



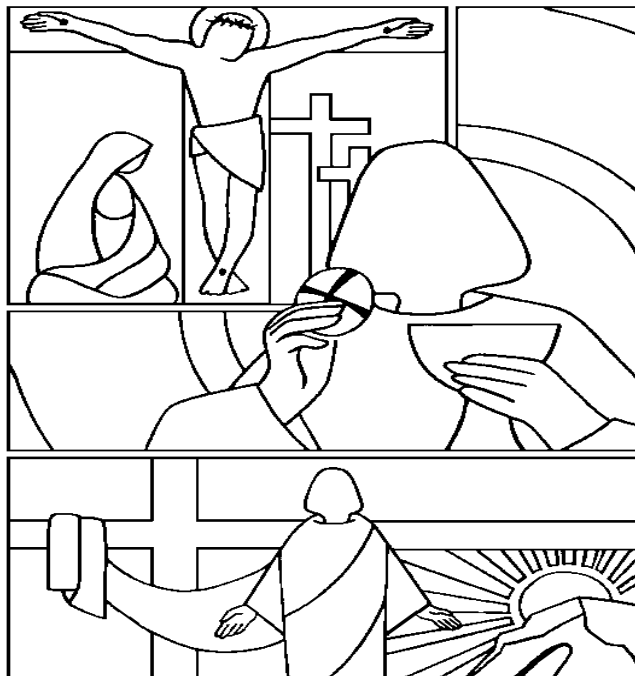
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Alleluia!
Alleluia! We
thank you,
Gracious Holy
One, for
renewing our
lives through
the Life and
Love of Jesus
Christ. Fill us
with your Holy
Spirit, today
and every day,
so that we may
joyfully raise
our hearts and
voices in
praise and
thanksgiving!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!



***From Despair...To Hope
From Death...To Life!***

Sunday March 27, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday

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 27, 2016 – EASTER SUNDAY

Meditation Music

Divine Source of All Life, we thank you that in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ you welcome all people to know and experience you. On this Easter day open our eyes, renew our spirits, inspire our living, and fill us with your everlasting joy and peace! Amen!

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Today God's Only-Gotten Son

J. S. Bach

"Today God's only-gotten Son
Arose from death and triumph won,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
In mighty splendor and glory,
His therefore be the praise alway.
Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Attrib. to Caspar Stolshagen, 1601; trans. G. R. Woodward

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

Introit

Sing the Resurrection Song

Hopson

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen indeed!

L: Let us praise God, 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, God's 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

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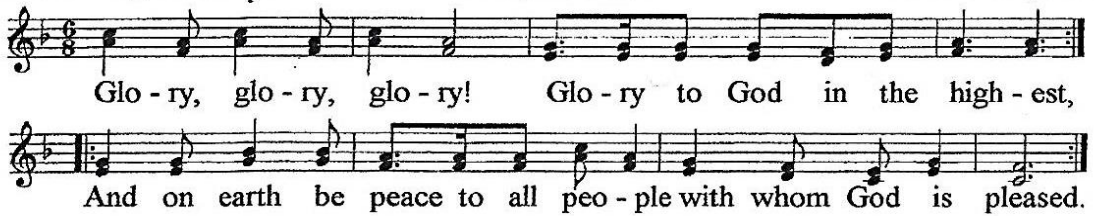
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy Source of New Beginnings, we give thanks that through Jesus Christ you turn our despair into hope, our sorrow into joy, our defeat into victory. As Christ burst-forth from the tomb on that first Easter morning, may we also rise-up to new life today. May each of us awaken to new opportunities to love and serve you, through our love and service to others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen One who fills our lives and our world with joy! Amen!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The New Testament

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible, page 114

The Continuing Testament

from *Taking the Leap*

by Alan Brehm

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

They Have Taken Away My Lord

Stainer

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

Sermon

Jogging Our Memory

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

Living Lamb of God!

Larson

*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]

Eternal and Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the hope of new and everlasting life. Help us to remember and to trust in this marvelous message of Good News, so that we might boldly use our lives and our gifts to your glory and service. This we pray in the name of our Risen Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Music

All Heaven Declares

Noel and Tricia Richards

"All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord;
who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?"
Noel Richards (b. 1955) and Tricia Richards

* Hymn of Departure

Yours Is the Glory

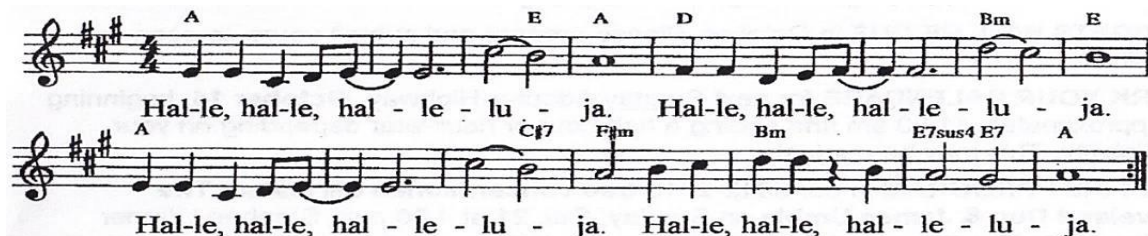
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*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem

Jarman

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jim Kaul, William Zmich (Marla Corrado Father), Lenore Harris, 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, March 30, 2016 – Adults: 79 Kids: 22 Total: 101

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.

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10 AT 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host the **Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Chorus**, directed by Joy Parker. The free concert will feature settings of early American hymns, folk tunes and spirituals along with several secular pieces. The program was chosen to help us celebrate our bicentennial year as a congregation. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the concert. Plan on joining us April 10 for an inspiring program of choral music.

BUCC'S STAFF AND ADULT CHOIR request that you *kindly refrain from applauding* after the adult choir anthem is presented at Sunday service - not only during Lent, but throughout the church year. We understand that people like to express their appreciation, but many find this applause disruptive to their worship experience. Thank you. As for the Joyful Noise Choir: please feel free to affirm them with applause as the Spirit moves 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. ***Deadline for Orders is April 3.***

BOWLING Sunday April 3rd will be our annual Bowling outing at Northwoods Lanes in Macedonia at 1-3 pm. Cost is \$6 per person which includes 2 games, rental shoes, pizza, goodies and prizes. Please see David Pastor to sign up or contact David at 440.552.4403 or email at ridave@hotmail.com.

The Readings

The New Testament - John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" [which means Teacher]. Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to God. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Divine Source and your Divine Source, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she told them the things he had said to her.

The Continuing Testament - from *Taking the Leap* - by Alan Brehm [edited]

How do we encounter the Risen Christ today? It's one thing for Mary to meet Jesus in the garden; it's another thing for you and me to encounter him now. I think there are many answers to this question. For me, I experience God's love calling me by name through the Presence of Christ in the community of faith. I experience the Presence of Christ through the love, support and affirmation I receive from other people who have experienced that life and love, and have come away from that experience transformed.

Faith enables us to move beyond believing only what we can see, to entrusting our lives to the God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead. It is a different path, a whole new way of life that sees the possibility of new life in every death, sees the light shining in the deepest darkness, and sees hope in the midst of despair. But it is not an easy path. At the end of the day, it takes something of a leap for all of us to really entrust our lives to the kind of hope that God awakened in the Resurrection of Jesus. When we take that leap of faith, it can be frightening, because we are taking a risk, and that makes us vulnerable. But that's how we open ourselves to the New Life God brings. The leap is frightening, but when we make that leap, we find ourselves moving from a life that we have to manage and control, into the arms of the God who continually offers us grace and peace, life and love.



2016 Easter Flower Dedications

Anonymous

In Memory of the Lost but Not Forgotten.

Julie Bernard &
Linda Kriynovich

In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.

Jill Black

In Memory of my Son, Harry K. Tucker III.

Community of
St. Bridget

With Gratitude from the Community of St. Bridget.

Jeanne Cowden

*In Memory of James W. Cowden, and Parents
Dr. Harry & Ella Robinson.*

Jane & Cliff
Cribbs

In Memory of Loved Ones.

Dorothy Faust

In Memory of Mother and Father, Clinton & Caroline Tallant.

Anna Mary Fisher

In Memory of Lance & Mandy.

Shelley Forbes

*In Memory of Elmer & Mildred Wright, and
Benjamin & Lucille Forbes.*

Joy Garapic

In Memory of William Garapic, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather.

Diane Gressley

In Memory of my Parents, Evan & Emma.

<u>The Hunt Family</u>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones who can't be with us today.</i>
<u>Mark Lehman</u>	<i>In Memory of my Father, Ralph Lehman.</i>
<u>Dassie Matsuoka</u>	<i>In Memory of James Matsuoka.</i>
<u>Phyllis Molnar</u>	<i>In Memory of Edward Molnar, and Parents Bertha & George Ulsenheimer.</i>
<u>Bettina Ortiz</u>	<i>In Honor of my Children, Rachel Kubic & Daniel King; My Grandchildren, Stephanie & Steven Hough; Grace, Julianne & Jenna Kubic; and my Great-Grand Children, Lyndsey & Bradley Joseph Hough.</i>
<u>Eric Rahnenfuehner</u>	<i>In Honor of Jan & Marjorie Rahnenfuehner.</i>
<u>Pat Rehm & Carol Miller</u>	<i>In Honor of Robert Miller.</i>
<u>Max Roha</u>	<i>In Loving Memory David J. Roha, Mary C. Roha, and Lois L. Wallin.</i>
<u>Mariam R. Rosewicz</u>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones.</i>
<u>The Stella Family</u>	<i>In Honor of those whose life journeys have touched this Church.</i>
	<i>In Celebration of our Church as it begins its next 200 years.</i>
<u>Bill & Ann Toneff</u>	<i>In Memory of Elizabeth & C.C. Thorton, and Vera & Milan Toneff.</i>
<u>Donn Whyte</u>	<i>In Memory of my Father, Wayne White.</i>
<u>The Wilson Family</u>	<i>In Memory of Norinne F. & John M. Brownslow, Sr.</i>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 27	7:00 am	Sunrise Service – Highland Cemetery
	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Easter Sunday
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Wed., March 30	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thurs., March 31	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, April 3	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Bowling Northwoods Lanes

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 27, 2016

Lay Reader:	Tia Began
Head Usher:	Evie Novak
Ushers:	Tim & Kim Wallis Ed Lusk, Joanne Cook
Acolyte:	Drew Demko
Peace Candle:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	George Snider
Narthex Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	<i>EASTER LILIES</i>
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Sue Stenzel, Bruce McCain
Servers:	Julie Bernard, Jill Zedan
Clean-Up:	Peg & Jim Duffy
Snacks:	Jim Pay, Anne Melfo
Snow Herder:	Wes Novak

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 3, 2016

Lay Reader:	Bridget Sproul
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Vicki Szabo, Cliff Cribbs Kathy Smith, Bob Chandler
Acolyte:	Garrett Demko
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Sue Stenzel
Flowers:	Kathy Pastor
Nursery:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Julie Bernard, Joanne Cook
Clean Up:	Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett
Snacks:	Marla Corrado, Kate Klonowski
Snow Herder:	Doug Fawcett