



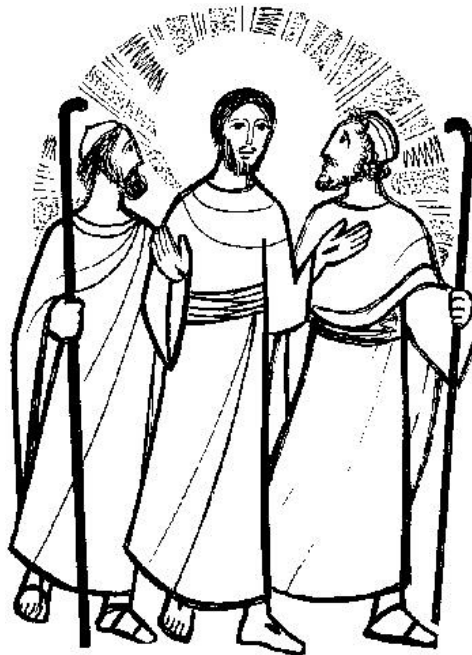
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED Church of CHRIST

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

We always have questions, O Holy One, even when we don't want to admit it. There are things with which we struggle, things that confuse us, things that make us wonder. Yet you are with us through all of that - not condemning us, but continuing to love and welcome us. Thank you. Amen.



***“While They Were Talking and Discussing, Jesus Himself
Came Near And Went With Them....”***

Luke 24:15

Sunday April 23. 2017 • 10:00 AM

Second 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.

Summer Office Hours:

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

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April 23, 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter

Meditation Music

Divine Source of compassion and understanding, you invite us to move from the realm of fear and doubt, into the realm of love and grace. We give thanks that you not only invite us to do this, but you also meet us and walk with us on the journey. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

On the Journey to Emmaus Gaelic melody, arr. Haugen

"And His words burned within us - let none be ignored -
Who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord."

Based on Luke 24:13-35; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Today the energizing power of the Divine Spirit bursts-forth all around us;

People: In flowers and trees, in smiles and hugs, we discover the Holy Presence.

L: Our Sacred Source has not abandoned us;

P: The Holy One has not forgotten us.

L: Like a loving Mother and Father,

P: Our Divine Creator holds us close.

L: God's everlasting love rests upon us,

All: In the Holy One's gentle care, we are all held secure!

***Hymn of Praise**

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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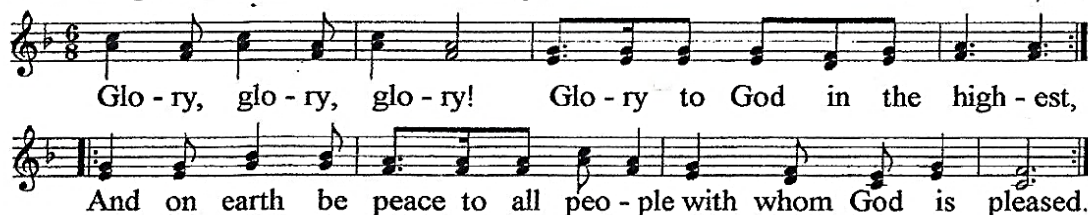
***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Power of Life and Love, we praise you that you have not abandoned us to the fearful forces of sin, death and despair, but have raised us up anew. In this time of worship and throughout all our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. Strengthen and inspire us as individuals and as a community of faith, that we might know the power of the Resurrection in our daily lives, through Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Isaiah 51:7-11

Pew Bible, page 681

The New Testament

Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible, page 90

The Continuing Testament

from *In Our Midst*

by David Sellery

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

What You Have Done for Me

Alonso

Sermon

The Emmaus Road is a Two-Way Street

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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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

Unless the Lord Builds the House

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"Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain."
Psalm 127:1

*** 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]**

Risen Christ, we give thanks that you continue to walk among us, bringing new life and renewed hope to all people. Help us to recognize you in the lives and faces of others. Open our eyes, that we might open our hearts to generously offer our support and care to those in need. By the power of your Spirit, inspire our giving and our living, so that we might continue to serve you with joy! Amen.

Going with God's Love

***Hymn of Departure**

Jesus Shall Reign

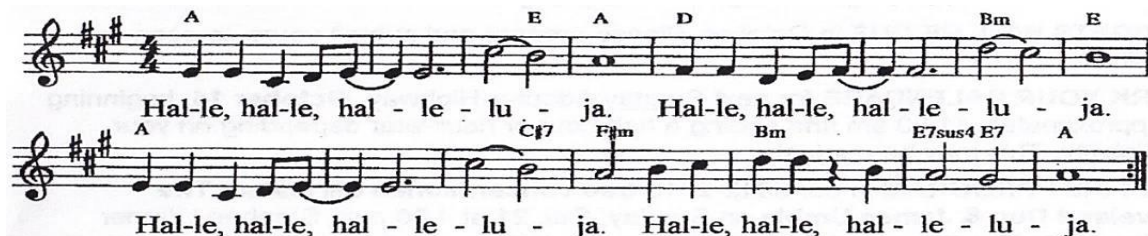
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***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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

Improvisation: "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

Rush

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "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, April 16, 2017 – Adult: 126 Kids: 25 Total: 151

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by an anonymous donor, in Honor of Children Everywhere.

FIRST QUARTER STATEMENTS are in the Commons area ready to be picked up.

PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION THIS WEEK. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor David Durkit [216-832-3453].

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN! This year, OCWM's Mother's Day collection (May 14th) will support **Edna House for Women**, a residential community that assists "women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction by providing a safe, sober place to live and to teach life skills to maintain sobriety throughout their lifetime." You can learn all about them and see a list of specific needs for items at ednahouse.org. Of course, monetary donations are ALWAYS appreciated!

(If you would like to donate via check through BUCC, please write "Edna House" in the memo line). If you have any comments or questions or would like to request an at-home pick up, please contact Kate Klonowski at keightykay@gmail.com or (216) 534-3498 (text ok). Thanks!

REMINDER: Save the date: Sunday May 7th is BUCC Day at the Akron Rubber Ducks game at Canal Park. \$6 per seat. First pitch is at 2:05 pm. Tickets will be available beginning Sunday April 23rd. Please see or contact David Pastor for details.

THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet Monday, May 1st, at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. Betty Gifford will be leading the group as they discuss "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi. This a book written by a young physician who is just about to start out on his career as a neurosurgeon when he realizes that he has stage 4 lung cancer. He is facing his own mortality. It is a story of courage. If you need a book call Caroline Chandler (440-526-9714). Please feel free to join us.

MOVIE The Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence and Summit County Progressive Democrats Gun Violence Prevention Issue Team are sponsored a movie night at BUCC Monday, May 15 at 7:00 pm. The Movie is "Under the Gun" by Katie Couric; and we will also have Sandy Philips as a speaker. Her daughter Jessie was killed in the Aurora Theater shooting. All are welcome to attend!

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

BUCC HAS THE LATEST, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and

you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc. Just plug in one of our head phones, your favorite Walkman head phones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service.

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of you hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

One of our ushers and members of the Spiritual Life Ministry are ready to help you get started. Check with them before the service next Sunday. Your questions are gladly answered.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Isaiah 51:7-11

Listen to me, you who know righteousness, you people who have my teaching in your hearts; do not fear the reproach of others, and do not be dismayed when they revile you. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my deliverance will be forever, and my salvation to all generations.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Holy One! Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago! Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over? So the ransomed of the Holy One shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The New Testament - Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day [the first Easter] two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Continuing Testament - from *In Our Midst* - by David Sellery [edited]

The travelers headed to Emmaus weren't looking for Jesus. They were sure he was lost forever. And then he was there with them - walking and talking, explaining Scripture, opening doors to spirituality. He moved with them so easily, so unobtrusively that they didn't recognize the Risen Savior until he revealed himself in the breaking of the bread. The Risen Christ is with us as well - all through the day, in every one we meet. But too often, he goes unrecognized. He is only a Sunday presence at best; but that's not God's plan. We are meant to connect with the Risen Christ continually, not spasmodically; actively, not abstractly.

We are surrounded by cell phones, cable boxes, PCs, DVRs, remotes. Most indicate their active status by a glowing red light. It tells us that the device is on. It's active. It's engaged. It's ready to receive. Sometimes I wish our souls came with a little red light that tells us when it's on, when we're ready to receive. Jesus is in our midst constantly, but too often we don't see him. Our red light is off. To see Jesus, to recognize him, we need to be engaged. It's not a painful or even a particularly difficult task, but it does take practice. It takes a daily, conscious effort to connect with Christ and to stay connected throughout the day, looking for opportunities to share his love.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday, April 23 | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour/Baseball Sign-up |
| | 5:30 pm | Youth Percussion |
| | 6:00 pm | Youth Ministry |
| Wed., April 26 | 6:00 am | Early Birds |
| | 4:30 pm | Recorder/Dulcimer |
| Thurs., April 27 | 1:00 pm | Bible Study |
| | 5:30 pm | Joyful Noise |
| | 7:30 pm | Choir |
| Sunday, April 30 | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour/Baseball Sign-up |

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 23, 2017

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| Lay Reader: | Kate Klonowski |
| Head Usher: | Jan Renovetz |
| Ushers: | Jim Duffy, Betty Kaul Lindsey Maier, David Ritchey |
| Acolyte: | Ryan Stewart |
| Peace Candle: | Drew Demko |
| Sound: | Tim Wallis |
| Comms Grtr: | Sue Stenzel |
| Flowers: | Julie Bernard |
| Nursery: | Courtnei Began |
| Counters: | Kathy Pastor, Dave Bernard |
| Servers: | Dottie & Jim Farwell |
| Clean-Up: | Chad & Bridget Sproul |
| Snacks: | Vicki Szabo, Tina Ortiz |

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 30, 2017

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| Lay Reader: | Cliff Cribbs |
| Head Usher | Jill Zedan |
| Ushers: | Beth Rehling, Darlene Kelly, Dan Stewart, Ian Stewart |
| Acolyte: | Michalina Fawcett |
| Peace Candle: | Drew Demko |
| Sound: | Kevin Smith |
| Comms Grtr: | Fred Pesek |
| Flowers: | Carole Snider (yellow flowers) |
| Nursery: | Robin Coyer-Westerberg |
| Counters: | Marge Culver, David Pastor |
| Servers: | Sue Stenzel, Julie Bernard |
| Clean Up: | David & Kathy Pastor |
| Snacks: | Anne Melfo, Kathleen Stewart |