

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 4, 2014 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Meditation Music

Compassionate Holy One; open our eyes to the plight of the poor. Open our minds to recognize the systems and cultures that cause unnecessary poverty. And open our hearts to seek new ways to live more simply, so that others may simply live. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Open the Eyes of My Heart
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Baloche

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: This is the day that our God has made;

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: The energizing power of the Divine Spirit bursts forth all around us;

P: In flowers and buds, in smiles and hugs, we discover our Creator's Presence.

L: Our Holy Source has not forsaken us;

P: The Holy One has not forgotten us.

L: Like a loving Mother and Father,

P: Our Divine Creator holds us close.

L: God's everlasting love rests upon us,

All: In the Holy One's gentle care, we are held secure!

***Hymn of Praise**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

#21

*** 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**

Gloria
[sung twice]



The Old Testament

from II Samuel Chapter 7

Pew Bible, page 281

The New Testament

Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible, page 90

The Continuing Testament

from *Bread for the Journey*

by Henri Nouwen

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Emmaus

Alonso

Sermon

I Thought he Looked Familiar!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Now the Green Blade Rises

#238

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

Let Us Enter into Covenant

Farrell

"Let us enter into covenant with Christ,
celebrating the eucharist of love.
Let us take a little bread and wine,
lift up the chalice of the King."
Norbert Farrell (St. Vincent)

***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]

Risen Christ, we give thanks that you continue to walk among us, bringing new life and renewed hope to all people. Help us to recognize you in the lives and faces of others. Open our eyes, that we might open our hearts to generously offer our support and care to those in need. By the power of your Spirit, inspire our giving and our living, so that we might continue to serve you with joy! Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

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: It is truly good and right to give thanks to you, O God of Grace and Glory, Spirit of Life and Love. Because you have raised Christ up to newness of life, we now raise our voices with your people of every time and place, praising your Holy Name and 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

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Glorious Holy One, we give thanks that you have blessed us with the presence of the Risen Christ at this Table of Grace. Grant that now, renewed and refreshed in spirit, we may carry Christ's forgiveness, compassion, and peace with us into all the world! Amen!

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
[verse 1]

#77

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

I Wander Deep in Thought

Grieg

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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, April 27, 2014 – Adults: 77 Kids: 14 Total: 91

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 Vic & Vicki Szabo in Honor of Vic & Vicki's 36th Wedding Anniversary.

MONDAY, APRIL 28TH, 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.

THIS AFTERNOON at 4:00 p.m., Brecksville UCC is hosting 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.

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!

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]

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 - from II Samuel Chapter 7

Thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Holy One: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.... When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you and will establish his realm. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his realm forever. I will be a parent to him, and he shall be a son to me.... I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from

before you. Your house and your realm shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The New Testament - Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day [the first Easter] two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?”

They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Continuing Testament - from *Bread for the Journey* - by Henri Nouwen

Whenever we come together around the table, take bread, bless it, break it, and give it to one another, saying, "The Body of Christ," we know that Jesus is among us. He is among us not as a vague memory of a person who lived long ago, but as a real, life-giving presence that transforms us. By eating the Body of Christ, we become the living Christ and we are enabled to discover our own choseness and blessedness, acknowledge our brokenness, and trust that all we live, we live for others. Thus we, like Jesus, become food for the world.

When we gather around the table and break bread together, we are transformed not only individually but also as community. We, people from different ages and races, with different backgrounds and histories, become one body. As Paul says, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we share in the one bread." As one body, we become a living witness of God's immense desire to bring all peoples and nations together as the one family of God.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 5/4/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	4 pm	*Free Concert* Jinjoo Cho, Violin, Hyun Soo Kim, Piano
Tuesday 5/6/2014	7 pm	Membership
Wednesday 5/7/2014	6 am	Early Birds
	5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday 5/8/2014	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday 5/11/2014	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour

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: Courtni 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