

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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JUNE 1, 2014 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, we know that we are one human family sharing one world together. Yet we have spent so much of our history in conflict with each other, and so much of our energy defining ourselves over and against others. Teach us the deep truth of our relationship with one another, our whole planet, and with you. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

Cooke

[Dedicated to our Christian Education teachers and adult education leaders].

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: The Holy One says, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

P: Come, even those with no money, come buy and eat!"

L: We have come to feast on the Living Bread,

P: That we might minister to the world's hungers.

L: We have come to drink from the Water of Life,

P: That we might minister to the world's thirsts.

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

P: For they shall be satisfied!

L: Blessed are those who serve God by serving others.

All: For they shall know that the Holy One is with them!

*** Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your One Family, to care for your world and all within it. You challenge us to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring hope and comfort where there is grief and despair. Forgive us when we fail to do so. Mend our broken human family. By your Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power of your amazing and abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Brother, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: People of God, rejoice and give thanks! God's gracious Spirit is here with power to heal our brokenness, forgive our sins, and fill us with newness of life and purpose!

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 all!

P: And also with you!

***Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

The Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1-6

Pew Bible, page 641

The New Testament

Matthew 25:31-40

Pew Bible, page 28

The Continuing Testament

by Drew Wilson

in our June *Pillar*

Musical Offering

We Are One

Chris de Silva

Celebrating Our Christian Education Ministry

Sermon

That's Pretty Amazing!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

O God, Who Teaches Us to Live

#359

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

Praise God
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Carnatic tamil (India)

"Zion, your Savior comes to you.
He will seek and find you
though you try to evade his searching.
Zion, your Savior comes to you.
Come to meet your Savior!"

V. Masillamony Iyer (20th century), tr. Daniel T. Niles, 1908-1970, 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** [Unison]

**We remember and give thanks, Gracious Holy One, that you provide for all of
our needs. Your love strengthens and sustains us. Your bounty makes possible
our giving of self and substance. Help us to be truly generous, that we may
inspire generosity in others. Use us and our gifts for your loving service, that
your blessings might freely flow. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who
lovingly gave himself for us all. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

As we Gather at Your Table
(verse 1)

#332

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: We thank you, O Holy One, for sending us teachers and prophets to instruct and guide us in your gracious ways. Strengthen us all, so that we might serve you, in serving the entire human family. In gratitude for all your blessings, we praise your holy name, 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

Lamb of God

Paris

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

#531

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

Toccata No. 6 in G major

Scarlatti

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 25, 2014 – Adults: 75 Kids: 14 Total: 89

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for refreshments and conversation.

TODAYS FLOWERS are given by Kurt and Lee Sanderson in Celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

TODAY IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY! Thanks SO MUCH to all our teachers and students for everything they have done to make this past year a great one! We are also thankful to again have George Costanzo teaching throughout the Summer, beginning next week. Students of all ages [starting June 8th] will meet together in the Early Elementary classroom. We would like to encourage our older students to help in the classroom when they are able.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING Next Sunday, June 8, we will receive an offering known as Strengthen the Church. The funds will aid in assisting young churches to grow and develop. Also, the funds will be used to revitalize established Churches by invigorating worship services and energizing new programs. This offering is one way of spreading the good news that God is still Speaking.

WHAT A GREAT PROBLEM TO HAVE! Even with a good number of us regularly parking at Central School, we continue to have a bit of a parking “problem”. In an effort to remain hospitable to our visitors and help those arriving late, we ask that others of you who can readily do so, park in the school lot next door. This is just another way in which we can signal our desire to be accessible and welcoming to all.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC on Sunday June 22nd at our morning worship service. If you are interested in joining, learning more about Membership - or about our congregation or denomination - please talk with Pastor Dave.

BRECKSVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS [BCA] is offering “The Art Zone” - an opportunity for families with children (toddler to pre-K) to participate in free drawing, craft, and other art-related activities. BCA provides supplies, craft ideas, color pages and books to help children create. Parents are required to be with the child(ren) at all times. Summer Art Zone hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00-2:00. No registration is required. For information about BCA, please visit www.brecksvillearts.org

OUR ADOPTED--HIGHWAY NEEDS A NEW PARENT! After approximately 15 years of taking care of our BUCC Adopt-A-Highway program, Jane Cribbs is ready to let that baby leave the nest. We are looking for a new parent or guardian to keep a watchful eye on this program. This involves coordinating information with the Ohio Department of Transportation, scheduling events with Pastor Dave, and encouraging our members and friends to sign-up and participate. Mindy Harris and Jesse Wade will continue their good work with the events. Please talk to Jane or Pastor Dave if you are willing to help with this.

LET’S SEE THOSE BEAUTIFUL FACES! If you haven’t yet done so, please sign a Photograph & Video Release Form and return it to the Church Office. We continue to gather some marvelous pictures of BUCC events that would make our great website even greater. However, we want to respect those who may not want their picture included. Therefore, we will only post images of those who have a signed release form in our Records. Thank You!

2014 GAY GAMES HOSTING/HOUSING The 2014 Gay Games presented by The Cleveland Foundation are coming to Cleveland+Akron from August 9-16. The Games will welcome more than 10,000 participants and nearly 20,000 guests to the cities, with individuals participating in more than 35 sport and culture events over the course of the week. We are looking for people to open their home for that week, allowing one or more participants to stay with them during their visit. You don't need to feed the participants or drive them to their events, though you are welcome to do so. This is a fun way to be more involved in the in the Games and meet people that are visiting from around the world! If you are interested in signing up as a host or learning more, please contact Chelsea Kertes at ckertes@gg9cle.com or 1.216.479.6314.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM: If you'd like to share your musical gifts with our congregation and visitors at a Sunday service over the summer months, please see Dave Debick after church. Volunteer singers and instrumentalists are welcome to choose their own music, or Dave can help you find a piece you like. Rehearsal(s) beforehand as necessary so everyone feels comfortably prepared. For those who might be interested but have never presented music before at one of our Sunday services, please know that you couldn't ask for more supportive, affirming listeners!

THE BUCC LIBRARY needs a new computer laser printer. If you have a computer printer that you are not using and could donate, please contact Max Roha at 440-667-3982 (rohasark@sbcglobal.net) or Susan Snyder at 440-582-8884 (ssnyder44147@gmail.com). Thank you.

JUNE FOOD PANTRY Powdered and canned Milk.

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 - Isaiah 11:1-6

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Holy One shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Holy One. He will delight in showing reverence for the Holy One. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or

decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. He shall shake the earth with the power of his speech, and with the breath of his mouth he shall dispel the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and with faithfulness he will gird his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion shall dwell peacefully together, and a little child shall lead them.

The New Testament - Matthew 25:31-40

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. Then he will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Heavenly Parent, inherit the realm prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the Sovereign will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it unto me.'

The Continuing Testament - by Drew Wilson - in our June Pillar [edited]

My School, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, has a Semester-long assignment where you have to come up with 8 hours of service every Semester. At first, I didn't know what I thought of this idea. But as I started to do things like Adopt-A-Highway with my friends from church for only an hour per Sunday, we have made a section of a highway much better, with an added bonus of self-pride. Another fun opportunity I've had was with the Hunger Meal. We go to a church in Cleveland, and have a chance to catch up with local church members. We get to make food from scratch, and put it on plates and trays, following the preparation of the meals, we pass them out and help with whatever the guests may need during the meal. This includes getting them refills on drinks, another utensil/napkin, sugar and cream packets, and serving desserts. When they are done, if we're lucky, we can give some of them seconds to take home. Also, you get to interact with the members of Christ's family and share some time together.

I also had a chance to go to Brookside Hunger Center. I learned how to organize and distribute food to people not as fortunate as we are. I like to see how much time and effort the workers, and even volunteers, put in to help others. It's nice to see how hard people try to get others back on track. I have learned that I do not only do this for service hours, I do this for the fun, and because God sees what you do. God would love to see everyone pitch in and help a neighbor and/or your community.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 6/1/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	11 am	Leadership Development
	2 pm	Akron Rubber Ducks Baseball
Tuesday 6/3/2014	7 pm	Membership
	10-11:30	CWRU - Parlor
Wednesday 6/4/2014	6 am	Early Birds
	5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday 6/5/2014	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday 6/8/2014	-Pentecost Sunday-	
	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	-Strengthen the Church Offering- -Music Appreciation-	

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
JUNE 1, 2014

Lay Reader: **Stu Bailey**
Head Usher **Jill Zedan**
Ushers: **Julie & Dave Bernard**
 Kathy & David Pastor
Acolyte **Carrie Coyer-Westerberg**
Peace Cndl: **Amy Coyer-Westerberg**
Sound: **Mike Westerberg**
Commons Grtr: **Jane Cribbs**
Narthex Grtr: **Chad Sproul**
Flowers: **Dorie Gabor**
Nursery: **Marla Corrado**
Counters: **Nancy Stella, Dassie Matsuoka**
Server: **Caroline Chandler**
Clean Up: **Bob Chandler**

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
JUNE 8, 2014

Lay Reader: **Ed Lusk**
Head Usher: **Bob Chandler**
Ushers: **Dorie Gabor, Diane Gressley**
 Sam Koch, Fred Pesek
Acolyte: **Grace Hunt**
Peace Cndl: **Lily Hunt**
Sound: **Dave Bernard**
Commons Grtr: **David Pastor**
Narthex Grtr: **Max Roha**
Flowers: **Betty Gifford**
Nursery: **Robin Coyer-Westerberg**
Counters: **Stu Bailey, Kathy Pastor**
Servers: **Dottie Farwell**
Clean-Up: **Pat Bailey**