

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 22, 2014 - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Jesus, you call us to live our faith in a world filled with tension. As you bring peace to the world, you also disrupt our peace – turning our lives upside down. As we strive to do those loving, yet difficult things you ask of us, may we remain confident in your constant love for us all.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

J. S. Bach

“Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let Thy truth within us shine.”

Wilhelm IV of Sachsen-Weimar (1598-1662); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

A New Creed

#887

*** Hymn of Praise**

For the Beauty of the Earth

#28

*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, be with us now and stay with us always - as we worship, as we work, as we share the challenges of living our faith each day. By the power of your Holy Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Touch us with your Life-changing Love, and speak to us through your Compassionate Word. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Friends in Christ, each of us are received into the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We find strength and support to live-out our baptism, by connecting with a local faith community. Today, we rejoice that our faith journeys have brought us to this time and place. We give thanks that the Holy Spirit has led us to Brecksville United Church of Christ;

and that on this day we can welcome others who desire to officially claim and celebrate this Family of Faith as their own.

Questions to our new members

I ask you:

Do you desire to affirm your faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Do you promise to show your dedication to Christ, by showing love and compassion to others?

Do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the Church, by celebrating Christ's presence here and furthering Christ's mission in the world?

***Affirming our BUCC Covenant of Membership [in unison]**

Believing in God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior, we dedicate ourselves and our church to the service of God's Realm. Depending as did our fathers and mothers upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us in truth, we covenant with God and with one another to worship, work, and serve together, that we may express through our church and our lives, the love and faith of Jesus Christ.

***Words of Welcome**

Let us, the members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ, express our welcome to these new members and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

P: We welcome you with joy into the life of this congregation. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and work of the Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in Divine knowledge and love, and be faithful witnesses of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

***Prayer [Unison]**

L: Let us pray.

All: Gracious Holy One, we are grateful that you have called us to faith and have welcomed us into the Church, the Body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this place, and the opportunities we have to build-up one another in love. May your compassion - and our own - continue to flow within this faith community, and throughout the world! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

***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 image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 6/8 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line with repeat dots at the end. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Old Testament

Psalm 86:1-12

Pew Bible, page 544

The New Testament

Matthew 10:24-39

Pew Bible, page 10

The Continuing Testament

from *Sarah Laughed*

by Sarah Dylan Breuer

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

What a Wonderful World
[Vic Szabo, bass]

Weiss/Thiele

Sermon

Oh, ***Those*** Family Values!

Pastor Dave Shackles

Hymn of Reflection

O Jesus, I Have Promised

#493

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

All of My Life

Colligan

“All of my life, one thing I long for;
all of my life, one thing I live for:
to see your holiness in all of my life.”
Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2006

***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]**

Giving God, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, for the ways in which we see your glory in all creation. Most of all, we thank you for caring for us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another. May these offering help promote faith in you and honor to your name, our Creator, our Savior, and our Sustaining Spirit. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#76

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 Lord of Heaven Confess

Attr. to W.H. Havergal

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Don & Eleanor Kusa, 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, June 15, 2014 – Adults: 125 Kids: 21 Total: 146

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.

WE WELCOME INTO BUCC MEMBERSHIP TODAY Jill Black; Brian, Danielle and Claire Esser; Loran Haines and Cassy Martinez; Kelly McCreary; James, Valerie and Amelia Tyler May God continue to bless our newest members and all of us celebrating with them today!

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH MINISTRY is hosting a refreshment and information stand behind the church during Brecksville Home Days. The hours are Friday and Saturday, June 27th & 28th, 6 to 9 PM. If you like to stop by and help out, any time period donation is welcome. Please contact Ed Lusk at 440-655-1702. Thank you for helping BUCC reach out to our community.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Our next "clean-up party" is Sunday, June 29, following a brief coffee hour. Please see Vic Szabo today at coffee hour to read the safety policy & then sign ODOT's release form. There is also a parent/guardian release form to be signed for any children age 12-18.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE: The schedule is posted now in the narthex at the foot of the choir loft stairs. Dave will email schedule directly to volunteer musicians also. Many thanks to everyone who signed up to sing or play an instrument over the summer months! Musicians are welcome to choose their own pieces, or Dave D. can help you select music. Rehearsal(s) are scheduled to maximize each volunteer's comfort level.

MISS MINDY'S CLASS: one person's trash is our treasure! Miss Mindy's class is looking for your old containers, jars, egg cartons, etc. Please bring in your old pudding, yogurt, butter containers, old pickle, and baby food jars. Please drop off items at Miss Mindy's Classroom.

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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION come one, come all to Donn Whyte's house on Thursday, July 3 at 8 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share. BYOB. Special show begins at 10 PM. Bring a chair.

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!

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 - Psalm 86:1-12

Incline your ear, O Holy One, and answer me, for I am miserable and in needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, for to you do I cry-out all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Gracious One do I lift up my soul. For you, O Merciful One are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Sovereign One, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O Holy One, that I may walk in your truth; give me a true heart to revere your name. I give thanks to you, Gracious God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

The New Testament - Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus says, “A student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above the master; it is enough for the student to be like the teacher, and the servant like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing is secret that will not be revealed. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Heavenly Parent’s knowledge. Even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Heavenly Parent; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Heavenly Parent. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a son against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the

cross and follow me is not worthy of me. For those who would save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Continuing Testament - from *Sarah Laughed* - by Sarah Dylan Breuer [edited]

Sooner or later, if you're a part of Christ's ministry, you'll find yourself making contact with wounded people, who are likely to respond to any attempt at ministry with confusion, anger and anguish. Wounded people often have a hard time trusting the motives of anyone who tries to participate in their lives. The best thing that you or I can do in a situation like that is to simply be present and loving; that's the only way to disrupt the cycle of pain and violence. That's hard to do, though, when someone is responding to your efforts to help, with distrust and anger. In a situation like that, we're understandably tempted to withdraw, or even to lash out with anger ourselves. I think part of what makes us feel that way, is that contact with another person's deep wounds often reminds us of our own wounds and vulnerabilities that we've tried to forget.

That's why we who seek to carry forward Christ's ministry must remind ourselves to stay grounded in God's unwavering love. When we remember how much and how unconditionally God loves and values us, we won't be thrown off-center by anyone's attempts to make us feel as worthless as they do. When we remember how powerful God's healing love is, we won't have to flee from those things or people that remind us of our own vulnerabilities and wounds. And when we remember what God's love looks like in the person of Jesus Christ, we will know how to respond. The Christ-like ministry that we embody can't be stopped by anger, hatred or violence. As the story of Easter reminds us, even death itself cannot stop the Eternal Spirit of Life and Love.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 6/22/2014	10 am	Worship Service – New Members
	11 am	Coffee Hour/Strawberry Social
Wednesday 6/25/2014	6 am	Early Birds
Thursday 6/26/2014	1pm	Bible Study
Sunday 6/29/2014	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour
		Car Wash

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 22, 2014

Lay Reader: David Pastor
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Joanne Cook, Val Duffy
Sue Stenzel, Max Roha
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Cdle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Mike Westerberg
Comm Grt: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Bruce McCain, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Janet Nicholas
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
JUNE 29, 2014

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Kate Klonowski, Matt Wolbert
Heidi Spangler, Spencer Whyte
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Cndl: Ryan Stewart
Sound: David Pastor
Comm Grtr: Paul Nicholas
Narthex Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Lenore Harris
Nursery: Peg Duffy
Counters: Mac Hoppel, Kathy Pastor
Servers: Sue Stenzel
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