

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 19, 2015 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, with open eyes and open minds we gaze and wonder at the marvels of Creation. May we also delve deeply into the wonderful relationships which are ours to experience, as we look for and raise-up the good in others and the Christ in us all. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

On the Journey to Emmaus

Gaelic, arr. Haugen

“On the journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast,
With Jesus we claim that the greatest is least:
And His words burn within us – let none be ignored –
Who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.”
Based on Luke 24:13-35; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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 which gives us life and brings us to this time and place.

L: Let us gather in the confidence and hope that Divine Love brings us,

P: Knowing that we are forgiven and accepted 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: Let us rejoice in the Holy One's marvelous compassion and grace!

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

***Hymn of Praise**

The Day of Resurrection

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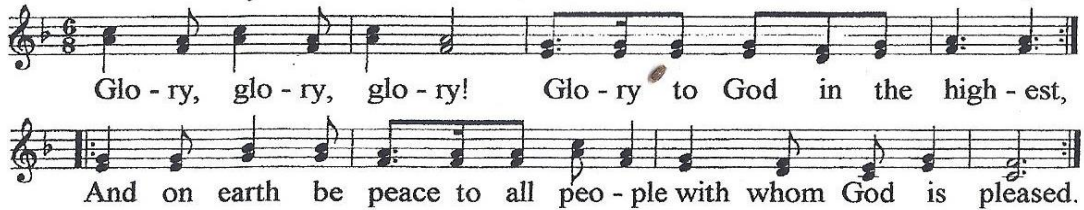
***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Power of Life and Love, we praise you that you have not abandoned us to the fearful forces of sin, death and despair, but have raised us up anew. In this time of worship and throughout all our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. Strengthen and inspire us as individuals and as a community of faith, that we might know the power of the Resurrection in our daily lives, through Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament From

II Samuel Chapter 7

Pew Bible, page 281

The New Testament

Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible, page 90

The Continuing Testament

from *Let's Go for a Walk*

by Bruce Epperly

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Rejoice, Rejoice!

Dailey, arr. DeBruyn

Sermon

I'm Usually Good with Faces...

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

**We Live by Faith and Not by Sight
[sung to *Amazing Grace*]**

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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

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***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]**

Risen Christ, we give thanks that you continue to walk among us, bringing new life and renewed hope to all people. Help us to recognize you in the lives and faces of others. Open our eyes, that we might open our hearts to generously offer our support and care to those in need. By the power of your Spirit, inspire our giving and our living, so that we might continue to serve you with joy! Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Communion Music

Day of Arising

Schalk

**“Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.”
Susan Palo Cherwien, 1996**

Going with God's Love

*Hymn of Departure

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[verse 1]

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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 **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

Fugue in C Major

Pachelbel

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ann Toneff, Dan Renovetz, Jan & 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, April 12, 2015 – Adults: 77 Kids: 27 Total: 92

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping 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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Tina Ortiz in Memory of her Mother, Betty Ortiz's 95th Birthday.

PLEASE JOIN US on Wednesday, April 29th at 7 pm for the kick-off of our new Bicentennial Ad-Hoc Ministry. We will be brainstorming ideas to make our yearlong celebration worthy of our 200 year history. If you can't make it on a Wednesday, please join us on Tuesday, May 19th at 7 pm, as we continue fleshing out what our big birthday celebration will look like. ***EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!***

WHAT A GREAT PROBLEM TO HAVE! Even with a good number of us regularly parking at Central School, we continue to have a bit of a parking "problem". In an effort to remain hospitable to our visitors and help those arriving late, we ask that others of you who can readily do so, park in the school lot next door. This is just another way in which we can signal our desire to be accessible and welcoming to all.

THE CANNING SEASON IS ALMOST HERE. Please return the empty canning jars, rings, and plastic lids. Do not return the metal lids. Thanks, Marianne and Mac Hoppel.

LOST-AND-FOUND Please check out the items in the Commons area that have been left behind at our various programs. The pile is growing, and we will soon be donating the items if they are not claimed. Thank you.

BICENTENNIAL QUILT If you haven't signed up to create a square for the quilt to celebrate our bicentennial in 2016 please come to the table in Pilgrim Hall after church. If you don't know what to do with the muslin square there is help for you. We have a list of persons who would be happy to talk with you.

PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION until April 27th. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Ann Klonowski [216-544-4717].

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

Also, if you have chosen a date already, please fill out the Dedication Form and give to Joy Garapic with payment. Thank You.

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

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***.

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!

OUR COMPLETE WORSHIP SERVICE, including anthems, hymns, etc., is fed by our sound system to our new 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.

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.

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 -from II Samuel Chapter 7

Thus says the Holy One: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say: Hear the word of the Holy One, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David - you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. Thus says the Holy One: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place. For if you will indeed obey this word, and then through the gates of this house shall enter rulers who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people. But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the Holy One that this house shall become desolation.

The New Testament - Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day [the first Easter] two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Continuing Testament - from *Let's Go for a Walk* - by Bruce Epperly [edited]

A walk and a meal can transform your life, and that's what happened in the encounter between Jesus and two of his disciples. Trudging down the road, these utterly confused followers are joined by a third person. Their world has been turned upside down by the events of the past week. But, as they walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus, first sharing their common grief, and then entering into a strange conversation with their unexpected companion, things begin to change.

Confused and grief stricken, the two men nevertheless reach-out to the stranger. They invite him to supper, and come to know his identity as the Risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. Their hospitality leads to an epiphany - an encounter with the Risen Jesus, who is revealed to them in the simple acts of blessing, breaking, and eating. Movement and meal lead to revelation, and then Jesus is gone, vanishing from their sight, but leaving

them with warmed hearts, lively spirits, and energetic bodies. They are so energized that they hurry back to Jerusalem to share the good news: that Jesus is risen and on the road!

We don't know where Emmaus is located. Several possibilities have been suggested, but perhaps this vagueness is a virtue. In not localizing Emmaus, you and I can be open to the possibility that Emmaus is *everywhere!* Therefore, wherever the road takes us, and every time we break bread, Jesus Christ can come to us, fill us with excitement and energy, hope and possibility, and the overwhelming joy of New and Renewed Life!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 19	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
		Hunger Meal
Tuesday, April 21	10-11:30 am	CWRU
Wednesday, April 22	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday, March 23	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, April 26	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 19, 2015

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Kathy Smith
Ushers:	Julie & Dave Bernard Kathy & David Pastor
Acolyte:	Ben Rehling
Peace Candi:	Indira Bigelow
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Caroline Chandler
Narthex Grtr:	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Peg Duffy
Counters:	Sue Stenzel, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean-Up:	Jon Thompson, Jill Zedan
Snacks:	Anne Melfo, Betsey Wilson
Snow Herder:	Billy Harris

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 26, 2015

Lay Reader:	Jill Zedan
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Joe & Betsey Wilson Drew Wilson, Lindsey Maier
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Shauna Bigelow
Counters:	Donn Whyte, Dassie Matsuoka
Servers:	Carole Snider, Marge Culver
Clean-Up:	Peg & Jim Duffy
Snacks:	Bridget Sproul, Tia Began
Snow Herder:	Jesse Wade