



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Compassionate Holy One, help us to trust in you, even in our times of uncertainty and doubt. Help us to follow you, particularly when our society moves in a different direction. Help us to live in your love and grace, especially when everything around us indicates that we can't. Amen

Second Sunday In

LENT

Sunday February 21, 2016 • 10:00 AM

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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 21, 2016 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Meditation Music

Holy One, when everything seems lost, or everyone seems to turn against us, may we turn to you for help, guidance and strength. Inspire and encourage us to follow Jesus' example, so that we may entrust our entire lives to your goodness and faithfulness. And like Jesus, may we also see through the darkness, and move toward the Light of an Easter Day. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

I Shall Not Abandon God

J. M. Bach

"I shall not abandon God
for God does not abandon me.
God leads me on the right way;
where I would otherwise go far astray,
God reaches out loving hands to me."
Ludwig Helmbold, 1563; trans. Francis Browne, 2010

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**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

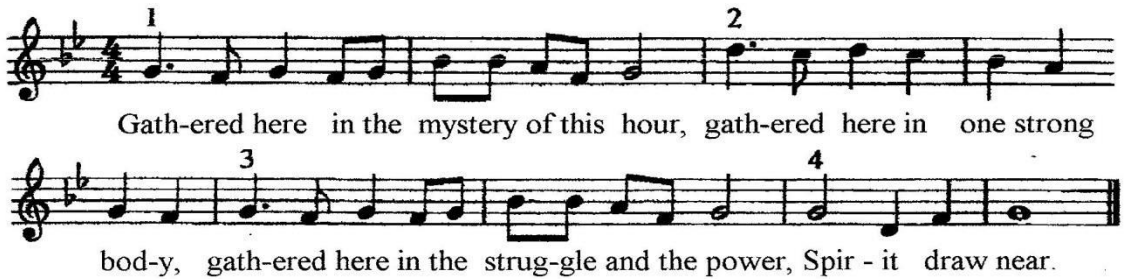
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*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Compassionate Holy One, inspire us to truly pay attention to the people around us and the world in which we live. Warm our hearts with your love, so that we might care deeply for all our neighbors, both near and far. Transform our caring into bread for the hungry, healing for the sick, and hope for those who hunger and thirst after justice. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

***Song of Praise**

[Gathered Here #742 sung twice]



The Old Testament

Psalm 27:1-5; 11-14

Pew Bible, page 503

The New Testament

Luke 13:31-35

Pew Bible, page 77

The Continuing Testament

from *God's Feminine Side*

by Debbie Blue

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Mothering God

Jennings, arr. Collins

[Betsey Wilson, flute]

Sermon

The Hen in the Fox House

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

#583

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

Our God Is Loving

Fitzpatrick

*** 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 [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, Source of all life and Giver of every good gift: accept these offerings that we present here today. May they serve as symbols of our love and commitment to you and to your saving work in this place and in our world. May they also be a sign of our willingness to give our whole hearts and lives in dedicated service to you and to your message of love and peace. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, the One who willing lays down his life for us all. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Communion Music

**My Soul Is at Rest
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]**

Berthier

**"My soul is at rest in God alone,
my salvation comes from God."
Based on Psalm 62**

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[verse 1]

#80

*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

By Gracious Powers

Farlee

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Caroline Chandler, 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 14, 2016, – Adults: 68 Kids: 14 Total: 82

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.

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 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.

“LOOKING BACKWARD TO MOVE FORWARD” is the theme of this year’s Lenten Study. This Tuesday from 7:15 to 8:30 pm, our topic will be “The Empire Strikes Back - Constantine Adopts, Christianity Adapts!” Each week’s session highlights a significant era of the Church’s life, and we will also explore how that historical period might correspond to a particular stage of our own lives and faith. I hope to see you there - Pastor Dave
Upcoming Sessions:

March 1st - “Breaking-Up Is Hard to Do - Revisiting the Reformation”

March 8th - “God Is Dead - Long Live God!”

March 15th – “Back to the Future - from Doubts, to Dreams ”

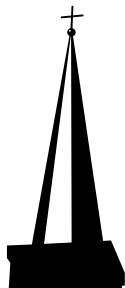
SEASONAL CHOIR It's not too late to join seasonal choir as we prepare for Holy Week. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. during Lent. Come and enjoy music, fellowship and spiritual preparation for holy days that are pivotal to our faith as Christians. Listening CDs will be available to help with the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

IF YOU ARE NEW TO BUCC Find out all about us at BrecksvilleUCC.org or join our Facebook page at Facebook.com/groups/47415019263/ (or type in Brecksville United Church of Christ in the top search bar on your FB page). On our website you’ll find current announcements, details of our 200 year history, photos and our Affirmation of Welcome. Our Facebook page is just plain fun!

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!



Brecksville United Church of Christ

CELEBRATING
200
YEARS

Enter, Rejoice & Come In!

BUCC POLO SHIRTS We are now taking orders for the BUCC polo shirts and t-shirts with our 200 year anniversary logo. These high quality polo shirts are gray with an embroidered red, white and black BUCC logo. Sizes s-xl are \$25.00. 2xl and larger are \$27.00.

Gray, logo screened t-shirts sizes s-xl are \$15.00 with an additional \$2.00 for larger sizes. Children's t-shirts are also available.

Samples will be available for you to see and try on during coffee hour. A representative of the bicentennial committee will be available during coffee hour to take your order.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-5; 11-14

God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Holy One is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though hostilities rise up against me, I will still be confident. One thing I ask of the Holy One, one thing will I seek: to live in God's house all the days of my life - to behold Divine beauty and truth within God's temple.

For the Holy One will shelter me in the day of trouble; God will conceal me within God's dwelling and will keep me secure....

Teach me your way, O God, and lead me on a straight path, that I may walk safely past my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out threats of violence. Yet I trust that I shall see the glory of the Holy One in the land of the living. Let all people look to the Holy One and be strong! Let your hearts take courage, as you wait for God's deliverance!

The New Testament - Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Continuing Testament - from *God's Feminine Side* - by Debbie Blue [edited]

Any halfway decent theologian will tell you that God is decidedly not an old man on a throne in the sky. That this image persists in the popular imagination, most likely has to do with some language we find in the Bible, and the layers and layers of patriarchy involved. It takes effort and imagination to dislodge this monolithic HE, but if you are willing to dig around and look at things from a different angle, you can find many glimpses of a God not defined by patriarchy - a god that is altogether different, and more complete, than the Almighty Father.

The writers of the Bible are well aware of the insufficiency of the words available to speak of the Divine Him/Her/It, because they reach so wildly. God is a lily, a rose, dew, wind and fire. God is a mother bear and a lion. On the other hand God is *not* a lion, but a lamb. God is not in the fire or the wind, but in the still small voice. God is in the images of birthing and birds. The Roman Empire exalted the eagle - a strong and powerful killer of a bird. It's striking that Jesus would compare himself to a hen. You could hardly come up with an animal less evocative of imperial might. It's a lovely image, but it's not especially dignified.

Much of the world worships the Almighty - if not a powerful, all-knowing deity, then just power itself. Power rules. If there is a God, then God must be muscular and brawny.

Many theologians would argue that Jesus reveals God's essential Being not as power, but love. Like the hen with her wings over her chicks, there's a fragility in this picture. But perhaps images of a vulnerable God are important, if we hope to have a world that is not overrun by bullies and corporate kings

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 21	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tues., Feb. 23	10:00am	CWRU
	7:15 pm	Lenten Study Parlor
Wed., Feb. 24	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
	7:00 pm	Bicentennial Meeting
Thurs., Feb 25	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, Feb. 28	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Lay Reader:	David Pastor
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Bob & Caroline Chandler Fred Pesek, Ed Lusk
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Jane Cribbs
Narthex Grtr:	Cliff Cribbs
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Jim Duffy, Marge Culver
Servers:	Chad Sproul, Vicki Szabo
Clean-Up:	Jill Zedan, Jon Thompson
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Kate Klonowski
Snow Herder:	Matt Wolbert

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 13, 2016

I Enclose \$10.00_____ or other_____ for Easter Plants

In Memory of_____

In Honor of _____ or Other_____

Your Name

I will keep the Flowers_____

I will NOT keep Flowers_____

I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter_____