs]

***Call to Worship**

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

P: Christ is Risen indeed!

L: Let us praise God, who brings life out of death.

P: Let us exalt in the Holy One, who brings hope out of despair.

L: Let the earth break-forth with gladness!

P: Let the heavens sing-out with joy!

L: For on this day, God’s grace has triumphed;

P: On this day, God’s love has prevailed!

L: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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*** Prayer of Invocation** [unison]

Divine Source of New Beginnings, we rejoice that through Jesus Christ you turn our sorrow into joy, our despair into hope, our defeat into victory. Help us this day to burst out of the tombs that have trapped us: tombs of selfishness, greed, pride, and prejudice. May a new life of grace and love flow forth from each of us, today and every day. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen One who brings us joy! Amen!

***Song of Praise**

Gloria
[sung twice]

The Old Testament	from <i>Psalms</i> 118	Pew Bible, page 565
The New Testament	Matthew 28:1-10	Pew Bible, page 33
The Continuing Testament	from <i>Escape from the Tomb</i>	by Barbara Brown Taylor

Youth Anthem	Jesus Is Alive Today	Trad. East African
	[<i>Joyful Noise Choir with Percussion Group</i>]	

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering	Hallelujah (from <i>Mount of Olives</i>)	Beethoven
	[<i>Betsey Wilson, flute; Pastor Dave Shackle, trumpet</i>]	

Sermon	<i>It's News to Me!</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
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Hymn of Reflection	Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day	#241
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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

We Welcome This Glad Easter Day

Yannerella

***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]*

Wonderful, Amazing God - we thank you that you raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of renewed life. With the joyous celebration of this Good News, may each of us be inspired to find new opportunities to love and serve you, and to witness to the Light and Life of Christ. We ask that you bless our lives and our gifts, to your glory and service. All this we pray in the name of our Risen Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Communion Music

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Handel

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Yours Is the Glory

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

The World Itself Keeps Easter Day from *Piae Cantiones* (Finland, 1582)

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jim & Betty Kaul, Ruth Thorpe, David Durkit and the Family of Bob Green, 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, April 13, 2014 – Adults: 90 Kids: 15 Total: 105

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.

PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION this week. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Pat Jefferis at 440-826-0960.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS Please pick up your Quarterly Statement to help save the cost of mailing.

FREE CONCERT On Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m., Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring virtuoso **violinist Jinjoo Cho**. Ms. Cho, a recent performance graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, has won numerous international violin competitions, and has performed with The Cleveland Orchestra, several Canadian symphony orchestras, Seoul Philharmonic, Kalamazoo Symphony, Louisville Orchestra and CityMusic Cleveland. **Pianist Hyunsoo Kim** will accompany Ms. Cho. He recently completed his Artist Diploma at CIM, and has performed with the University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra, the Newark Symphony Orchestra and numerous community orchestras in the Delaware region. Repertoire on the May 4 program will include works by Mozart, Paganini, Prokofiev and Waxman. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the concert. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us May 4 to hear these outstanding young musicians.

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF BASEBALL AND FAMILY FUN. We have reserved 35 seats at the Akron Rubber Ducks (Double A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians) game on June 1st at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$6.00 per person, and seats are in the stands between home plate and 1st base. We will have our group recognized on the scoreboard; we will get a group photo, and get discounts in the gift shop. Hot dogs will only be \$2.00 and kids will get an opportunity to run the bases. A sign-up sheet will be available at coffee hour. Tickets must be paid for by May 4, so we can confirm our seats.

SPRING YARD CLEANUP is scheduled for Saturdays April 26 and May 3, from 8:30 - 11 or so) am. The church property is again in need of our TLC. On April 26 we will be cleaning up the winter debris and preparing the planting area opposite the south entry for replanting. (See Kathy Pastor's plan elsewhere in this Pillar.) On May 3 we will do the new planting and mulch all beds. Please consider joining our faithful workers for a morning of fellowship, exercise and refreshments. Work starts at 8:30, but you are

welcome to start when you wish and work as long as you like. Bring gloves and your favorite tools. A sign-up sheet will be available after worship downstairs at Happy Hour.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: Summer and vacation time is coming. If you know that you will be out of town in the coming months please let me know either at my phone 440-526-9714 or by e-mail (chandler9143@roadrunner.com). Thank You, Caroline Chandler.

RUTH THORPE'S NEW ADDRESS is 9633 Valley View Rd. #1608 Macedonia Ohio 44056 [Summit Point] She would be happy to receive a visit or note from any of our BUCC Family. Her phone number is [330-468-3969]

APRIL FOOD PANTRY Items are Rice & Tuna.

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 - from Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Holy One, who is good; whose steadfast love endures forever! Out of my distress I called on God, who answered me and set me in a wide and safe place. It is better to take refuge in the Holy One than to put confidence in mortals. It is better to take refuge in the Holy One than to put confidence in earthly rulers. I was pushed so hard that I was falling, but the Holy One rescued me. God is my strength and inspiration, and has also become my saving help. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Holy One does valiantly; the right hand of the Holy One is exalted!" Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God. I thank you, O God, that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The New Testament - Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of God, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Continuing Testament - from *Escape from the Tomb* - by Barbara Brown Taylor [edited]

The Resurrection is the one event in Jesus’ life that was entirely between him and God. There were no witnesses whatsoever. No one on earth can say what happened inside that tomb, because no one was there. They all arrived after the fact. Two of them saw clothes. One of them saw angels. Most of them saw nothing at all because they were still in bed that morning, but as it turned out that didn’t matter, because the empty tomb was not the point. The living being that had once been inside was gone. Clearly, Jesus wasn’t there. He could have stayed put, sitting there all hale and healthy so that everyone could come in and see him, but that’s not what he did.

He had outgrown his tomb, which was too small a focus for the Resurrection. The Risen One had people to see and things to do. The Living One’s business was among the living, to whom he appeared not once but several times. Every time he came to his friends they became stronger, wiser, kinder, more daring. Every time he came to them, they became more like him. Those appearances cinch the resurrection for me, not what happened in the tomb. What happened in the tomb was entirely between Jesus and God. For the rest of us, Easter began the moment Jesus said, “Mary!” and she knew who he was. That is where the miracle happened and keeps on happening - not in the tomb, but in the encounter with the Living Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 4/20/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday 4/22/2014	10-11:30 am	CWRU – Parlor
Wednesday 4/23/201	6 am	Early Birds
Thursday 4/24/2014	1pm	Bible Study
Sunday 4/27/2014	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion

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PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
APRIL 20, 2014 EASTER SUNDAY

Lay Reader: David Ritchey
Head Usher: Max Roha
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard, Jim
Duffy & Val Duffy
Acolyte: Ben Davis
Peace Cndl: Lily Hunt
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Commons: Chad Sproul
Narthex: Dottie Farwell
Flowers: EASTER FLOWERS
Nursery: Kate Klonowski
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Nancy
Stella
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean Up: Bridget Sproul & Jill Zedan
Snacks: Max Roha & Jane Cribbs
Snow Herder: Bob Chandler

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
APRIL 27, 2014

Lay Reader: Sam Koch
Head Usher: Diane Gressley
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor
Beth Rehling, Dorie Gabor
Acolyte: Ian Stewart
Peace Cndl: Ryan Stewart
Sound: Kevin Smith
Commons: George Snider
Narthex: Ann Kelly
Flowers: Ruthie Thorpe
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow
Counters: Mac Hoppel, Dassie Matsuoka
Servers: Robin Coyer-Westerberg &
Joanne Cook
Clean Up: Jan Renovetz, Kathy Pastor
Snacks: Marge Culver & Bridget Sproul