



# BRECKSVILLE

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## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Creating and Sustaining Holy One, you provide us with the Living Water that refreshes our hearts and revives our souls. We thank you that your gracious provision fulfills all our spiritual needs. We ask that we, in turn, might be sensitive and responsive to the needs of others - those whose hunger and thirst in both body and in spirit. Amen.

### Third Sunday In

# LENT

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**Sunday March 19, 2017 • 10:00 AM**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

*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.

### ***Summer Office Hours:***

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:00 - 12:00**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

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## March 19, 2017 – Third Sunday In Lent

### Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, in many different ways you offer us renewal and refreshment. May we also be willing to offer to others the same kind of gracious support and care the we ourselves have received. May Christ's example of openness and compassion guide us in our relationships with all those who we encounter. Amen.

### *Gathering in God's Presence*

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Old CIVth Psalm

Wood

“You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills,  
giving drink to every wild animal...  
By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;  
they sing among the branches.  
From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.”

### Bearing the Light of Peace

### Bearing the Light of Christ

**\* Call to Worship** [from *Psalm* 95]

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Holy One!

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

L: Let us come into the Holy One's presence with thanksgiving;

**P: And make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

L: For the Holy One is a great God, and a great Ruler above all.

**P: In God's hands are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains.**

L: The sea is the Holy One's, for God made it,

**P: And God's hands have formed the dry land.**

L: O come, let us worship and bow down,

**P: Let us kneel before God, our Maker!**

L: For the Holy One is our Creator,

**All: And we are all God's people!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

Creator God, Creating Still

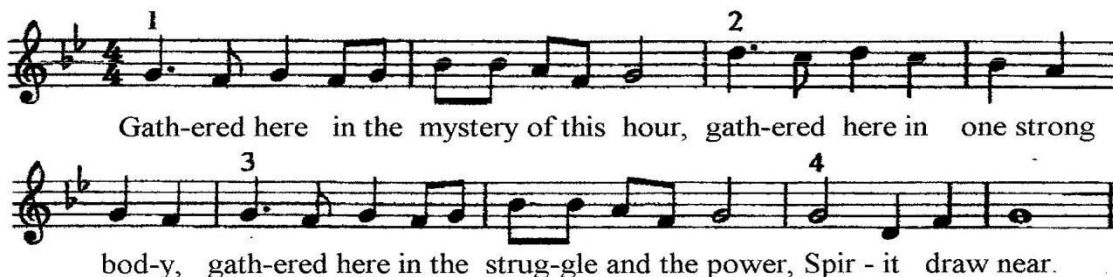
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**\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Our Divine Source and Strength, every day you show your tender care for this world. Through your gracious Spirit, you seek to redeem your creation and to make it whole again. In your great love, you sent Jesus Christ to bind up our brokenness and heal our wounded relationships. Grant that we might be receptive to Christ's healing touch today, so that we may freely reach out to others with compassion and grace every day. Amen.

**\*Song of Praise**

**Gathered Here - sung twice**



**The Old Testament**

Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible, page 64

**The New Testament**

John 4:5-30, 39

Pew Bible, page 94

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Thanking the Woman at the Well*

by "Unvirtuous Abbey"

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Come, All of You

Thai folk song

[Erin Tomlinson, flute; assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

**Sermon**

*Well, Well, Well...Now I See!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**\* Hymn of Reflection**

Come to Tend God's Garden

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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.**

## **Response**

### **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** Ken Medema



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spir - it in this place.



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.---

## ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

### **The Invitation**

### **Offertory**

**The Son of God, Our Christ**

**Smith**

"Where'er we find our witness should be made,  
whate'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,  
that we may gladly give for thee our best  
and find each task divinely sent and blest."

### **\* 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]**

**We thank you, Gracious Holy One, for the opportunity to take part in your creative and transforming work within this world. Because you have blessed us in so many ways, we have many blessings to share. May these offerings express our gratitude to you, and our desire to live as your faithful people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who graciously gave himself for us all.**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**Communion Music**

River Flows in You

Yiruma

**The Blessing**

## ***Going with God's Love***

**\* Hymn of Departure**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

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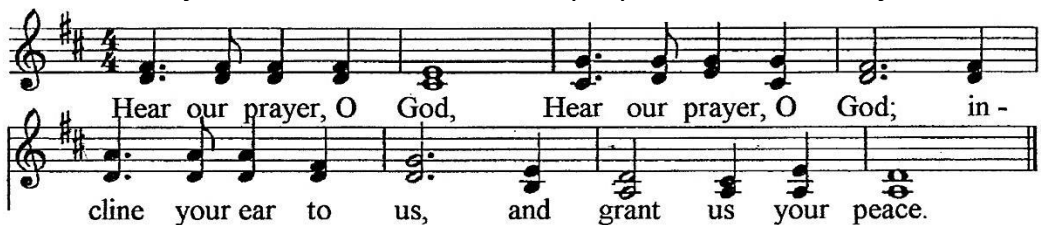
**\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

Acolyte

**\* Circle of Community**

**Hear Our Prayer, O God - sung twice**

*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**

We Have Seen the Lord  
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Tanzanian tune, arr. Sedio

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

“Edna House”, Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Ann Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, 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, March 12, 2017 – Adult: 60 Kids: 13 Total: 73

***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.

**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.

**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.

**TODAY’S FLOWERS** are given by Peg & Jim Duffy in Gratitude of 40 wonderful years together.

**OGHS** – Let us be good stewards of the blessings we hold. Next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will take up our **One Great Hour of Sharing** collection. This Offering goes towards funding health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, and refugee ministries. Please give as you would want to receive.

**HEADS UP! CHANGES IN OUR LITURGY** - A longstanding Lenten tradition in the Christian Church is to “put away” hymns or verses which contain “Alleluia.” The purpose of this is so that on Easter Sunday our “Alleluias” can ring-forth with a new freshness and vigor, as we welcome the Risen Christ. This is why we are using a different **Song of Praise**, and concluding hymn for the benediction today.

For our **Offertory Hymn** we will be using words that Bill Toneff wrote to fit the tune of the Doxology, reflective of the Lenten Season

**OUR HYMN OF THE MONTH** for March is *Come to Tend God’s Garden*, written by John A. Dalles, and set to Ralph Vaughan Williams’ hymn tune *King’s Weston*. ►

The contemplative words and melody of this hymn seem fitting for Lent, as we watch the world once again begin to green and grow, and consider our role in the care and nurture of both the earth, and of our Faith.

If you find a particular hymn with words that move you, or a melody that intrigues you, please let Pastor Dave or Dave Debick know, and we will try to use it as a future Hymn of the Month.

**TUESDAY EVENING LENTEN STUDY** - This Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:15 pm, we will continue our study on “How Our Faith Helps Us Deal with....” Each week, we share some of our personal experiences and insights concerning the different ways our Faith informs and inspires us as we face specific issues and concerns. BUCC member Leroy Ford will share with me in leading these sessions, drawing on his 40+ years of experience as a Presbyterian minister. As always, the real heart of our time together will be the sharing and support of all those who gather and participate each week. This week’s topic is “How Our Faith Helps Us Deal with...Unfairness & Injustice, Anger & Despair.” I hope you’ll be able to join us, and that you’ll bring a friend! Pastor Dave

**OPEN HOUSE** We have just about finished the repairs to the rental house, and would like to announce that we will have an open house on March 26th for anyone in the congregation that might be interested in seeing it.

**FREE CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY** – Next Sunday March 26 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring the **Mosa String Quartet** from the Cleveland Institute of Music. The ensemble will perform works by Schubert, Beethoven and Ravel. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the concert. Plan on joining us next Sunday afternoon for an outstanding program of chamber music.

## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Holy One commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Holy One?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”



So Moses cried out to God, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." God said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested God, saying, "Is the Holy One among us or not?"

### **The New Testament - John 4:5-30; 39**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not have dealings with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get this living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and who drank from it with his sons and his flocks?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a fountain of water springing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Holy One neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation comes by way of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Holy One in spirit and truth, for the Holy One seeks to be worshiped by such as these. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (who is called the Christ). When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and went on their way to him....

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony....

**The Continuing Testament** - from *Thanking the Woman at the Well* - by "Unvirtuous Abbey"

[Unvirtuous Abbey is a group of digital monks who appeared on the Twitter scene in 2010. They are "slightly sarcastic, yet hopeful" in their efforts to elevate the conversation about the Bible, God, and Jesus.]

Thomas Moore said, "Heaven is not some impossible, idealized world; it is ordinary life made brilliant by a philosophy of mutual respect." That is precisely what is at stake in the encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well: mutual respect. For several reasons, including race, religion, and gender, what Jesus is doing is considered wrong by the people around him. A professor of mine once said that any time we label someone as "other", for whatever reason - be it social, political, racial, religious, sexual - we dehumanize them. That's a slippery slope. With the label "other", it becomes easier to call someone a name. It becomes easier to limit rights and create a second-class citizen. It becomes easier to do things that are so cruel and inhuman that we are left wondering how it got this far.

One of Life's greatest sin just might be *complacency*. What drives the conversation between Jesus and the woman at the well, is *respect*. And when that kind of respect and humanity is shown, in a conversation about divinity, both people can leave the encounter fuller - having drunk deeply from the well of mutual respect. In the end, the woman leaves her water jar behind. Perhaps it was an act of kindness towards her new friend, or perhaps it was because her thirst had been quenched. I want to thank the woman at the well for reminding me that even when I know that things aren't what they could be in my life, or in the world, God draws closer into a holy and respectful conversation.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Corned Beef Potluck
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b>	10:00 am	Leadership Development
	7:15 pm	Lenten Study
<b>Wed., March 22</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
<b>Thurs., March 23</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, March 26</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service <b>*OGHS Offering*</b>
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Arlington Open House
	4:00 pm	MOSA String Quartet concert *light reception to follow*

### PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

#### MARCH 19, 2017

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Bridget Sproul
Ushers:	Bob & Caroline Chandler Dave & Julie Bernard
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	Chad Sproul
Flowers:	Kathy Pastor
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	David Pastor, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Sue Stenzel, Marge Culver
Clean-Up:	CORNED BEEF POTLUCK
Snacks:	MEMBERSHIP
Snow Herder:	Wes Novak

### PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

#### MARCH 26, 2017

Lay Reader:	Jill Zedan
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	David & Kathy Pastor, Vicki Szabo, Jon Thompson
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Max Roha
Comms Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Marge Culver, Bruce McCain
Servers:	Darlene Kelly, Michele Namioka
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks:	Kate Klonowski, Dorie Gabor
Snow Herder:	Chad Sproul

## **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, APRIL 2, 2017**

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***I Enclose \$12.00\_\_\_\_\_or other\_\_\_\_\_ for Easter Plants***

***In Memory of\_\_\_\_\_***

***In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_***

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***Your Name***

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***I will keep the Flowers\_\_\_\_\_***

***I will NOT keep Flowers\_\_\_\_\_***

***I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter\_\_\_\_\_***