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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OCTOBER 5, 2014 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Meditation Music

O God, you invite us to be open and honest about our feelings. May we not be ashamed of the secrets of our hearts. Trusting in your steadfast love and unconditional acceptance, we place our lives into your humble and gracious care.

Gathering in God's Presence

* Please Stand as you are able.

Prelude

Medley: We Are the Church!/Shout for Joy! [Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble with Percussion Group]

Avery/Marsh/Bell

"I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the Church together."
R. K. Avery (b. 1934) and D. S. Marsh (b. 1923)

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the Table, all those who hunger and thirst,

People: For Christ is here to fill us and refresh us.

L: Come to the Table, all those who are hurting and alone,

P: For Christ is here with healing and comfort.

L: Come to the Table, all those who seek to serve God and humankind,

P: For Christ is here to guide and strengthen us.

L: As Christ' Living, Loving Body in this world,

P: We offer ourselves to help feed the hungry bodies and souls around us.

L: As we share of the One Bread and Cup,

P: The joy and peace of Christ unites us.

L: Though we come from many different places and backgrounds,

All: Christ's compassion and grace truly makes us One!

* Hymn of Praise

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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* Prayer of Confession

All: Creating and sustaining Holy One, your great commandment in Christ is that we love one another as Christ has loved us. We confess that we fail to embrace your liberating love. We divide where you would unite. We exclude

where you would embrace. Forgive our hardness of heart. Mend our broken Human Family. Breathe into us the living power of your amazing and abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Christ, our brother, example and friend. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

L: One fact remains and will never change: God has loved us, loves us still, 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!



The Old Testament The New Testament

Exodus 16:13-18 I Corinthians 11:20-29 **The Continuing Testament** And the Table Will Be Wide

Pew Bible, page 63 Pew Bible, page 173 by Jan Richardson

Youth Anthem

We Are One in Christ Jesus [Jovful Noise Choir]

Blycker

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

As Grains of Wheat [Mac Hoppel, soprano recorder]

Rosania

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

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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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful "Look to God. Do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near."
Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Taizé Community

* Offertory Hymn
Our lives are good, not much we lack;
Some of our gifts we now give back.
We seek to help, to clothe, to feed,
To hold the hands of those in need. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]

Eternal and abundant God, the opportunity to share with others is a blessing for which we are truly thankful Your generous provisions for our lives, allow and prompt us to be generous in return. We pray that you would accomplish your loving purposes through these gifts and through our lives. These things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table [verses 1 & 3]

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The Thanksgiving

L: The Holy One be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: It is truly good and right to give you thanks, Divine Source of all Life, for you have called us into your Church to serve you by serving the entire human family, and to proclaim your Good News to all the world. In gratitude we accept your call, and praise your Holy Name, saying,

All: 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

Corpus Christi Carol

Voces8

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Bountiful Giver of Life, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table by granting us the presence of the Living Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

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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

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises [With Percussion Group]

South African

"Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread. I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel." South African traditional; trans. Gracia Grindal, 1984

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Harris, Vicki Szabo & Family, the Family Ruth Thorpe, Doris Schmid, Don & Eleanor Kusa, Lee Sanderson, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, 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, September 28, 2014 – Adults: 71 Kids: 15 Total: 86

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 Coffee Hour.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, originally called World Wide Communion Sunday, originated in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. On the first Sunday in October, Communion was intentionally celebrated in all Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was encouraged that other denominations make use of this occasion, and after a few years the idea began to spread, particularly after the world-wide devastation of World War II.. Today Christians of every background and theological tradition around the world celebrate the fact that we are all One in Christ, and that the Table we gather around is not our own, but God's!

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY by Melissa Lund in Celebration of her Father Paul Lund's Birthday.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! As you will note, this month we are singing our offering song with new words to the same tune. Our Spiritual Life Ministry Team realized that the words we have been singing say little about our giving. It was decided to try to change this. Now we would like your contributions for additional options. You don't need to be a trained musician nor an accomplished poet. The differing outlooks of our youth, our golden-agers, and those in between will add the spice of variety. Just put your feelings into wording that reflects your own expressions of our Sunday morning offering. They could be suitable for any time of year, or they might be seasonal [Christmas, Easter, Spring, Fall, etc.] Have fun verbalizing you thoughts, rearranging them, playing with various word options, and finally arriving at your expression of thanks. Please submit your ideas [or questions] to Pastor Dave or Dave Debick, who will share them with our Spiritual Life Ministry members. And, voila, you will have found new words of praise that will add depth to our BUCC worship experience! Our thanks to Max Roha for coming up with this idea, and offering us this month's Offertory Hymn!

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT will be held on Saturday, October 11th at Hinckley Reservation from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Our theme is "Believe It or Not: Creating Our Own Creed." This is an excellent time get away in a beautiful setting to relax, refresh and get to know ourselves and one another better. Due to inside space considerations, this year's Retreat will not include activities for young children. [Next year, we will book a venue with more room!] Anyone interested in helping coordinate the food, games, music or other activities for this event - or would like to know more about it - please talk with Pastor Dave.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADULT EDUCATION SERIES is kicking off again this year with our first workshop on Tuesday, October 7th from 6:30-8:00 PM in the parlor. We will be exploring Shamanism, one of the oldest spiritual traditions practiced by a variety of cultures across the globe, and the practice of Shamanic Journeying. We will be joined by the wonderfully experienced shamanic practitioners Neal Szpatura and Michelle Gilbert. Participation is limited to the first 20 people who sign up, so please see Kate Klonowski at coffee hour or call/text at (216) 534-3498 or email keightykay@gmail.com to reserve your space.

ON SUNDAY OCT. 19 AT 4:00 PM, BUCC will host the **CASE CONCERT CHOIR**, comprised of students from Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Music. Under the direction of Dr. Matthew Garrett, the fifty-member ensemble will present a program titled "A Life in Music" which follows our journey through life from the celebration of birth, through the wonderment of childhood, into the ups and downs of adulthood, to an ultimate declaration of the will to live! The eclectic program includes works by several contemporary composers, as well as two traditional African songs. A free-will offering will be received, and a light meal will be served following the program. We hope you can join us for this unique choral presentation. Bring a friend!

SEASONAL CHOIR will begin rehearsing this Thursday, Oct. 9 from 7-8 pm for our 2014 Christmas cantata, which is scheduled for Sunday Dec. 14 at regular morning worship. If you enjoy singing in a choral setting but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a great opportunity for music and fellowship as we prepare for the joyous holyday of Christmas. If you're hesitant about joining, feel free to sit in on a practice or two to test the water. You'll be glad you did!

BUCC ONLINE CALENDAR Please be sure to check day to day meeting schedules, events, and doings at BUCC at www.BrecksvilleUcc.org. Updates are made frequently.

OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY Canned Soup, Bakes Beans, Chilli, etc.

THE READINGS

The Old Testament - from Exodus Chapter 12

The Holy One said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt... "Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one... Your lamb shall be without blemish.... The whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two

doorposts and the archway of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs."

"This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Holy One. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt.... The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Holy One; throughout your generations you shall observe it....You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt.

The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 11:20-29

Saint Paul writes, When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the Church of God, and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.

Continuing Testament - And the Table Will Be Wide – by Jan Richardson

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungering world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK					
Sunday 10/5/2014	10 am	Worship Service			
	11 am	Coffee Hour			
	2 pm	MASH - Valley View			
	6 pm	Confirmation Class			
Monday 10/6/2014	1 pm	Book Club - Parlor			
	7 pm	Facilities			
	7 pm	Spiritual Life			
Tuesday 10/7/2014	10 am	CWRU			
·	6:30 pm	Christian Ed – Adult Series/Shamanic Journey			
	7 pm	Membership			
Wed 10/8/2014	6 am	Early Birds			
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer			
	7 pm	Council			
Thurs 10/9/2014	1pm	Bible Study			
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise			
	7 pm	Seasonal Choir			
	8 pm	Choir			
Sat 10/11/2014	10-4	Church Retreat - Hinckley			
Sunday 10/12/2014	10 am	Worship Service			
	11 am	Coffee Hour			
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion			
	6 pm	Youth Ministry			

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE OCTOBER 5, 2014

Lay Reader: TBD

Head Usher Caroline Chandler

Ushers: Diane Gressley, Ed Lusk

Dan Stewart, Sam Koch

Acolyte Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candl: Indira Bigelow

Sound: Max Roha
Comons Grtr: Ann Kelly
Narthex Grtr: Kathy Smith

Flowers: Dorie Gabor Nursery: Shauna Bigelow

Counters: Nancy Stella, Betty Kaul Server: Sue Stenzel, Dorie Gabor Clean Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul

Snacks: Gina Cook, Sue Maier

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

OCTOBER 12, 2014

Lay Reader: Darlene Kelly Head Usher: Ann Melfo

Ushers: Sue Maier, Wes Novak

Jim Duffy, Dorie Gabor

Acolyte: Ben Davis

Peace Candl: Olivia Klonowski

Sound: Val Duffy
Comns Grtr: Dot Bailey
Narthex Grtr: David Ritchey
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nurserv: Gina Cook

Counters: Kathy Pastor, Sure Stenzel Servers: Joanne Cook, Robin Coyer-

Westerberg

Clean-Up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs

Snacks: Dot Bailey, Marilyn Wrights