

## **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 22, 2015 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### **Meditation Music**

Gracious Holy One, your Eternal Heart beats within our hearts. You who made all things bright and beautiful, have filled our lives with light and joy! Help us to live in ways that truly reflect your Divine love and grace. This we pray in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Prelude

Gershwin

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Life of Christ**

**\* Call to Worship** - from *Psalm 105*

Leader: O give thanks to the Holy One, call upon the Holy One's name;

**People: Make known Sovereign One's deeds among the all the nations.**

L: Sing to the Holy One, sing praises to our Creator;

**P: Proclaim aloud the Holy One's wonderful works!**

L: Glory in the name of the Holy One!

**P: Let the hearts of those who seek the Righteous One rejoice!**

L: Seek the strength of the Eternal One;

**P: Seek the Holy One's Presence continually!**

L: Remember all the wonderful deeds that the Holy One has done,

**All: That all people may rejoice in their Creator's wondrous love!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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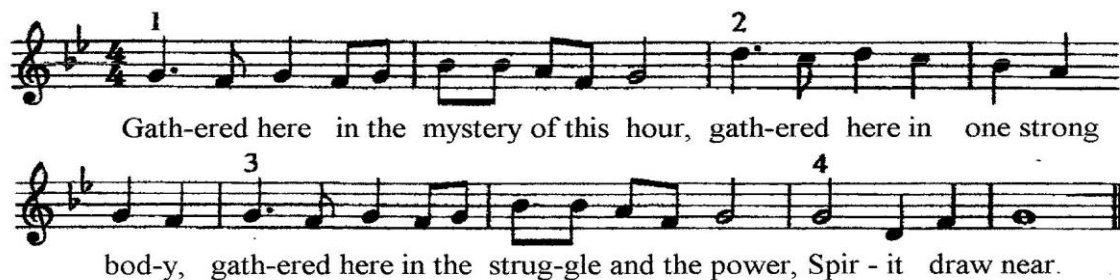
**\* Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

**Divine Creator of our world, ourselves, and all that exists - we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself fully in the person of Jesus Christ, who fully shared his life with others. Help us to follow Christ's example and be fully present with and for one another, today and in all our days to come. Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise**

**Gathered Here [sung twice]**

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**The Old Testament**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 735

**The New Testament**

John 12:20-36

Pew Bible, page 106

**The Continuing Testament**

*The Time Has Come*

by Andrew King

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

When a Grain of Wheat

Takahashi, arr. Debick

**Sermon**

*The Secret Is Out!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Help Us Accept Each Other

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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**

O Blest Are They

Weed

"When all the evils earth can dream / are cast on me, my faith to break, /  
their rage I temper through God's grace, /and bear them boldly for God's sake."  
Michael Morgan, 1995

### **\* 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]**

**Divine Giver of all good gifts, receive and bless the gifts that we bring. Bless us  
as we offer ourselves to be partners in your redeeming and healing work in the  
world. Give to us all your Spirit of kindness and generosity, forgiveness and love.  
This we ask in the Name and Spirit of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

### **\* Hymn of Departure**

In Christ There Is No East or West

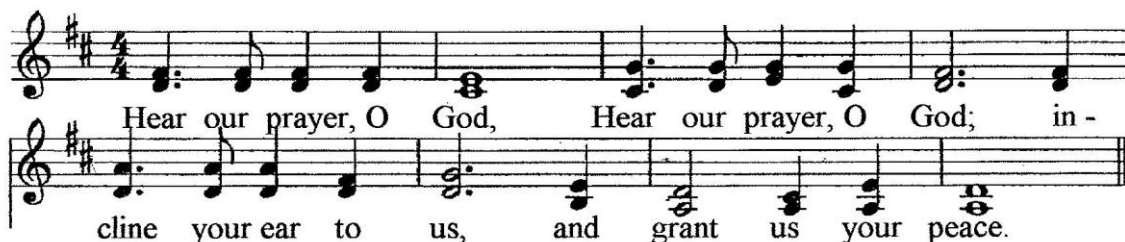
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### **\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

Acolyte

### **\* Circle of Community**

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Hear our Prayer, O God.**  
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**

Thanks Be to God Our Savior

Scheer

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

The Family of Nancy Allenson, Dan Renovetz, G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, 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, March 15, 2015 – Adults: 67 Kids: 23 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 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.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Max Roha in Loving Memory of Mary L. Roha on our 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Lois E. Wallin on her 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday.

**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.

**OUR FINAL LENTEN STUDY** on *THE ABC’S OF OUR FAITH* is March 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:15-8:30 pm in Pilgrim Hall. This week we look at The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. We will also consider a “3<sup>rd</sup> Sacrament” that we will further explore at our Maundy Thursday service on April 2. We will also consider how these Sacraments can touch, inspire and impact our lives and our faith today. Since each week’s session “stands alone” feel free join-in and participate!

### **HOLY WEEK/EASTER OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCC:**

March 29<sup>th</sup> - 10 am - Palm Sunday Procession of Palms and reading of the Passion Story

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Maunday Thursday Soup Supper at 6:30. 7:00 Celebration of Christ’s Last Supper and reenacting Christ’s example washing his disciple’s feet.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00 pm. Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Holy Saturday - Saint Bridget Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

[The Community of Saint Bridget is the group that holds Mass here on Saturdays, led by Ann Klonowski and Mary Collingwood.]

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter morning Sunrise Service at 6:45 at Highland Cemetery. Easter Celebration Service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary.

**OUR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering last Sunday was \$832.00. Our gifts provide disaster relief and refugee aid, as well as helping people whose lives are in turmoil, by supplying many of their basic needs such as food, shelter, and clean drinking water. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS!**

**EASTER FLOWERS** Orders are now being taken. Please see the last page of the Bulletin for an order form, or if you need another, they are on the Bookcase in the Commons area.

***Deadline is next Sunday 3/29/15.***

**USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES** We collect used printer cartridges and Recycle them to turn in to Office Max for credit toward our office supplies. Please put your empty cartridge in the Office in a basket marked “**Max**” We appreciate your help!

**COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY** will be making a video presentation of our Affirmation of Welcome along with some testimonies from parishioners about why they

love BUCC on Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday! We will be using these for our website. No need to sign up...just be at church and be your amazing self. You will not be included unless you have signed a media waiver (available in the narthex or from the office) Look for Kate Klonowski (she will have forms available as well) and her trusty iPhone to become an internet ambassador for our great community!

**MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION** on Sunday, May 10th, 2015, we will be collecting donations for Womankind, an organization who provides comprehensive prenatal care to pregnant women in need. Your family can pick up a baby bottle in the narthex to take home and collect loose change (or a check would be lovely!) Your financial donations go a long way!

***Other "wish list" items include:***

Helpful donation items in high demand include: Office Max/Giant Eagle/Sam's Club gift cards; Diapers-all sizes; Baby Wipes; Similac Advance with Iron (this type of formula only please); "Forever" postage stamps; baby clothes; maternity clothes and furniture (no toys, please!). Womankind provides all of their services at no cost. Thank you so much for your generosity! If you have any questions, concerns or need to arrange a large pickup, please contact Kate Klonowski at 216-534-3498 or [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com).

## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Holy One, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was like a spouse to them. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Holy One: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Holy One," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## **The New Testament - John 12:20-26; 35-36**

Now among those who went up to worship at the Passover festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified! Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Holy One will honor.”

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say, ‘God, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Holy One, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”



**The Continuing Testament - *The Time Has Come* - by Andrew King**

THE TIME HAS COME

The time is here: be lifted, Human One,  
to glorify the God whose rule is love;  
the hour of sacrifice is why you've come.  
Now may we hear the voice that speaks above!

The time is ripe: be planted, Faithful Seed,  
to be the grain that life abundant gives.  
Teach us the death-to-self that is our need —  
that willingness to serve is how to live.

The time is now: shine out, O Lord of Light  
into our hearts, into the shadowed earth;  
show us the way to love; give us the sight  
that sees in every soul eternal worth.

The time has come: be lifted, Holy One,  
to draw all people to your saving grace;  
as children of your light may we become  
the ones who share your love through time and space.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, March 22</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Spiritual Life
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>	10-11:30 am	CWRU
	7:15 pm	Lenten Study
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
<b>Thursday, March 26</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, March 29</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MARCH 22, 2015**

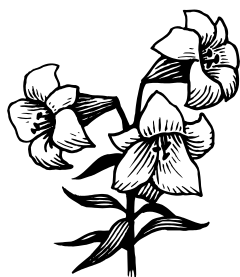
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Spencer Whyte</b>
<b>Head Usher:</b>	<b>Jan Renovetz</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>George &amp; Carole Snider</b> <b>David Pastor, Tina Ortiz</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>Ryan Stewart</b>
<b>Peace Candle:</b>	<b>Indira Bigelow</b>
<b>Sound:</b>	<b>Mike Westerberg</b>
<b>Comms Grtr:</b>	<b>Jane Cribbs</b>
<b>Narthex Grtr:</b>	<b>Cliff Cribbs</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Kathy Pastor</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Kara Rees</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Carole Snider, Sue Stenzel</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	<b>Robin Coyer–Westerberg, Vicki Szabo</b>
<b>Clean-Up:</b>	<b>Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey</b>
<b>Snacks:</b>	<b>Diane Gressley, Heidi Spangler</b>
<b>Snow Herder:</b>	<b>Matt Wolbert</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MARCH 29, 2015**

<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>David Pastor</b>
<b>Head Usher:</b>	<b>Evie Novak</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Spencer Whyte, Matt Wolbert</b> <b>Darlene Kelly, Heidi Spangler</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>Courtnei Began</b>
<b>Peace Cndl:</b>	<b>Carli Began</b>
<b>Sound:</b>	<b>Doug Fawcett</b>
<b>Comms Grtr:</b>	<b>Wes Novak</b>
<b>Narthex Grtr:</b>	<b>Kathy Pastor</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Peg Duffy</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Jim Duffy, Jan Renovetz</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	<b>Carole Snider, Joanne Cooke</b>
<b>Clean-Up:</b>	<b>Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett</b>
<b>Snacks:</b>	<b>Beth Rehling, Susan Snyder</b>
<b>Snow Hdr:</b>	<b>Wes Novak</b>

**CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANTUARY**



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Easter with those who are ill or shut-in, or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office

**DEADLINE – SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

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**I Enclose \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ or other \_\_\_\_\_ for Easter Plants**

**In Memory \_\_\_\_\_ or Honor \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_**

**Of \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**Your Name**  
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**I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter \_\_\_\_\_**

**WILL KEEP FLOWERS \_\_\_\_\_**  
**WILL NOT KEEP FLOWERS \_\_\_\_\_**