



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, through the power of the Risen Christ you call us to rise-up and live, to seek the welfare of others, and to offer words and deeds that are life affirming. May the presence of your Spirit among us and within us remind us that we are not alone in this sacred calling. Amen.



**Sunday April 17, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Fourth Sunday Of Easter**

*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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## APRIL 7, 2016 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### **Meditation Music**

Divine Source of Life and Love, we often find ourselves in a world that is struggling with trouble and pain. May we have the courage to step out of our comfort zones, so that we may offer a compassionate presence that can make a positive difference to those around us. Amen.

### ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

#### **Prelude**

Have No Fear, Little Flock  
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Zimmermann

"Have no fear, little flock, have no fear, little flock,  
for the Maker has chosen to give you the Kingdom,  
Have no fear, little flock!"  
Marjorie Jillson, 1972

#### **Bearing the Light of Peace**

#### **Bearing the Light of Christ**

##### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: As a good shepherd cares for the entire flock,

**People: So does our Sacred Source care for all people.**

L: We gather today as an extended Family of Faith,

**P: Confident that the Holy One is guiding us forward.**

L: Through Christ's example, we are led to welcome all those around us,

**P: To reach out to one another with acceptance and grace.**

L: Through Christ' teaching, we are called to care for those who are struggling,

**P: Those both near and far away, all of our neighbors in need.**

L: Through Christ's Presence, we receive inspiration and strength;

**ALL: With joy, let us raise our praise and thanksgiving!**

##### **\* Hymn of Praise**

Crown with Your Richest Crowns

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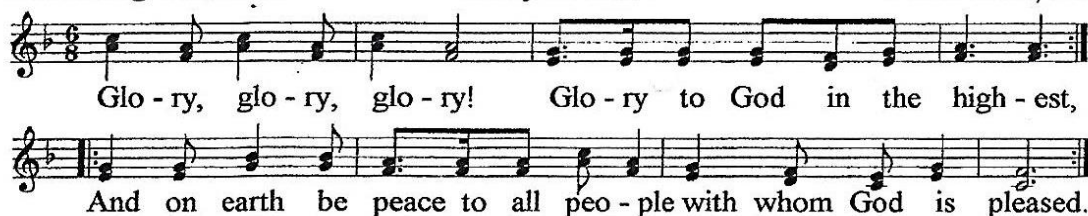
**\*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Source of Abundant Life and Love, you called from death to life Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep. Send us as your shepherds to seek the lost, to care for the injured and distressed, and to feed one another with tender compassion. May the light of your love shine upon us and within us, that we may faithfully walk in your path of truth and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Psalm 23

Pew Bible, page 501

**The New Testament**

Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible, page 249

**The Continuing Testament** from *No, It's Not About That!*

by John Holbert

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

You Are Strong, You Are Holy

Tate

**Sermon**

*Spolier Alert!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

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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**

Soft Rains of Spring Flow

Kim (Korea)

*[Performed with bowed psaltery, rain stick and finger cymbals]*

#### **\*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]**

**Gracious Holy One, may the light of your love shine in and through us and our gifts  
today. Bless these offerings, that they might be used to further your work in this  
community and in our world. Bless us as we seek to give of ourselves in serving  
you, by serving others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Good  
Shepherd and Loving Savior. Amen.**

### ***Holy Communion***

#### **Words of Institution**

#### **Prayer of Consecration**

#### **The Invitation**

#### **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

#### **The Blessing**

## Communion Music

The Lord My Shepherd Is

Barnes

"God leads me to the place  
Where heavenly pasture grows,  
Where living waters gently pass  
And full salvation flows."  
Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

## Going with God's Love

### \* Hymn of Departure

Now Is the Time Approaching

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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

Toccata

Berlioz

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jan Rahnenfuehrer, Dorie Gabor, 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, April 10, 2016 – Adults: 88 Kids: 17 Total: 105

## ***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.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Joy Garapic in Celebration of William Garapic's Birthday on April 18.

**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.

**HUNGER MEAL** today at Pearl Road UMC. The sign – up board is in the narthex for people to indicate which shift they would prefer. The menu items have been procured and are thawing in the BUCC kitchen refrigerator. All we must do is show up and do our thing.

**NOTE** – When you go to the church, because of the road work on Pearl Road, one good way to get to the church is to use Broadview Road to Pearl Road, turn left on Pearl Road, go to the next traffic light and turn right. The parking lot is just about 30 yards on the right. See you there!

**WOMEN UNITED** will be meeting Wednesday, April 20 in Pilgrim Hall at 11:30 am. Bill Toneff will be sharing his slides from his years of Bird Watching. Open to all. Bring a sandwich, Coffee & Tea will be provided

**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!

**NEARLY 150 PEOPLE ATTENDED** the concert here last Sunday featuring the Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Chorus. Directed by Joy Parker, the 35-member ensemble treated the audience to beautiful settings of early American hymn tunes, folk songs and spirituals. Following the concert, a delicious reception (coordinated by Sue Stenzel) awaited the crowd. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to make this bicentennial choral celebration a success!

**SUNDAY MAY 1st** will be BUCC Day at the Akron Rubber Ducks baseball game at Canal Park on Main Street in downtown Akron, only \$6 per seat. Game time 2:05 pm. Sundays are Family Fun Days at Canal Park which includes at 1:15 pm kids can catch balls in the outfield, run in the outfield in between the 6th & 7th inning and run the bases after the game. In the stands there will be face painting, other fun activities and as always, \$2 hot dogs and free parking in the City of Akron on weekends. Please see David Pastor to sign up or contact David at 440.552.4403 or email at [ridave@hotmail.com](mailto:ridave@hotmail.com).

**SCHEDUELING** Caroline Chandler and Dottie Farwell will be resuming the Monthly Participants List starting in May.

**MOTHER'S DAY WOMANKIND COLLECTION MAY 8<sup>th</sup>** Please pick up a baby bottle and take it home as a reminder of helping women and their babies who aren't as fortunate to have all the resources we do. Fill those bottles with your loose change, bills, (checks!) and know that every bit is helping someone in need. On Mother's Day (May 8th) we will be collecting those bottles along with any other donations you may have. The greatest need right now is for diapers (size 3 and 4 please!!) and wipes. For a full list of items Womankind is seeking or to find out more about their services and mission, please see their website at [www.womankindcleveland.com](http://www.womankindcleveland.com). If you have any questions, please contact Kate Klonowski at 216-534-3498 or [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com). Thank you again, as always, for your generosity. Let's fill up that crib for Mother's Day!



## ***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 - Revelation 7:9-17**

Saint John Writes, after this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to the Holy One who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped the Holy One, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worshiping day and night within the temple, and the One who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and the Holy One will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**The Continuing Testament** - from *No, It's Not About That!* - by John Holbert  
[edited]

Do not allow anyone to make the book of *Revelation* into a thing of fear, partisan choice, or believing rightly lest you end-up in hell-fire. No! *Revelation* is about one thing: God wins and the powers of evil lose. And at the end of all things, God will make “all things new” - not “all new things!” Hence, all will live in a vast community together - Jews, Christians, Muslims, and all others. Crying and pain and sorrow will be gone. In short, the world will eventually be what God had in mind for it at the beginning - a place of order and harmony, a place ruled by love....

Hence, those who find *Revelation's* depiction of blood and doom and destruction as something literally to come, have not read the book for the metaphorical writing that it is. The 144,000 saints from *Revelation* Chapter 7 represent “a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.” This is no “chosen few” but rather a vast, innumerable multitude, all praising the Lamb, all dressed in white robes, made white by the actions of the Lamb, not by their own power and victories; not by their “right belief” or rejection of those who think differently. *Revelation* is a great vision of the Divine Promise to create a world where all have a place, where hierarchies disappear, where all live together in harmony and peace. Do not allow anyone to make this book into a scary thing! It is a book of hope, founded in the love of the Lamb of God, for all people!

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, April 17</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 – 6:00 pm	Hunger Meal PRUMC
<b>Tuesday, April 19</b>	7:00 pm	Bicentennial
<b>Wed., April 20</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
	4:30 pm	Recorder Dulcimer
<b>Thurs., April 21</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, April 24</b>	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**

**APRIL 17, 2016**

Lay Reader:	Jon Thompson
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Bridget & Chad Sproul Wes Novak, Beth Rehling
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Max Roha
Comms Grtr:	Matt Wolbert
Narthex Grtr:	Joanne Cook
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Jon Cook
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Kathy Pastor
Servers:	Marge Culver, Dorie Gabor
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Annie Demko, Rob Grow

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**APRIL 24, 2016**

Lay Reader:	Kathy Smith
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Linda Kriynovich, Ed Lusk Joe & Betsey Wilson
Acolyte:	Carli Began
Peace Candle:	Lucy Brown
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Carole Snider, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Sue Stenzel, Joy Garapic
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks:	Peg Duffy, Marilyn Wrights