

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 6, 2014 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Meditation Music

Holy Source of Life, the wait for history to turn and for true justice to come, is long. Often we don't understand why, and we easily lose hope. We pray for ourselves and for all those around the World who long for freedom and peace, that our hope in you will remain strong. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Why Has God Forsaken Me?
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Sato (Japan)

“At the tomb of Lazarus
Jesus wept with open grief:
grant us, Lord, the tears which heal
all our pain and unbelief.”
Bill Wallace, 1980

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - from *Seasons of the Spirit*

L: For a new day that follows each night,

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For the seasons of life, their coming and going,

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For the hope of renewed life,

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For the gift of your compassion,

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For your presence with us, here and now,

All: We give you thanks, O God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#42

*** 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**

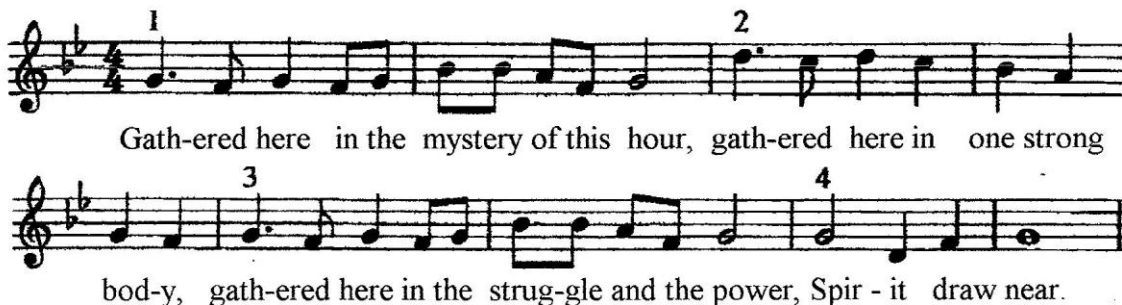
L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

***Song of Praise**

Gathered Here [sung twice]



The Old Testament

Psalm 130

Pew Bible, page 573

The New Testament

John 11:1-44

Pew Bible, page 104

The Continuing Testament from *Lazarus: Miracle and Motive*

by Robb McCoy

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

You Raise Me Up

Graham/Lovland

Sermon

You'll Wake up the Dead!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

As Moses Raised the Serpent Up

#605

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

Andante con moto

Schumann

***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]**

**Gracious Holy One, we offer ourselves with these gifts, confident that you have
a purpose for them and for us. Help us to see and to trust the signs of your
love which surround us every day, particularly in our times of trouble. Open
our hearts to find new ways to serve you and to support others, particularly in
their times of trouble. Renew our compassion and inspire our giving, through
Jesus Christ, our Hope and our Joy. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread Together
[sung twice]

#788

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: Because you have come to us in Jesus Christ, enduring the cross so that we might know eternal life, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, 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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

African-American spiritual

"Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again."

Traditional

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

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

#19

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

Ricercare

Gabrieli

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, March 30 2014 – Adults: 81 Kids: 13 Total: 94

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 Resurrection and the Life - April 8th

HOLY WEEK/EASTER EVENTS

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Holy Communion - 6:30 pm

Tenebrae Service of Shadows - 7:30 pm

April 20 - Easter Sunrise/Communion Service - Brecksville/Highland Cemetery - 6:00 am

Easter Sunday Celebration - 10:00 am

FOR THIS YEAR’S MAUNDY THURSDAY Soup Supper, we are asking those whose last name begin with the letter M through Z to bring a small loaf of bread to share, if they can.

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.

LAST SUNDAY'S ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Offering was \$894! Thank You for your generous gifts to help other in need!

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.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS DEADLINE IS TODAY! Please order your Easter Flowers today. (Order forms in Narthex & Commons area)

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 - Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Holy One, hear my prayers! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O God, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Holy One, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope. My soul waits for the Holy One more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the dawn. O Israel, hope in the Holy One! For with the Holy One there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem. It is the Holy One who will redeem Israel from all iniquities.

The New Testament - from John Chapter 11

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.... So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Rabbi, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jewish authorities were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world....” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him.” The disciples said to him, “If he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. Let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary stayed at home. Martha said to him, “Jesus, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Chosen One of God, the One coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. Those who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Jesus, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and those who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus wept. So they said, “See how much he loved him!” But others said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha said to him, “there is already a stench, because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “My Heavenly Parent, I thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,

“Lazarus, come forth!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Continuing Testament - from *Lazarus: Miracle and Motive* - by Robb McCoy
[edited]

Jesus has the power to turn your life upside down. Jesus offers life, but he also offers a cross. He offers life, but only to those that would turn their life away. He offers comfort, but only to those that mourn. Jesus came to comfort the afflicted, but also to afflict the comfortable... If we don't have at least a little bit of fear about what discipleship really means, than I'm not sure we really get it. Following Jesus can lead people into dark places - uncomfortable places. It can lead us into danger, and bring us into contact with dangerous people. Following Jesus calls us to our pews and our hymns and our rituals, but it also demands that we go out into the world. Jesus calls us to love; and love can sometimes be difficult. Following Jesus means that we have to love, and it's okay if that scares you a little. It should! It means that you're paying attention. It means that you have your eyes wide open to the cost of discipleship.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 4/6/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour & Leadership Development
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
Monday 4/7/2014	7 pm	Spiritual Life
Tuesday 4/8/2014	10-11:30 am	CWRU – Parlor
	7 pm	Membership
	7:15-8:30	Adult Bible Study (Pilgrim Hall)
Wednesday 4/9/201	6 am	Early Birds
	5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
	7 pm	Council
Thursday 4/10/2014	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8 pm	Choir
Saturday 4/12/2014	9 am	Facilities
Sunday 4/13/2014	10 am	Worship
	11am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 6, 2014

Lay Reader: Evie Novak
Head Usher: Anne Melfo, Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Kate Klonowski, Matt Wolbert, Carole & George Snider
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Cndl: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Mike Westerberg
Commons: Kathy Pastor
Narthex: Joanne Cook
Flowers: Lenore Harris
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Bruce McCain,
Anna Mary Fisher
Servers: Celia, Emily, Darlene Kelly
Clean Up: Kathy Smith, Jon Thompson
Snacks: Susan Snyder & Sue Maier
Snow Herder: Wes Novak

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 13, 2014

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Betsey Wilson, Drew Wilson
Acolyte: Lindsey Maier
Peace Cndl: Carli Began
Sound: Dave Bernard
Commons: Bob Chandler
Narthex: Marge Culver
Flowers: PALMS
Nursery: Kara Rees
Counters: David Pastor & Donn Whyte
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Mary Ann Hoppel & Pat
Bailey
Snow Herder: Dan Stewart