

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy One, we pray for all of those who seek reconciliation and resolution between warring factions throughout our world, and for all who strive for peace and justice throughout our own land. We ask for clarity to see things as they are, and not as we wish they were; and for compassion and patience toward those with whom we disagree. Amen.

Fourth Sunday In

LENT

Sunday March 6, 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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MARCH 6, 2016 –FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Meditation Music

Merciful Holy One, forgive us for when we give-up on others, and fail to spend our energy and resources to help find and rescue them. Help us to remember how deeply your love has touched and transformed us, so that we in turn might renew our efforts to extend that love to others. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

O Come unto the Lord Chai Hoon Park (Korea)
"Jesus anxiously awaits you,
with door kept open wide,
as one who waits throughout the night
for a lost child to come back home."
Young taik Chun, 1943; trans. Steve S. Shim, 1976, alt.

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship - from *Psalms* 89**

Leader: I will sing forever of your steadfast love, O Holy One;

People: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

L: I will declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

P: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: The heavens are yours, and the earth as well;

P: The world and all that is in it, for you have founded all things.

L: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

P: Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

L: Happy are those who shout your praises;

All: Who walk in the light of your presence!

*** Hymn of Praise**

O My Soul, Bless Your Creator

#13

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your One Family, to care for your world and all within it. You challenge us to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring hope and comfort where there is grief and despair. Forgive us when we fail to do so. Mend our brokenness and strengthen our resolve to do better. By your Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power of your abundant love and amazing grace. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Example, and Friend. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

L: One fact remains and will never change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life!

All: Thanks be to God!

* Passing the Peace

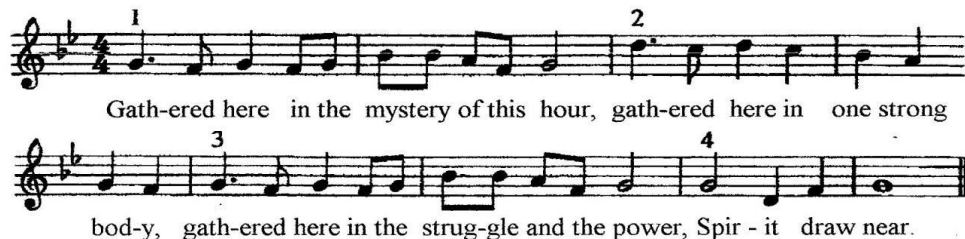
L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*Song of Praise

[Gathered Here #742 sung twice]



The Old Testament

Psalm 32Pew Bible,

page 506

The New Testament

Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible, page 78

The Continuing Testament

- from *When People You Don't Like Receive God's Love*
by Eric Barreto

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Imayo

12th century Japanese melody

[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Sermon

People Who Live In Glass Houses...Shouldn't!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

O God, How We Have Wandered

#202

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

Quatuor sur le Kyrie

d'Anglebert

* 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 and Giving Holy One, we are grateful for the ways in which we see your
glory throughout all creation. We thank you for caring for us and for entrusting to
us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another. Accept these offerings
that we present to you, and help us also give ourselves fully and freely to the work
of your Realm - that the love of Christ might shine through us and throughout the
world! Amen!**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table
[verse 1]

#332

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

As a Chalice Cast of Gold
"As a chalice cast of gold,
burnished, bright and brimmed with wine,
make me, Lord, as fit to hold
grace and truth and love divine."
Thomas H. Troeger, 1984

Doran

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#82

***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

Forgiven

Sanctus Real

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lenore Harris, Caroline Chandler, 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 28, 2016 – Adults: 68 Kids: 13 Total: 81

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.

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.

OGHS – Great needs call for sharing! Next Sunday March 13th, we will take up our **One Great Hour of Sharing** collection. This Offering goes toward emergency relief, including help for refugees. Let us give from the abundance of the blessings we have received.

EASTER FLOWERS the last day for ordering Easter Flowers is Next Sunday 3/13. If you are interested in making a Dedication, please fill out the order form in the back of the Bulletin, and return with payment to the Financial Office.

MORE NEW OFFERTORY WORDS! The verse we sing as our offerings are being brought forward were written by Bill Toneff, specifically for Lent. We could still use your contributions for additional options! You don't need to be a trained musician nor an accomplished poet. Just express your own feelings about giving, and giving thanks to God. They could be suitable for any time of year, or they might be seasonal [Christmas, Easter, Spring, Fall, etc.] Please submit your ideas [or questions] to Pastor Dave or Dave Debick, who will share them with our Spiritual Life Ministry members.

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.

OUR LENTEN STUDY continues this Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30 pm in the Parlor. Each week's session highlights a significant era of the Church's development, and we also explore how that historical period might correspond to a particular stage of our own lives and faith. This week's study is "God Is Dead - Long Live God!" Each session "stands alone" - so feel free to participate whenever your schedule permits.

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.

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: The Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Chorus, directed by Joy Parker, will help us celebrate our bicentennial year with a free program of choral music here at Brecksville UCC on Sunday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m. Sacred and secular works will be presented, including settings of early American songs and spirituals. Members of our BUCC choir will join the BBHCC to form a larger ensemble for a few of the pieces. Please know that *anyone* associated with BUCC is welcome to participate in this event - seasonal choir members, congregants, friends, and high school students. Weekly rehearsals start Monday March 7 from 7-8. Listening CDs are available to help with the learning process. Contact Dave if you'd like a copy of the 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!

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 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The New Testament - Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, the angels of heaven rejoice over one sinner who repents."

The Continuing Testament - from *When People You Don't Like Receive God's Love* – by Eric Barreto [edited]

In Luke 15, Jesus gives three famous parables about being lost and found, to the Scribes and Pharisees who disapprove of the company he keeps. Simply stated, Jesus hung out with the wrong people - with riffraff and traitors, with people none of us would ever invite to our dinner parties. Yet Jesus broke bread with them, much to the dismay of his critics. What do we learn from these stories? Jesus concludes each by noting that the heavens rejoice far more over the repentance of one we would call an "outcast" or a "despicable sinner", than when 99 well-regarded individuals let us know how noble they are.

We might say “This is not fair! Why would God value one over 99?” Does this mean that God is uninterested in the 99 who do the “right” thing? No, God cares for *all* of us deeply. But that’s the key. As long as the one is lost, the 99 are incomplete. As long as one of our sisters or brothers is broken by the world, cast aside as irrelevant, called a sinner by the rest of us, then we are at a loss, and God’s heart is broken. God will never stop searching and reaching for the one, because God’s love is too wide, God’s grace too deep.

When we lambast the undocumented for “cheating” the system, and the poor for relying on government help, without hearing their stories and empathizing with their plights, we join a long line of naysaying Scribes and Pharisees. When we credit the wealthy for their success, but judge the poor for their deficiencies, we fall into destructive, self-righteous patterns. When we see educating people convicted of crimes as a waste of time and resources, our response says much more about us than about them. Jesus’ stories, and his Life Story, are about God’s ever expanding grace - a grace that can offend our sensibilities and our collective sense of fairness. Hopefully, through, these stories will also inspire us to see the world as God sees it: The God who rightly looks for the one who is lost, rather than the 99 who seem to have Life all figured out.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 6	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tues., March 8	7:15 pm	Lenten Study - Parlor
Wed., March 9	6:00 am	Early Birds
	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., March 10	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, March 13	10:00 am	Worship Service/ OGHS Offering
	11:00 am	Corned Beef Luncheon
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 6, 2016

Lay Reader:	Sue Stenzel
Head Usher:	Evie Novak
Ushers:	Dave & Julie Bernard Darlene Kelly, Michele Namitka
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Fred Pesek
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Jon Cook
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Vicki Szabo, Joanne Cook
Clean Up:	Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks:	Tina Ortiz, Jill Zedan
Snow Herder:	Cliff Cribbs

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 13, 2016

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Ed Lusk, Tina Ortiz Dan Stewart, Diane Gressley
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr:	Jon Thompson
Flowers:	Tina Ortiz
Nursery:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Donn Whyte, Marge Culver
Servers:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Clean-Up:	Dave & Kathy Pastor
Snacks:	Diane Gressley, David Ritchey
Snow Herder:	Billy Harris

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY



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 _____