

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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MAY 11, 2014 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER’S DAY

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Compassion and Community, you create us not to be alone but to dwell together. As the first disciples discovered ways to nurture one another with material and spiritual gifts, help us to develop generous and joyful hearts. Inspire us and empower us to seek the best for all those in our community and throughout our world. Amen.

Gathering in God’s Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Together We Serve

Damon

“Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God’s love to the last and the least.”
Daniel Charles Damon, 1996

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: Let us praise the Holy One!

P: Let us praise the Creator who has filled the earth with blessings!

L: Let us give thanks to the Gracious One who has filled our lives with joy!

P: Let us worship the Compassionate One who is always with us!

L: Let us gather together in hope and faith,

P: To praise our Divine Source of Life and Love.

L: The Holy One who created heaven and earth, renews and remakes us today!

All: Let our spirits soar to greet our God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

#4

***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Source of Life and Love, we praise you that you have not abandoned us to the fearful forces of sin, death and despair, but have raised us up anew. In this time of worship and throughout all our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. Strengthen and inspire us as individuals and as a

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

Spring Song

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]*

**Divine Creator of us all: All good gifts around us come from you. You have
given us life and new life in Christ. May our giving be acceptable in your sight,
and may our gifts and our lives be used to serve you and to serve others. This
we pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us all.
Amen.**

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

#18

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

Fugue in D major

Glinka

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lee Sanderson, Jill Black (Jim Duffy's Aunt), Jim & Betty Kaul, Ruth Thorpe, 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, May 5, 2014 – Adults: 98 Kids: 16 Total: 114

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 Fred & Connie Pesek in Honor of their Mothers.

LAST WEEK, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ filed a lawsuit against Officials in the State of North Carolina, arguing that the state's marriage laws violate the

First Amendment rights of clergy and the principle of “free exercise of religion.” The State of North Carolina makes it a misdemeanor for clergy to officiate a marriage ceremony without determining whether the couple involved has a valid marriage license from the State. For those United Church of Christ clergy interested in conducting a religious Marriage ceremony for same-gender couples, these clergy could be subjected to up to 120 days of jail and/or probation and community service if found out.

Amendment One and other marriage laws in North Carolina are the only laws in the country that not only limit a domestic legal union to a covenant between a man and woman, but also make it a Class 1 misdemeanor for a minister to perform a marriage ceremony for a couple that hasn’t obtained a license. The UCC believes that this prohibition and penalties also apply to a minister performing a religious ceremony not intended to result in a legal marriage.

HERE’S A MOVING STORY....I now reside at 7025 Carriage Hill Drive #201, Brecksville. My home phone number remains the same. And I am truly grateful for all the help and support I received from BUCC members and friends throughout this entire adventure! Pastor Dave

THE PLOT THICKENS! *Attention All Gardeners:* There has been conversation about using a little plot of our land in back to grow some vegetables, flowers, and herbs. If you are interested in making this happen, please contact Marla Corrado at marlacorrado@hotmail.com or 440-382-5493. It would be great to put that space to good use, and to come up with a plan for using some of the goods grown to spread the love!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY IS COMING! Saturday, May 25, is our first pickup of the year. If you are even remotely thinking of joining our group at any time this year, **it is necessary that you read ODOT's Safety Briefing and sign up NOW.** Please see Jane Cribbs at Fellowship Hour this Sunday or May 18th. We will be alternating Saturdays & Sundays. The more the merrier--please join us!

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]

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedules in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the weekly bulletin and in the monthly Pillar.

DID YOU MISS last week's sermon or just want to review it again? Pastor Dave's sermons are now available on the church's web page: www.BrecksvilleUCC.org. Our services are recorded each Sunday. The CD's are in the office to borrow to listen to or to take to a shut-in.

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.

MAY FOOD PANTRY Items are Infant Formula, Baby Food, and Diapers.

ITEMS LEFT IN OFFICE are on the increase again! Please leave a note to let us know where these items are intended to go. Thank you!

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 - Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 17-19

So now, O Israel, what does the Holy One require of you? Only to revere the Holy One, to walk in all God's ways, to love God, and to serve the Holy One with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and decrees of your God that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.... For the Holy One is mighty and awesome, not partial and takes no bribe. The Holy One executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt.

The New Testament - Acts 2:37-47

Now when the crowd heard Peter's words, their hearts were deeply moved and they said to Peter and to the other apostles, "What should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone to whom the Holy One calls." And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt

generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the praying of prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread in their homes and shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day God added to their number those who were being saved.

Continuing Testament - from *The Chance for Peace* - by Dwight D. Eisenhower

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. The cost of one modern heavy bomber is this: a modern brick school in more than 30 cities. It is two electric power plants, each serving a town of 60,000 population. It is two fine, fully equipped hospitals. It is some fifty miles of concrete pavement. We pay for a single fighter plane with a half million bushels of wheat. We pay for a single destroyer with new homes that could have housed more than 8,000 people.... This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 5/11/2014

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour

Wednesday 5/14/2014

6 am Early Birds
5 pm Recorder/Dulcimer
7 pm Council

Thursday 5/15/2014

1pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 pm Choir

PILLAR DEADLINE

Sunday 5/18/2014

10 am Worship Service/Baptism
11 am Coffee Hour
Hunger Meal
5:30 pm Youth Percussion

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 4, 2014

Lay Reader:	Jill Zedan
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz & Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Jan & Cliff Cribbs, Dottie & Jim Farwell
Acolyte:	Courtnei Began
Peace Cndl:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Val Duffy
Commons:	Betty Gifford
Narthex:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Mac Hoppel
Servers:	Dorie Gabor, Joy Garapic
Clean Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Marge Culver, Lenore Harris

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
MAY 11, 2014

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Bridget Sproul
Ushers:	Dorie Gabor, Fred Pesek, David Ritchey, Sue Maier
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Cndl:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Max Roha
Commons:	Chad Sproul
Narthex:	Evie Novak
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Peg Duffy
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Don Whyte
Servers:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg, Joanne Cook
Clean Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks:	Diane Gressley & Sue Maier

We received this in the mail this week

Dear Friends at Brecksville UCC Youth Group,

On Behalf of the staff & families of Brookside Center, we would like to thank you for your hard work in selling lanyards. The money you collected will help provide food for some of the 800+ families that we serve each month.

It is because of generous, concerned, giving and kind hearted people like you, that we are able to make an impact on the lives of people who are struggling through tough economic times.

Keep up the good work & remember that you do make a difference.

Sincerely,

Heidi Bonness, Administrative Assistant
Brookside Hunger Center

