



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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*Loving, Serving and Accepting All People
with God's Life-Changing Power*

Journey with us, O Holy One, through this day and throughout this season. May we follow your leading and draw strength from your Presence beside us. And in those times and places we feel alone, help us to trust you will bring Good News to us and to all. Amen.

First Sunday In

LENT

Sunday February 14, 2016 • 10:00 AM

First Sunday Of Lent

Pastor

• Rev David Shackle

Director of Music

• David Debick

Financial Secretary

• Joy Garapic

Ministers

All of our Members

Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger

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 14, 2016 –FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Meditation Music

We follow the One who taught, “When someone asks you for something, give it to her; when someone wants to borrow something, lend it to him.” May we heed the radical nature of Jesus’ message and by our actions may we be seen as followers of the Way. Amen.

Gathering in God’s Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Intonazioni D’Organo (Organ Intonations)

G. Gabrieli

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - based on *Ecclesiastes* 3

Leader: For everything there is a season,

People: And a time for every purpose under heaven.

L: A time to be born,

P: And a time to die;

L: A time to tear down,

P: And a time to build up;

L: A time to embrace,

P: And a time to release.

L: Lent is a time to reflect and repent,

P: To hold on to what is Life-affirming, and to let go of what is not.

L: This morning, may we let go of all those things which would keep us from living in Divine Grace,

All: That the Holy One might take hold of us, inspire us, and lead in the way of Light and Love!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Lift High the Cross

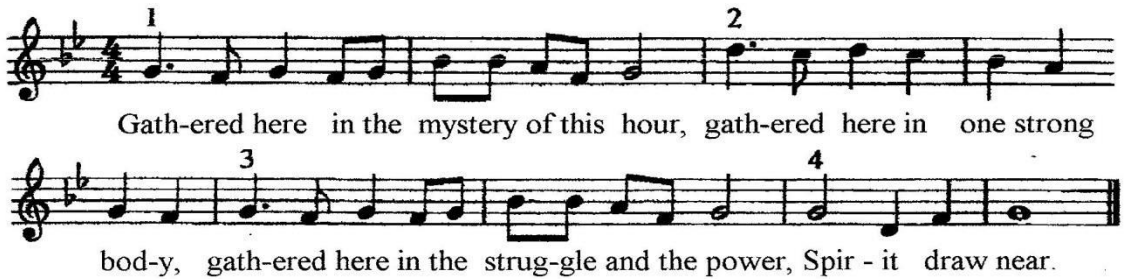
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*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Holy Source of all that is, 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 shared our human life, walking the path of loving service all the way to the cross. Following Christ’s example, may we also be willing to give ourselves fully for the sake of others. Amen.

***Song of Praise**

[Gathered Here #742 sung twice]



The Old Testament

Psalm 91:1-2; 9-16

Pew Bible, page 548

The New Testament

Luke 4:1-13

Pew Bible, page 61

The Continuing Testament

from *The Politics of Temptation*

by Nancy Rockwell

Youth Anthem

Child of God
[Joyful Noise Choir]

African-American spiritual

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Search Me, O God

Huguley

Sermon

A Power-full Temptation

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Jesus, Still Lead On

#446

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

Kyrie

N. de Grigny

Translation: Lord, have mercy. (Greek)

* Offertory Hymn

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

Gracious and Merciful Holy One, as we present our gifts at your Table, we pray that you would warm our hearts and expand our generosity. Help us to faithfully trust in your loving care for us, so that we might boldly give of our lives and resources to care for others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days

#211

*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

* Circle of Community

[Hear Our Prayer, O God - #769 - sung 2X's]

*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

We Ponder Your Steadfast Love, O God

McMane

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

John King, Ann Toneff, Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, 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, February 7, 2016, – Adults: 80 Kids: 16 Total: 96

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 Michele Marcus & Kim Stefanini in Memory of deceased members of the Stefanini, and Magold Families.

A LONG-STANDING LENTEN TRADITION within the Christian Church is to “put away” hymns or verses which contain “Alleluias”, and to set a more reflective tone with our musical selections. The purpose of this is so that on Easter Sunday, our “Alleluias” and praise can ring-out with renewed freshness and vigor, as we hail the Risen Christ. This is why we are using a different Song of Praise and concluding hymn for the benediction today. Please note that we are also using different words for our **Offertory Hymn**.

“LOOKING BACKWARD TO MOVE FORWARD” is the theme of this year's Lenten Study. This Tuesday from 7:15 to 8:30 pm, we begin a five week overview of the story of our Christian Faith. Each session will highlight a significant era of the Church's life, and we will explore how that historical period might correspond to a particular stage of our own lives and faith. We start this week with “Judaism and the Jesus Movement - Every Family Has It's Issues!” I hope to see you there - Pastor Dave

SEASONAL CHOIR It's not too late to join seasonal choir as we prepare for Holy Week. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. during Lent. Come and enjoy music, fellowship and spiritual preparation for holy days that are pivotal to our faith as Christians. Listening CDs will be available to help with the learning process. High school students are welcome.

WOMEN UNITED will meet Wednesday, Feb 17 at 11:30 a.m. Joanne Cook will be sharing her artwork with us. She is a talented artist and quilter. Bring a sandwich or your lunch. We will provide coffee and tea.

THE BUCC LIBRARY invites you to take a look at the Lent, Holy Week, and Easter books near the copies of Still Speaking Magazine on the top shelf of the red book cart. Books for adults on other subjects are on the middle shelf, and children's Lent, Holy Week, and Easter books are on the lowest shelf. The books on the cart have all been cataloged, so please use the card in the pocket in the back of the book to sign out the books you borrow.

AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, our free concert on April 10 will feature the Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Chorus, directed by Joy Parker. Our choir will join the community chorus for a handful of pieces during the concert. All are welcome to participate in this event - including regular and seasonal choir singers, BUCC members and friends, and high school students. Weekly rehearsals start on Monday March 7 from 7-8 p.m. at Brecksville United Methodist Church across the square. Dave D. will be recording practice CDs to help with the learning process. Contact Dave if you'd like a copy of music and CD.

PHOTOS WANTED! Please take photos of **ALL** events this year so we might add them to the new pictorial directory this fall, ie. Ministry meetings, event set-up/tear down, donation delivery, hospital visits (with permission), choir practices, Sunday School classes, you get the idea! Post them on our Facebook page, email to BetseyWilson10@gmail.com or leave hard copies in the office Attn: Bicentennial Ministry. Thank you!

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. The cost is now \$25.

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***.

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.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

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.

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.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 91:1-2; 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Holy One "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."Because you have made the Holy One your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For God will command the angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

The New Testament - Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall only worship and serve the Holy One, your God.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, God will command the angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Holy One, your God, to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Continuing Testament - from *The Politics of Temptation* - by Nancy
by Nancy Rockwell [edited]

Most politicians advertise that they are not about power, they are about goodness. It has become a practice in American politics to use Christianity as the scenery for campaigns that unfold around other values. In the midst of Christian props, candidates vow their allegiance to carpet bombing entire cities, to denying people entry to our country because of their religion, to a tax system which rewards the rich and punishes the poor, and to other things that clearly contradict Gospel values. Wasn't this exactly what the Devil was trying to get Jesus to do? To develop an economy, and a justice, in which Jesus would be the all-powerful ruler, establishing a theocratic kingdom based on his own status? So the temptations begin. Jesus is offered power to rule nations, power to control the bread of the world, and the opportunity to defy death and take even more power from God.

In fact, Jesus becomes the Bread of the World. But not in a power grab. He creates a brother-and-sisterhood of sharing bread, not a hierarchy in which bread is made available by him. He creates an open table and a perpetual welcome. Jesus does become a powerful presence in every nation on earth, but never as a ruler, instead, through the Spirit, as servant, friend and guide. Jesus goes to the cross not as a dare-devil acting in defiance of death, nor as a loyal soldier, but in tearful recognition that he will die in humiliation, and in faith that God will not be defeated by those who serve the forces of evil he resists.

Purity of heart, such as Jesus maintained, requires us not to praise might and wield death. Not to sit on thrones. Not to defend systems of distribution that feed some and leave others hungry. The politics of temptation are always with us, tempting us to believe we do not have to die, and we can always be in control.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 14	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Stewardship
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Tues., Feb. 16	10:00am	CWRU
	7:15 pm	Lenten Study PH
Wed., Feb. 17	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., Feb 18	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, Feb. 21	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Lay Reader:	Ed Lusk
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Linda Kriynovich, Jim Duffy Wes Novak, Betsey Wilson
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Evie Novak
Narthex Grtr:	George Snider
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	David Pastor, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Carole Snider, Joanne Cook
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Gina Cook, Tia Began
Snow Herder:	Jim Demko

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Lay Reader:	Jill Zedan
Head Usher:	Bridget Sproul,
Ushers:	Sue Stenzel, David Ritchey Betsey Wilson, Sue Maier
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Jon Thompson
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Jon Cook
Counters:	Carole Snider, Bruce McCain
Servers:	Darlen Kelly, Michele Namitka
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks:	Marge Culver, Kathleen Stewart
Snow Herder:	Dave Bernard