

## **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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# APRIL 5, 2015 – EASTER SUNDAY

## **Meditation Music**

Ever-present Holy One, too often we allow our vision to become clouded, and we feel hopeless and helpless in the face of the challenges before us. By the power of Christ's Resurrection, open our eyes, renew our spirits, and inspire our living. Break through our darkness, and empower us to bring light and hope to those around us. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

This Is the Day

de Silva

'This is the day our God has made.  
This is the day, alleluia!  
Dying, your love has conquered death,  
rising, your grace has raised us up;  
we sing of your salvation  
that leads us to freedom,  
leads us to glory again."  
Chris de Silva, b. 1967

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

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

### **Introit**

Festival Canticle: This Is the Feast

Hillert

*[Becky Anderson, Betsey Wilson, flute; Pastor Dave, trumpet;  
Youth Percussion Group with Bob Chandler, Donn Whyte and Jim Demko]*

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

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is Risen indeed!**

L: Let us praise the Eternal One, who brings life out of death.

**P: Let us exalt in the Holy One, who brings hope out of despair.**

L: Let the earth break-forth with gladness!

**P: Let the heavens sing-out with joy!**

L: For on this day, Divine Grace has triumphed;

**P: On this day, Divine Love has prevailed!**

L: Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

#233

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

**Holy Source of New Beginnings, we rejoice that through Jesus Christ you turn our despair into hope, our sorrow into joy, our defeat into victory. Help us this day to burst out of the tombs that have trapped us: tombs of selfishness, greed, pride, and prejudice. May a new life of grace and love spring-forth from each of us, today and every day. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen One who brings us joy! Amen!**

**\* 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 Old Testament**

Isaiah 25:1; 4-8

Pew Bible, page 652

**The New Testament**

Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible, page 55

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Whistling in the Dark*

by Frederick Buechner

**Youth Anthem**

People Rise Up

Johnson

[Joyful Noise Choir]

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

He Is Not Here!

Nagy

**Sermon**

*Well, Here's How I Heard It...*

Pastor Dave Shackle

***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**

Today Is the Day of Rejoicing

Franck, arr. Hopson

**\*Offertory Hymn**

**We bring our gifts because we care,  
They are a part of what we share.  
Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts.  
With hearts of love we share our gifts. Amen.**

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

**Wonderful, Amazing Holy One - we thank you that you raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new and renewed life. With the joyous celebration of this Good News, may each of us be inspired to find new opportunities to love and serve you, and to witness to the Light and Life of Christ. We ask that you bless our lives and our gifts, to your glory and service. All this we pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

## The Invitation

### Communion Music

Let Us Break Bread Together

#330

### Receiving the Bread and Cup

1. Let us break bread together on our knees....
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees....
3. Let us give thanks together on our knees....
4. Let us praise God together on our knees....

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O God have mercy on me.

## The Blessing

### Going with God's Love

#### \* Hymn of Departure

Yours Is the Glory

#253

#### \* 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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Chords are indicated above and below the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

#### \*Benediction

### Postlude

Hallelujah (from *Messiah*)

Handel

**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 29, 2015 – Adults: 87 Kids: 19 Total: 106

***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.

**OUR MARCH 15TH ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** Offering was \$1,057.00! These gifts will be used for disaster relief, providing clean water, refugee relief, education, food and medicines both here in the U.S. and internationally. Thank you all for that GREAT SHARING!

**A WORD OF THANKS** to Sean Dory for singing tenor with the choir during Holy Week and playing fanfare trumpet on today's hymns. Much appreciated, Sean!

**THIS MORNING OUR 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! We will be using these for our website. No need to sign up...just 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!

# ***The Readings***

## **The Old Testament** - Isaiah 25:1; 4-8

O Holy One, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.... You have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the cries of the oppressed aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Holy One will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; God will swallow up death forever. Then the Holy One will wipe away the tears from all faces, and God will take away from all the earth the disgrace of people, for the Holy One has spoken.

## **The New Testament** - Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## **The Continuing Testament** - from *Whistling in the Dark*- by Frederick Buechner [edited]

With Easter, the Gospels are far from clear as to just what happened. It began in the dark. The stone had been rolled aside. In the tomb there were two white-clad figures, or possibly just one. Mary Magdalene seems to have gotten there before anybody else. One account says Peter came too, with one of the other disciples. Elsewhere the suggestion is that there were

only the women, and that the disciples didn't believe the women's story when they heard it. Matthew speaks of "fear and great joy." Confusion was everywhere. There is no agreement even as to the role of Jesus himself. Did he appear at the tomb, or only later? What did he say? What did he do?

It's not really even much of a story when you come right down to it. It doesn't have the ring of great drama. It has the ring of truth.... The narrative is as fragmented, shadowy, incomplete as Life itself. When it comes to exactly what happened, there can be no certainty. That something unimaginable happened, there can be no doubt. The symbol of Easter is the empty tomb. You can't depict or domesticate emptiness. It ebbs and flows all around us, the Eastertide. Jesus rose. A few saw him briefly and talked to him. If it is true, there is nothing left to say. If it is not true, there is nothing left to say. For believers and unbelievers alike, Life has never been the same again....neither has death.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, April 5</b>	10:00 am	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b> Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	10-11:30 am	CWRU
	7pm	Membership
<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
	7 pm	Council
<b>Thursday, March 9</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, April 12</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour/Quilt Showing *Bicentennial Meeting*



**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**APRIL 5, 2015**

**Lay Reader:** David Ritchey  
**Head Usher:** Max Roha  
**Ushers:** Sam Koch, Ed Lusk  
Carole & George Snider  
**Acolyte:** Courtni Began  
**Peace Cndl:** Carli Began  
**Sound:** Doug Fawcett  
**Comms Grtr:** Chad Sproul  
**Narthex Grtr:** Joanne Cook  
**Flowers:** EASTER LILIES  
**Nursery:** Marla Corrado  
**Counters:** Nancy Stella, Anna Mary  
Fisher  
**Servers:** Joy Garapic, Caroline Chandler  
**Clean Up:** Dave & Julie Bernard  
**Snacks:** Justin Smith & Jon Thompson  
**Snow Hrdr:** Cliff Cribbs

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**APRIL 12, 2015**

**Lay Reader:** Tia Began  
**Head Usher:** Bridget Sproul  
**Ushers:** Tina Ortiz, Heidi Spangler  
Fred Pesek, Bruce McCain  
**Acolyte:** Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
**Peace Cndl:** Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
**Sound:** Mike Westerberg  
**Comms Grtr:** Marge Culver  
**Narthex Grtr:** Dorie Gabor  
**Flowers:** Carole Snider  
**Nursery:** Robin Coyer-Westerberg  
**Counters:** Kathy Pastor, Bruce McCain  
**Servers:** Sue Stenzel & Joanne Cook  
**Clean-Up:** Jon Thompson, Jill Zedan  
**Snacks:** Marla Corrado, Marilyn Wrights  
**Snow Herder:** David Pastor

## ***Easter Flower Dedications***



- Anonymous***                      ***In Memory of those Lost but Never Forgotten.***
- The Andersons***                ***In Honor of our Parents and Grandparents,  
Lenore & Bill Harris, and Barbara & Walter Anderson.***
- Julie Bernard  
& Linda Kriynovich***            ***In Memory of Tony & Julie Gorenc.***
- Jane & Cliff  
Cribbs***                            ***In Honor of Loved Ones.***
- Dorothy Faust***                 ***In Memory of her Parents, Clinton & Caroline Tallant.***
- Anna Mary Fisher***            ***In Memory of Loved Ones.***
- Shelly Forbes***                 ***In Memory of Grandparents, Mildred & Elmer  
Wright, and Parents Lucille & Benjamin Forbes.***
- Joy Garapic***                    ***In Memory of William Garapic, Loving Husband, Father and  
Grandfather.***
- Phyllis Molnar***                ***In Memory of Parents Bertha & George Ulsenheimer.  
Husband Edward Molnar.***
- Dassie Matsuoka  
& Daughters***                 ***In Memory of James Matsuoka.***
- Tina Ortiz***                        ***In Memory of Joseph, Betty & Timothy Ortiz.***

- Tina Ortiz**                    ***In Honor of my Children, Rachel Kubic & Dan King,  
My Grandchildren, Stephanie King, Grace, Juli, and Jenna  
Kubic, and my Great-Grandchildren Lyndsey & Bradly.***
- Max Roha**                    ***In Memory of David J. Roha, Mary Roha, and Lois Wallin.***
- Miriam L.  
Rosewicz**                    ***In Memory of Loved Ones.***
- George & Carole  
Snider**                    ***In Memory of our Parents, Mahala & George Snider and  
Betty & Bert Weale.***
- Vicki Szabo**                    ***In Memory of Victor Szabo.***
- Jon K. Thompson**                    ***Jesus Christ is Risen!***
- Bill & Ann Toneff**                    ***In Memory of Vera & Milan Toneff, and Elizabeth  
And CC Thorton.***
- Bill & Ann Toneff**                    ***In Memory of Thelma & Norman Ellsworth, Elsie  
& Dwight Loughborough.***
- G & Jan  
Wardlaw**                    ***In Memory of Hubert G. Wardlaw, Sr. & Ed Wishcamper.***
- G & Jan  
Wardlaw**                    ***In Honor of Matt Wardlaw, Annie Zaleski, Mike, Melanie,  
Evan, and Julie Merritt, and Michelle Fung.***
- Donn Whyte**                    ***In Memory of Wayne Whyte.***
- Joe, Betsey, &  
Drew Wilson**                    ***In Memory of Norinne F. Brownlow, and John M.  
Brownlow, Sr.***
- Sherill & Bill Witt**                    ***In Memory of William & Mary Witt.  
In Honor & Memory of Arch & Shirley Duncan.  
In Memory of Dennis Thompson.***