



## **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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## NOVEMBER 2, 2014 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### **Meditation Music**

For all your saints, in heaven and on earth, we praise you, O Holy One. For all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy and walked humbly with you, we give thanks, O God. For all the opportunities we have to follow in their steps, by feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger and showing kindness, we are truly grateful! Amen!

### ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

#### **Prelude**

Medley: For the Faithful Who Have Answered      Faith of the Martyrs  
17<sup>th</sup> century German melody/Hemy  
*[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble with Percussion Group]*

“For their work and for their witness  
as they strove against the odds,  
for their courage and obedience,  
we give thanks and praise, O God.”  
Based on Hebrews 11:4-12:2

#### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us rejoice, for the Holy One is among us!

**People: Let us give thanks, for Christ's Love is within us!**

L: Let us sing with joy, as the Spirit inspires us!

**P: Let us praise the Rock of our Salvation!**

L: On this day we gather in unity with our sisters and brothers,

**P: To celebrate Life's amazing gifts.**

L: On this day we share the gift of One Bread and Cup,

**P: Reminding us of Christ's Continuing Presence and our Oneness in him.**

L: Let us praise God on this day of celebration,

**All: Let us worship our God together!**

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

For All the Saints

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#### **\* 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 all!

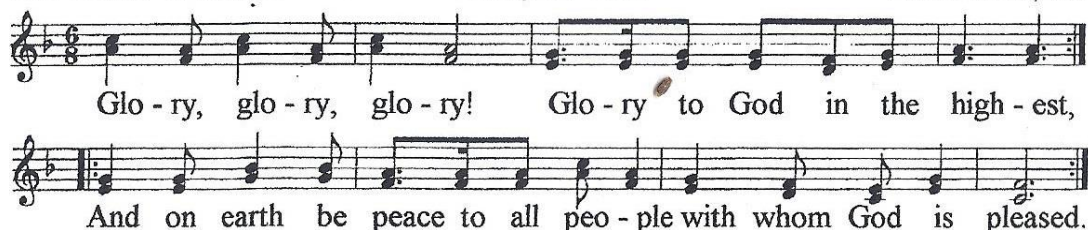
**P: And also with you!**

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**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Psalm 84

Pew Bible, page 543

**The New Testament**

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, page 4

**The Continuing Testament**

*Blessed to Be a Blessing*

by Bridget Sproul

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

God of the Ages

Sibelius, arr. Hopson

[Pastor Dave Shackle, trumpet]

**Sermon**

*Second Verse, Same as the First....*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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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**

Ain't-a That Good News

African-American spiritual

"I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news! (twice)  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross.  
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!"  
African-American traditional

### **\* 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]**

**Creator of all, we thank you that you have called us to be your people, the  
Church. We thank you that you have given us all that we need to serve you. Help  
us to willingly take our part in your service, by helping one another, by freely  
giving to those in need, and by sharing the greatest gift we have: the gift of your  
love. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our shining Light. Amen.**

# ***Holy Communion***

**Communion Hymn**

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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## **The Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

**People: 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, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High!**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

Pastor: As Christ's inclusive Community of Saints, let us now consecrate these gifts of Bread and Cup through our praying together:

**All: Gracious Holy One, we spread your Table with these gifts of the earth, and present to you the gift of our lives. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon this Bread and Cup, and upon us all. We pray that you would strengthen your Church throughout the world to be faithful in your service, that we might reflect your love and grace in all that we say and do. Amen.**

## **The Invitation**

## **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

## **Communion Music**

Take My Life (Holiness)  
"So take my heart and form it.  
Take my mind, transform it.  
Take my will, conform it  
to Yours, to Yours, Oh God."  
Scott Underwood, 1995

Underwood

## Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

We give thanks, Divine Source of Life and Love, that you have refreshed us at your Table of Grace. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

## Going with God's Love

### \* Hymn of Departure

O Savior, for the Saints

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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

Fantasia in G

J. S. Bach

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Harris, Vicki Szabo & Family, the Family of Ruth Thorp, Doris Schmid, Don & Eleanor Kusa, Kirk & 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, October 26, 2014 – Adults: 78 Kids: 12 Total: 90

## ***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.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** Are Given by Diane Gressley in Loving Memory of her Mom, Emma.

**FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE**, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

**ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER, 9 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY** and representatives from **OCWM, Finance, Flowers**, and **Women United** will be available in Pilgrim Hall for a question and answer session. Please take this opportunity to talk with these representatives about their ministry. It is our hope that each of you will find valuable information to help you decide where you might share your time and talent in 2015.

**MUSIC REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Dave Debeck will begin teaching the songs for BUCC's 2014 youth musical (pageant), titled "Christmas Play by Play," starting this Thursday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 during Joyful Noise practice. The baseball-themed musical will be presented on Sunday Dec. 21 at regular morning worship. Dave will be handing out music CDs during coffee hour over the next couple weeks to those interested in participating in the pageant. Any questions or concerns, speak with Dave, Sue Maier or Mindy Harris. All youth – including high schoolers – are welcome to take part in this annual holiday event.

**MARY NEEDS HELP--**Most of you have already met Mary D'Agostino (she sits with Jane Cribbs in church). Transportation has become a problem for her lately, since she has had an increase in doctor appointments. She is working with the City of Broadview Hts. to arrange help from them, but does have personal needs for transportation as well as medical. If you think you'd like to help her with this, her contact info is in the new directory. She'd love to hear from you!

**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 your 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!

**THE PEACE CANDLE** is placed up front every Sunday to remind us of Jesus' teachings on peace and peacemakers. We pray that peace between nations, within our country, community, families, and ourselves will become a priority for all.

**PLEASE BE SURE** to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your dates and times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the monthly ***Pillar***.

**BUCC ONLINE CALENDAR** Please be sure to check day to day meeting schedules, events, and doings at BUCC at [www.BrecksvilleUcc.org](http://www.BrecksvilleUcc.org). Updates are made frequently.

**NOVEMBER FOOD PANTRY** Small Canned Hams, Canned Sweet & White Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Pie Crust Mix, Canned Pumpkin, Etc.

## ***THE READINGS***

### **The Old Testament** - Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Ruler of hosts! My soul longs - indeed it faints - for your courts; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to your Living Presence. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altar, O Holy One, my Sovereign and my Strength.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Weeping, they make it a place of springs; the early rains will cover it with pools. They will go from strength to strength; the Sovereign of all will be seen in Zion.

O Ruler of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O Holy One of Jacob! Be our shelter, O Gracious One; look with favor on the faces of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand days elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Holy One,

than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Holy One is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor. No good thing does the Holy One withhold from those who live virtuously. O Ruler of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!

### **The New Testament** - Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Realm of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Realm of Heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday 11/2/2014</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour & “Ministries Fair”
	1 pm	Lakeview Cemetery Trip
	5:30	Youth Percussion
	6 pm	Youth Ministry
<b>Monday 11/3/2014</b>	1 pm	BUCC Book Club
<b>Tues 11/4/2014</b>	10 am	CWRU
	7 pm	Membership
<b>Wed 11/5/2014</b>	6 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
<b>Thurs 11/6/2014</b>	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8 pm	Choir
<b>Sat 11/8/2014</b>	9 am	Facilities
<b>Sunday 11/9/2014</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour & “Ministries Fair”
	6 pm	Confirmation

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2014**

**Lay Reader:** David Ritchey  
**Head Usher** Jan Renovetz  
**Ushers:** Dave & Jule Bernard  
Bob & Caroline Chandler  
**Acolyte** Courtni Began  
**Peace Cndl:** Carli Began  
**Sound:** Mike Westerbrg  
**Comns Grtr:** Julie Bernard  
**Nrthx Grtr:** Dorie Gabor  
**Flowers:** Tina Ortiz  
**Nursery:** Gina Cook  
**Counters:** Nancy Stella, Kathy Lander  
**Server:** Joanne Cook, Dorie Gabor  
**Clean Up:** Bridget & Chad Sproul  
**Snacks:** Sue Maier & Melissa Lund

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2014**

**Lay Reader:** Jill Zedan  
**Head Usher:** Evie Novak  
**Ushers:** Jim Duffy, Val Duffy  
Dan Stewart, Ian Stewart  
**Acolyte:** Ryan Stewart  
**Peace Cndl:** Drew Demko  
**Sound:** Doug Fawcett  
**Comns Grtr:** Ann Kelley  
**Narthex Grtr:** George Snider  
**Flowers:** Dorie Gabor  
**Nursery:** Peg Duffy  
**Counters:** Bruce McCain, Anna Mary Fisher  
**Servers:** Joy Garapic, Caroline Chandler  
**Clean-Up:** Kathy & Dave Pastor  
**Snacks:** Anne Melfo, Lenore Harris