

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

Church Phone: 440-526-4364

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JULY 27, 2014 – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

God of creation, you make us to dwell with one another. Help us understand our own context. Help us discern the signs of the times. Make us ready to learn and grow that we may be trustworthy and live by the promises we make. In Christ we pray. Amen

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

To God Alone On High Be Glory

Pachelbel

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: God of good times and bad,

P: Thank you for calling us here today.

L: We gather to know, love and serve you,

P: And we do this in the people you put in our lives every day.

L: Make us light!

P: Make us leaven!

L: Make us yours

All: At the service of the world!

*** Hymn of Praise**

God Is Truly with Us

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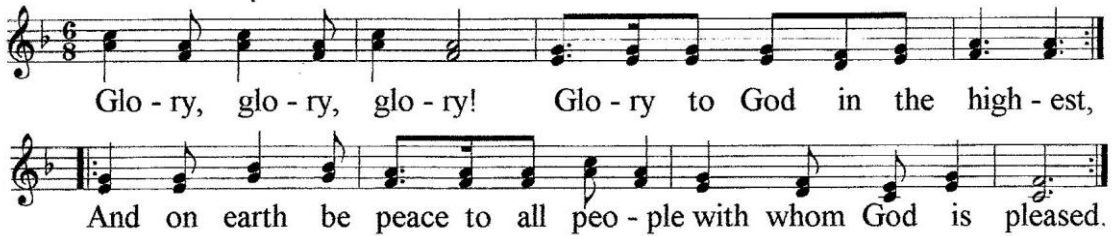
*** Prayer of Invocation [unison]**

**Good and Gracious God,
Without you, nothing is holy.
With you, everything is sacred.
Open our eyes
That we may have the wisdom
to read your love letters to us
in the everyday-ness of our lives. Amen.**

***Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

1Kings 3:5, 7-12

The New Testament

Matthew 13:44-52

The Continuing Testament

Thich Nhat Hanh, "Washing Dishes"

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

When Will I Ever Learn to Live in God
[Tina Ortiz, alto]

Morrison

Sermon

"Heaven is . . ."

Rev. Ann P. Klonowski

Hymn of Reflection

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

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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

Take, O Take Me as I Am
“Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.”
John L. Bell, b. 1949

Bell

***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]**

Good and gracious God, the gifts we have offered here today are so small. They can never measure up to your great gifts to us. But that is not what you call us to. You call us to use the gifts you have given us and to share them with one another. Then your divine self will be visible in this world and your reign of love will fill the world. Thank you for your gifts to us. Thank you for inviting us to build your reign right here, right now. Amen

Going with God's Love

***Hymn of Departure**

Children of God

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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

From Strength to Strength

Naylor

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Doris Schmid, Don & Eleanor Kusa, Lee Sanderson, 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, July 20, 2014 – Adults: 92 Kids: 16 Total: 108

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.

NEW ADDRESS? Please contact the Office to let us know your new address. We are updating the Directory and also for the Pillar Mailings. Call 440-526-4364, or email Jeannette at buccoh@sbcglobal.net - Thank you!

CE COMMITTEE - time to start getting ready for the new school year! We will resume meeting on Sunday, August 3rd during coffee hour in the Library.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: It's time to start thinking about Sunday School again, which starts up in September. If you are interested in volunteering, please

contact Sue Maier (Everienne@aol.com, 440-915-4988) or Kate Klownowski (keightykay@gmail.com, 216-534-3498). We need help with the older Elementary and Middle School classes. Thanks!

RUTH THORPE has moved. She is now at Pine Valley 4360 Brecksville Road, Room 108, Richfield, OH 44286. It would truly brighten her day to receive a card or visit from her BUCC Family and Friends.

HUNGER MEAL - The next hunger meal will be on Sunday, August 3rd at Bethany UCC. The sign - up board can be found in the narthex. BUCC members and friends are invited to sign up for either the 2:30 to 4:30 shift or the 4:00 to 6:00 shift.

GARDENING ANGELS Keeping up with Mother Nature around our house of worship is no small task! We are still looking for volunteers to help maintain small sections of the church grounds. This Gardening Angels program involves a small amount of time per month done at your convenience. Please contact Kathy Pastor for more information at 440-554-7971. Thank you to those who have helped so far!

JULY FOOD PANTRY: Toothpaste, Shampoo, and Toilet Paper.

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 – 1Kings 3:5, 7-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.”

⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies,

but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

The New Testament – Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴ “The realm of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the realm of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the realm of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the realm of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Continuing Testament

To my mind, the idea that doing dishes is unpleasant can occur only when you aren't doing them. Once you are standing in front of the sink with your sleeves rolled up and your hands in the warm water, it is really quite pleasant. I enjoy taking my time with each dish, being fully aware of the dish, the water, and each movement of my hands. I know that if I hurry in order to eat dessert sooner, the time of washing dishes will be unpleasant and not worth living. That would be a pity, for each minute, each second of life is a miracle. The dishes themselves and the fact that I am here washing them are miracles!

If I am incapable of washing dishes joyfully, if I want to finish them quickly so I can go and have dessert, I will be equally incapable of enjoying my dessert. With the fork in my hand, I will be thinking about what to do next, and the texture and the flavor of the dessert, together with the pleasure of eating it, will be lost. I will always be dragged into the future, never able to live in the present moment.

Each thought, each action in the sunlight of awareness becomes sacred. In this light, no boundary exists between the sacred and the profane. I must confess it takes me a bit longer to do the dishes, but I live fully in every moment, and I am happy. Washing the dishes is at

the same time a means and an end—that is, not only do we do the dishes in order to have clean dishes, we also do the dishes just to do the dishes, to live fully in each moment while washing them.

Thich Nhat Hanh
Peace Is Every Step

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 7/27/2014	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour
Wed 7/30/2014	6 am	Early Birds
Thursday 7/31/2014	1pm	Bible Study
Sunday 8/3/2014	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
JULY 27, 2014

Lay Reader: Kathy Pastor
Head Usher: Diane Gressley
Ushers: Heidi Spangler, Mac Hoppel
Dot & Stu Bailey
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Evan Merritt
Sound: Max Roha
Coms Grtr: Betty & Jim Kaul
Narthex Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Carole Snider, Dassie Matsuoka
Servers: Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Jan Renovetz

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
AUGUST 3, 2014

Lay Reader: Stewart Bailey
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Jim Duffy, Diane Gressley
Sam Koch, Wes Novak
Acolyte: Ben Davis
Peace Candel: Drew Demko
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Carole Snider
Narthex Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Peg Duffy
Counters: Nancy Stella, Kathy Pastor
Server: Dottie Farwell
Clean Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul

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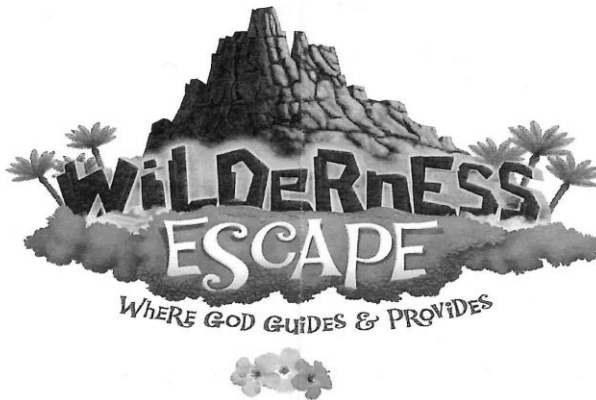
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I verify that I am the parent/guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I have read this release and fully understand its contents. I approve the foregoing and waive any rights in the premises.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature _____
Date _____



Join the celebration!

**Vacation Bible School
August 4-8
9 a.m. to Noon**

**3-5 year olds and
Kindergarten through the 5th grade**

Cost: \$5.00 per family

**Register by contacting:
Independence Presbyterian Church
6624 Public Square
Independence, OH 44131
ipc_6624@att.net
216 524-6307
ipcusa.org**



See you there!!

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