

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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JANUARY 18, 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Meditation Music

“Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.” - Martin Luther King Jr.

Gathering in God’s Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

You Have Called Me
[With Percussion Group]

Edwards

“You have called me from my hiding place and given me a name;
from this moment on my life can never be the same.
I have seen the beckoning vision, though I wanted to remain,
here I am, send me, here I am.”
David L. Edwards, 1983

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: This morning God calls us to come away from the familiar, the usual, the comfortable;

P: We are called to look inward to what is lies dormant, hidden, and undeveloped.

L: Today, we are invited to look for the potential, the possible, the wonderful;

P: We are called to embrace the Holy, and to be embraced by the Holy One in return.

L: Let us open our eyes to the signs of the Divine Life and Love which are all around us;

P: Let us open our ears to God’s call to be a new and renewed people.

L: In this time of worship, let us seek together the power of God’s transforming grace,

All: So that we might share that power and grace with others, wherever we may go!

*** Hymn of Praise**

From All That Dwell below the Skies

#27

*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

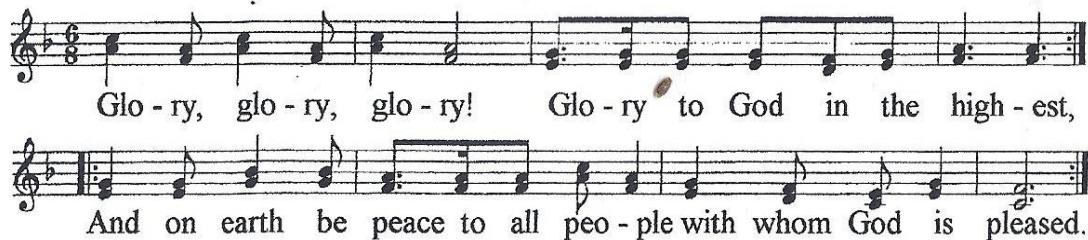
We encounter you, Gracious Holy One, in places we might not expect, in people we would never imagine. Sometimes we see you clearly and sometimes we pass

by without seeing you at all. Open our eyes to see you here and now: to see you among the people in this congregation, and among the strangers we meet outside these doors. Open our hearts to welcome your Presence among us, through our extravagant welcome to others. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

I Samuel 3:1-10

Pew Bible, page 247

The New Testament

John 1:35-46

Pew Bible, page 92

The Continuing Testament

from *Strength to Love*

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Lord, for Your Glory Huesman/Cunningham/Hampton
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Sermon

To Accept This Call, Press #1

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

#531

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

Offertorio

Lefébure-Wély

***Offertory Hymn**

Winter has come, its taken hold.

The days are short, the nights are cold.

The poor need food and light and heat.

We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Eternal and Compassionate Holy One, 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. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Communion Music

Rondo espressivo

P. E. Bach

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

#18

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

People of the Lord, Listen to My Voice

Scheer

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Nancy Allenson, Cheryl Speith, Rudy Lorenzo, Dan Renovetz, Addy Baldwin, G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Don & Eleanor Kusa, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, 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, January 11, 2015 – Adults: 78 Kids: 17 Total: 95

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 our Coffee Hour.

WE WELCOME 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 are also available from ushers for children.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday February 1, after Worship. Please plan to join us.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC on Sunday February 8th at our morning worship service. If you are interested in learning more about membership at BUCC, please talk with Pastor Dave.

MORE NEW OFFERTORY WORDS! Our Spiritual Life Ministry Team realized that the words we had been singing as we present our offerings, said little about our giving. Max Roha, who came up with the idea, gave us our first set of words. Bill Toneff then rose to the challenge and penned the words we used in Advent through Christmas. Today, we're introducing another one that Max wrote for the Winter months. Now we would like your contributions for additional options! You don't need to be a trained musician nor an accomplished poet. 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.] 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!

FINANCE Please pick up your year-end statements in the Commons to save the cost of mailing.

WOMEN UNITED will be meeting Wednesday, Jan 21, 2015, at 11 a.m. in the church parlor. Our guest speaker will be Rob Grow who is a hospital chaplain in Akron. He will be speaking about his experiences as a hospital chaplain and gun issues. Bring a sandwich or a lunch with you.

MARDI GRAS IS COMING! Get ready for a little New Orleans style celebration before we enter the solemn time of lent. On February 15th, get out your beads, boas, or whatever makes you feel festive as we turn BUCC into the French Quarter. New Orleans jazz will have you tapping your feet as part of this uplifting and positive message service. As they say down on Bourbon Street - Laissez les bons temps rouler!

OUR COMPLETE WORSHIP SERVICE, including anthems, hymns, etc., is fed by our sound system to our audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its location so that its continuing feed is not eliminated from the system.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, Justin Smith and I are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have! - Marge Culver

THE BLESSINGS JAR is for your use to drop in a note and/or money in response to a special blessing you have received during the week. We would like to recognize your blessing in the Pillar if you wish.

JANUARY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Canned Fruit & Vegetables

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

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

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.

The Readings

The Old Testament - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Holy One under Eli. The word of the Holy One was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple, where the ark of God was. Then the Holy One called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Holy One called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Holy One, and the word of God had not yet been revealed to him. The Holy One called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that God was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if you are called, you shall say, 'Speak, God, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Holy One came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The New Testament - John 1:35-46

John the Baptist was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote,

Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see!”

The Continuing Testament - from *Strength to Love* - by Martin Luther King, Jr.

More than ever before I am convinced of the reality of a personal God. True, I have always believed in the personality of God. But in the past the idea of a personal God was little more than a metaphysical category that I found theologically and philosophically satisfying. Now it is a living reality that has been validated in the experiences of everyday life. God has been profoundly real to me in recent years. In the midst of outer dangers I have felt an inner calm. In the midst of lonely days and dreary nights I have heard an inner voice saying, “Lo, I will be with you.” When the chains of fear and the manacles of frustration have all but stymied my efforts, I have felt the power of God transforming the fatigue of despair into the buoyancy of hope. I am convinced that the universe is under the control of a loving purpose, and that in the struggle for righteousness, humanity has Cosmic Companionship.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1/18/2015	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour

Monday 1/19/2015 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 1/20/2015 10-11:30 CWRU

Wed 1/21/2015	6 am	Early Birds
	11 am	Women United

Thurs 1/22/2015

1 pm	Bible Study
5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
7:30 pm	Choir

Saturday 1/24/2014 7 pm Game Night

Sunday 1/25/2015

10 am	Worship Service
11 am	Coffee Hour
5:30 pm	Percussion
6-7:30 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 18, 2015

Lay Reader: Sam Koch
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Darlene Kelly, Jim Duffy
Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte: Ben Rehling
Peace Candel: Indira Bigelow
Sound: David Pastor
Comms Grtr: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Bruce McCain, Sue Stenzel
Servers: Caroline Chandler, Carole Snider
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Sue Maier, Kate Klonowski
Snow Hrdr: David Pastor

PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 25, 2015

Lay Reader: Ed Lusk
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Jim Duffy Diane Gressley
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Max Roha
Comms Grtr: Fred Pesek
Narthex Grtr: Jill Zedan
Flowers: Carole snider
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Dassie Matsuoka
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks: Vicki Szabo, Kathleen Stewart
Snow Herder: Billy Harris