

## **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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## MARCH 1, 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### **Meditation Music**

God, give us wisdom to understand what time it is, to know what we should pay attention to.  
Help us not to be distracted by trivialities and nonsense. Teach us wisdom. Amen

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

#### **Prelude**

Come to Me

Bell

*Adult and Joyful Noise Choirs*

#### **Bearing the Light of Peace**

#### **Bearing the Life of Christ**

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

Leader: Come, let us gather in the awareness of Divine Love.

**People: The Love that gives us life and brings us to this time and place.**

L: Let us trust in the assurance that this Divine Love brings.

**P: We are forgiven and welcomed by a Power greater than ourselves.**

L: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

**P: Because we are welcomed, we too can welcome others.**

L: As the Spirit's power and grace fills and inspires us,

**All: Let us offer the Holy One our worship and praise!**

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

Lift High the Cross

#198

### **\* 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!**

**\*Song of Praise**

**Gathered Here**

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour, gathered here in one strong body,  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power, Spirit draw near.

<b>The Old Testament</b>	Genesis 17:1-9	Pew Bible, page 13
<b>The New Testament</b>	II Corinthians 5.14-20	Pew Bible, page 18
<b>The Continuing Testament</b>	from <i>A New Name and a New Life</i> by Michael Marsh	

**Time with Young Worshipers**

<b>Anthem</b>	Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester	White
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>The Cost of “Naming Rights”</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
<b>Hymn of Reflection</b>	In the Cross of Christ I Glory [verses 1 & 2]	#193

***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**

God, We Honor You

Clemens

"God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings."

James E. Clemens, 2008

### **\* Offertory Hymn [Unison]**

**We now are in the time of Lent,  
To learn again what Jesus meant.  
His life and message are so great,  
We send these gifts to celebrate! Amen!**

### **\* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Gracious and Giving Holy One, we are grateful for the ways in which  
we see your glory throughout all creation. We thank you for caring  
for us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth  
and for one another. Accept these offerings that we present to you,  
and help us also give ourselves fully and freely to the work of your  
Realm - that the love of Christ might shine through us and  
throughout the world! Amen!**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Communion Hymn**

As We Gather at Your Table  
[verse 1]

#332

### **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: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, saying,

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Invitation**

### **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**Communion Music**

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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, we give thanks, that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.**

## ***Going with God's Love***

**\* Hymn of Departure**      Go, My Children, with My Blessing      #82

**Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**      Acolyte

**\* Circle of Community -**      **Hear Our Prayer, O God**  
Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**      O God of Mercy, Guide Us      English tune, harm.      **Vaughn Williams**

### **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, George Sarandou, people who are unemployed and under employed.

*(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)*

Attendance Sunday, February 22, 2015 – Adults: 73 Kids: 16 Total: 94

### ***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.

**A LONG-STANDING LENTEN TRADITION** in the Church is to “put away” hymns or verses that contain “Alleluia”, in order to set a more solemn tone with our musical selections. The purpose of this is so that on Easter Sunday our “Alleluias” can ring-out with renewed power and glory, as we hail the Risen Christ. This is why we are using a different “Song of Praise” and concluding Benediction hymn today.

**TODAY WE INTRODUCE MORE NEW OFFERTORY WORDS!** These were written by Bill Toneff, specifically for Lent. We could still use **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.

**THIS AFTERNOON** at 4:00, BUCC will host the Baldwin Wallace Brass Choir as part of our free concert series. Under the direction of John Brndiar, the ensemble will perform works by Hindemith, Reynolds, Nelhybel, Lendvay and others. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. We hope you can join us for a first-rate program of brass music.

**OUR TUESDAY LENTEN STUDY, *THE ABC’S OF OUR FAITH*** continues on March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:15-8:30 pm in Pilgrim Hall. This week we look at *The Bible*, a “book” that is actually more than 66 different books, texts, and letters that were written over a span of about 1800 years. [And we thought that 12-years-in-the-making movie *Boyhood* was something!] Throughout this study, we look at purpose and power of some of the fundamental components of Christianity. We also share our questions, insights, and personal experiences that help make our Faith - and our lives - interesting, challenging and meaningful! Each week’s session “stands alone” so feel free to participate in as many or as few as your schedule permits.

March 3 - The Bible

March 10 - The Gospel

March 17 - The Christ, Jesus

March 24 - The Sacraments

**LAST SUNDAY \$423 WAS COLLECTED** for the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns. Thank you for your generous giving to help promote an “Open and Affirming” welcome to Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender people within our Churches and throughout our society!

**LOOK AT THESE BOOKS!** Our BUCC Library has several excellent books for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, as well as the other books on the red book cart. Our most recently cataloged books, and copies of Still Speaking magazine, are on the top shelf of the cart. Interesting books for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are on the second shelf. Children's books for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are included among the books on the third shelf.

**TODAY’S FLOWERS** are in celebration of the Diane Gressley's birthday, which comes only on Leap Years.

**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** - Genesis 17:1-9

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Holy One appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am the Almighty One; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.”



“I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you, and to your offspring, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.” The Holy One said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.”

## **The New Testament** II Corinthians 5.14-20

*Saint Paul writes...*

From now on we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation: everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we have been reconciled through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to God's own self, not counting our trespasses against us, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making an appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that One has died for all; therefore all have died. And because Christ died for all, those who live can live no longer just for themselves, but for the One who died and was raised for them.

## **The Continuing Testament** - from *A New Name and a New Life* - by Michael Marsh [edited]

“Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me.” Do you remember that one? Or how about this one? “I’m rubber, you’re glue; whatever you say, bounces off me and sticks to you!” Maybe you said those things to yourself growing up. Maybe you shouted them back at someone else. Maybe you taught them to your child as you looked at the pain on his face or the tears in her eyes. Here’s the irony. The fact that we know these sayings and teach them to our kids doesn’t negate, but only highlights the power of names and name calling. Names are more than just a label. They have the power to create and the power to destroy. That’s why names

and name changes are so significant. They can describe relationships, one's qualities or characteristics, a destiny, or a change in direction.

We all live with multiple names.[I am Father Marsh, Father Mike, or just plain Mike. I am Dad, Son, Brother.... Sometimes I am Loser or Idiot.]Names define us in the eyes of others and ourselves. But what about that other name? What about the name that defines us in the eyes of God? That is our truest name. It is the name we long to hear and to be called. Listen for God to say, "You are Beloved Son. You are Beloved Daughter. You are Forgiven and Redeemed. You are Beautiful, Holy, Precious." Then God says, "This is who you really are! Become what you have heard!"

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Sunday, March 1**

- 10:00am      [Worship Service](#)
- 11:00am      [Coffee Hour](#)
- 11:30am      [OCWM](#)
- 4:00pm       [Baldwin Wallace Brass Choir](#)

#### **Monday, March 2**

- 1:00pm       [Bicentennial Quilt Group](#)

#### **Tuesday, March 3**

- 7:00pm       [Membership](#)
- 7:15pm       [Lenten Study](#)

#### **Wednesday, March 4**

- 6:00am       [Early Birds](#)
- 4:30pm       [Recorder/Dulcimer](#)

#### **Thursday, March 5**

- 1:00pm       [Bible Study](#)
- 5:30pm       [Joyful Noise](#)
- 7:00pm       [Seasonal Choir](#)
- 8:00pm       [Choir](#)

#### **Sunday, March 8**

- 10:00am      [Worship Service](#)
- 11:00am      [Coffee Hour](#)
- 1:00pm       [Bowling](#)