

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy Source of all things, we praise you for the gift of Creation and the surprise of Re-creation. May our eyes be opened to new things. May our minds be open to fresh thoughts. May our community be open to welcome others, break down barriers, and show compassion and grace. Amen



*And God Saw Everything That God Had Made, And Indeed
It Was Very Good!
Genesis 1:31*

Sunday April 24, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Fifth 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 24, 2016 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, may we be prepared to open our hearts and minds to new ideas, new possibilities, and new ways of being. May we have the courage to reach out in love to those who are different, or whose ways seem strange or are hard to understand.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Pastoral Dance (Part I) from *La Primavera*

Vivaldi

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day that the Holy One has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: This is the Earth that our Creator affirms as “good!”

P: Let us be wise and take care of it!

L: Today we marvel at the miraculous web of Life that connects and sustains us all.

P: Today we rejoice at how wonderfully we have been made and loved!

L: May we learn to respect the delicate balance and beauty of Life,

P: So that we may leave a better world for those who follow.

L: May we remember that wherever we are, we are standing on Holy Ground!

All: Let us give thanks for all of the blessings we share!

*** Hymn of Praise**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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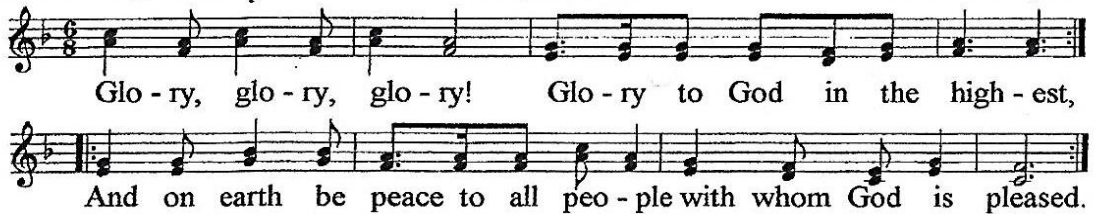
*** Prayer of Invocation** [unison]

Divine Source of Life and Love, Creator of this awesome universe, be with us today as we consider the longtime implications of our actions and our mission. Renew our faith, fill us with hope, and inspire us to make a positive difference see in the world. Empower us to make the changes needed to leave behind a more sustainable and brighter future. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Time with Young Worshipers

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism bears witness to the Divine Love and Grace that is extended to each of us at every stage of our lives.

P: Today we celebrate God's love for this child, and offer ourselves as instruments of that love in her life.

L: When parents brought their children to Jesus so that he might touch them, his disciples rebuked them; but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

P: "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Realm of God.

L: Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Realm of God like a little child, shall not enter it."

P: Then Jesus took the children into his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is an outward and visible sign of Divine Grace. Because the promise of the Gospel is not only to us, but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's Church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith.

P: Out of the Water of Holy Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiveness and grace as members of the One Body of Christ.

Promises of the parents and Godparents

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage her to resist the power of evil, and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach and encourage her that she may be inspired to know and follow Jesus Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise to grow with her in the Christian faith, to help her be a faithful member of the Church - by celebrating Christ's presence here, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering her the on-going nurture of the Church?

All: We do, with the help of God.

The Congregational Promise

Pastor: Members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ: Are you prepared to welcome, encourage and pray for Giuliana as she grows in faith among us?

People: We promise her our love, our support and our care as she lives and grows among us as a child of God.

Baptismal Act and Presentation

The Old Testament	Genesis Chapter 1	Pew Bible, page 1
The New Testament	Luke 11:5-13	Pew Bible, page 72
The Continuing Testament	- from <i>The Story of Jesus and the Story of Life</i> -	by Denis Edwards
Musical Offering	Where There Is Love	Hughes

Sermon	<i>The Legacy We Leave</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
Hymn of Reflection	I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry	#351

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

Pastoral Dance (Part II)

Vivaldi

*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]

**Marvelous and Majestic Holy One, we are thankful that you have created us all in
your image and proclaimed that each of us is precious in your sight. Bless these
gifts that we offer, that our giving may promote the proclamation of your
compassion and grace, justice and peace throughout the world. This we pray in
Christ's name. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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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

Pastoral Dance (Part III)

Vivaldi

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 17, 2016 – Adults: 94 Kids: 17 Total: 111

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 WE WELCOME *Giuliana Gem Gagliano*, daughter of Joe and Nora Gagliano, into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. A special welcome also to Giuliana's Godparents, Bri Caruso, and Mark McCallister, and her family and friends visiting with us on this special day. We ask God's continuing blessings on Giuliana's whole family, and on our entire BUCC Family of Faith!

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by the Wilson Family in Loving Memory of Norinne F. Brownlow.

PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION until May 2nd. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor John King at 330-475-4206.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC on Sunday May 22nd at our morning worship service. If you are interested in joining, learning more about membership - or about our congregation or denomination - please talk with Pastor Dave.

LAST SUNDAY about 120 hunger meals were prepared and served, including seconds and takeout's, at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. Thanks go to BUCC members and friends who participated. The resource person commented that more and more persons come to the hunger meals as time goes by.

OUR BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK "200 YEARS OF SERVING" The Bicentennial cookbook is now being printed by Cookbook Publishers. The cookbooks will be available for sale in Pilgrim Hall on **May 1st** during coffee hour. This will give you time to wrap for presentation on Mother's Day, May 8th. We'll also have them available for sale on the 8th and every Sunday until they all find kitchens. Each book will cost you \$10.00. That is a small price to pay for a cookbook filled with yummy recipes contributed and taste tested by members of Brecksville United Church of Christ and their friends and families. And, by the way, as promised when this project was started, at least \$5.00 per book sold – ½ the price you pay will be given to the Bicentennial Committee to help with the costs of our bicentennial celebrations. **HAPPY MUNCHING!** Your Cookbook Committee

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!

NEXT 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.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED The nursery needs some additional helpers. This is usually a very easy job. It involves checking to see with Rochelle before church to see if she needs some help in the nursery and again at about the time the children leave for church school. (Continued)

Occasionally Rochelle takes a Sunday off and needs a substitute to take care of the young ones for the entire time. Please contact Caroline Chandler (440-526-9714) if you can help.

The Readings

The Old Testament - from *Genesis* Chapter 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light, Day; and the darkness, Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day....

God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land, Earth; and the waters that were gathered together, Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. And God saw that it was good....God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

....God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in the Divine image, in the likeness of God they were made; male and female they were created....And God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good!

The New Testament - Luke 11:5-13

Jesus said, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who seeks finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if your child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Parent give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"

The Continuing Testament - from *The Story of Jesus and the Story of Life* - by Denis Edwards [edited]

Jesus speaks of the Holy One and the Holy Realm in parables, communicating in stories and images from the natural world and from the world of human society. His images come from the whole of Life: the beauty of wild flowers, the growth of trees from tiny seeds, crops of grain, a woman sweeping a floor looking for what was lost, the relationship between a shepherd and the sheep, the birds of the air, and the generosity of a parent to a wayward child. These parables reflect Jesus' close observation and delight in the natural world as the place where the Holy One and Holy Love is found. Jesus clearly sees God as One who cherishes not only humans, but the world in which they live.

For Jesus, God is the One who makes the Sun rise and who sends rain upon the just and the unjust - the Creator and Guardian of human beings, and of all Creation. Jesus looks on wild flowers and sparrows with loving eyes and sees them as both loved by God and as revelatory of the Divine Nature. Jesus embodies Divine Compassion for the whole world in his person, his words and his actions. He offers healing and hope to those suffering illness and exclusion. He teaches that love is the meaning of everything - love for God with one's whole self, and love for one's neighbor as oneself. He insists that this love has no limits or borders. This context challenges us to think again about the Divine Compassion revealed in Christ, and its relationship to the non-human part of our global community. From what we know about Jesus' own attitude about Creation, it is safe to say that those who seek to follow him will strive to care for one another for all that dwells upon the earth, and for the earth itself.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 24	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Wed., April 27	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder Dulcimer
Thurs., April 28	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, May 1	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Rubber Ducks Baseball Game

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 24, 2016

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Linda Kriynovich, Ed Lusk Joe & Betsey Wilson
Acolyte:	Carli Began
Peace Candle:	Lucy Brown
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns 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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 1, 2016

Lay Reader:	Kathy Pastor
Head Usher:	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs Darlene Kelly, Michelle Namitka
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Dot Bailey
Narthex Grtr:	Joanne Cook
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Marge Culver
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean Up:	Bridget & chad Sproul
Snacks:	Heidi Spangler, Tia Began