

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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FEBRUARY 1, 2015 – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Meditation Music

Gracious God, may we inform ourselves better, listen more carefully, speak-up more bravely, and open our arms and our hearts more widely - that we may become more effective channels for Christ's love in the world. For if it not us, then who will it be? Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

“Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

Doran

“Clear our thought and calm our feeling,
still the fractured, warring soul.
By the power of your healing
make us faithful, true, and whole.”
Thomas H. Troeger, 1984; rev. 1993

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: Let us praise the Holy One!

P: Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings!

L: Let us sing to the One who has filled our lives with joy!

P: Let us worship the Compassionate One, who became one of us!

L: Let us gather together in faith and hope,

P: To praise our Holy Source of Life!

L: May the Creator of heaven and earth renew us today,

All: That our spirits may soar in joyful praise!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

#55

*** 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!

P: And also with you!

*** The 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 G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Pew Bible, page 174

The New Testament

Mark 1:21-28

Pew Bible, page 35

The Continuing Testament

from *Monsters under the Bed*

by Linda Fabian Pepe

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

O God, Thy goodness reacheth far

Beethoven

Sermon

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

#59

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

Lamb of God

Kocieda

*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]

Gracious Holy One, we thank you that you have called us together 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 with all the greatest gift we have: the gift of your love. Amen.

Holy Communion

*Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

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 thanks to you, Divine Source of Light and Glory, because you have manifested yourself in Jesus Christ, begotten from the heart of your love. And so, with your people of every time and place, we 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

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Blest Be God

Phillipine melody

[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

“Come, O Lord, come and save the oppressed,
lift the poor from the doors of despair;
put a song in the hearts of your people,
those whose hope and whose trust is in you.”
Salvador T. Martinez (b. 1939), adapt. Bell

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** [Unison]

God of all blessings, we give you thanks and praise for Jesus, the Light of the World - the Light that no darkness can overcome. We thank you that you have called us to walk in your light and have nourished us for our journey with this Bread of Life. Fill us with your Spirit and guide us in your way of peace, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[verse 1]

#80

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.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has chords A, E, A, D, Bm, E. The second staff has chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Benediction

Postlude

Praise the Lord Who Heals

Agatep

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of 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 25, 2015 – Adults: 76 Kids: 17 Total: 93

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.

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.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Today after Worship. Please plan to join us.

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

ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, at 11:45, our BUCC Family will take some time to remember and celebrate Nancy's life among us. Members of her beloved BUCC Choir will sing, we will have a few brief readings, and people will have the opportunity to share some of their memories and stories of Nancy. Please continue to keep Nancy's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

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!

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!

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.

FEBRUARY – CRAFT CUPBOARD NEEDS - School Supplies, Pencils, Paper, Glue, Crayons, etc

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 Readings

The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Moses said to the Israelites, The Holy One will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Holy One any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Holy One responded to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die." You may say to yourself, "How can we recognize a word that the Holy One has not spoken?" If a prophet speaks in the name of the Holy One but that thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that the Holy One has not spoken. That prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not be frightened by it.

The New Testament - Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have

you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” And immediately Jesus’ reputation began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Continuing Testament - from *Monsters under the Bed* - by Linda Fabian Pepe

What is an “unclean spirit?” It can be an inner darkness that we don’t want to relive, or a fear or pain that we’ve repressed for years. It might be an anxiety or worry that we’ve pressed-down and only let out when we’re alone.... Most of us have places like this inside of us. We become proficient at managing them, and have cataloged them like files. We hide them behind the parts of us that are more “presentable”or we put them in a memory chest and bury them under the bed.

The problem is, that when we are holding on to past hurts, or angers, or fears, we miss being able to be truly intimate with others. We can’t open ourselves up to the relationships that we desire, because those monsters may move from under our bed, and stand exposed. They serve as barriers between us and those we want to be open to. In fact, those monsters can even keep us from being totally intimate with God.

Is it any wonder the man with the “unclean spirit” was coughing and convulsing when Jesus was healing him? We don’t want to give up our hidden secrets or let down our defenses. We don’t want to let loose of our embarrassing and oppressive stuff. Yet as scary as it may be to think of being that vulnerable and open with anyone, God already knows everything you’ve got, everything that has ever happened to you, and everything you are. And regardless of what you may think of yourself, God loves you anyway! That’s the kind of Good News that can set you free!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 2/1/2015	10 am	Worship Service – Annual Meeting
	11 am	Stewardship - Parlor
	11 am	Coffee Hour
Monday 2/2/2015	7 pm	Spiritual Life
Tuesday 2/3/2015	10-11:30	CWRU
	7 pm	Membership
Wed 2/4/2015	6 am	Early Birds
Thurs 2/5/2015	1 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Saturday 2/7/2015	9 am	Facilities
Sunday 2/8/2015	10 am	Worship Service – New Members
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	6 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Lay Reader: David Pastor
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Kathy Pastor, Heidi Spangler
Sue Maier, Wes Novak
Acolyte: Ben Davis
Peace Cndl: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Mike Westerberg
Comns Grtr: George Snider
Narthex Grtr: Sue Stenzel
Flowers: Tina Ortiz
Nursery: Peg Duffy
Counters: Nancy Stella, Anna Mary
Fisher
Server: Joanne Cook, Dottie Farwell
Clean Up: Peg & Jim Duffy
Snacks: Susan Snyder, Marianne
Hoppel
Snow Hrdr: Jesse Wade

PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Evie Novak
Ushers: Heidi Spangler, Fred Pesek
Linda Kriynovich, Tina Ortiz
Acolyte: Briana Brown
Peace Cndl: Lucy Brown
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Carole Snider
Narthex Grtr: Joanne Cook
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Val Duffy
Counters: Bruce McCain, Donn Whyte
Servers: Robin Coyer-Westerberg, Caroline Chandler
Clean-Up: Jill Zedan, Jon Thompson
Snacks: Diane Gressley, Heidi
Spangler
Snow Hrdr: Dan Stewart