



# Brecksville

## UNITED Church of CHRIST

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

**ALLELUIA!  
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ALLELUIA!**

Gracious Holy One, we rejoice and give thanks that you renew our lives every day, through the gift of New Life that Jesus Christ reveals. On this special day, fill us with a Christ-like Spirit of faith, hope, and love, so that we might faithfully follow Christ's way of forgiveness, compassion, and peace. Amen!



***Christis Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***

**Sunday April 1, 2018 • 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, 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.: 9:00 - 12:00**

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

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# April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday

## **Meditation Music**

Divine Source of All Life, we thank you that in the person of Jesus Christ you invite us all to know you and to experience your graciousness. On this Easter day open our eyes, renew our spirits, inspire our living, and fill us with your joy and peace. This we pray in the name and spirit of the risen Christ. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## **Prelude**

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Gastoldi

*[Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar Ensemble; Youth Percussion; Becky Anderson and Betsey Wilson, flute]*

"Day of delight and beauty unbounded,  
tell the news, the gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,  
praise Christ risen from the dead!"  
Delores Dufner, OSB, 1996

## **Bearing the Light of Peace**

## **Bearing the Light of Christ**

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

Leader: We are called to be Easter people!

**Congregation: People who live in the light of Christ's love!**

L: Death and darkness cannot claim us!

**C: Fear and hatred cannot bind us!**

L: For on this day, Divine Love has triumphed;

**C: On this day, Divine Life has prevailed!**

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen indeed!**

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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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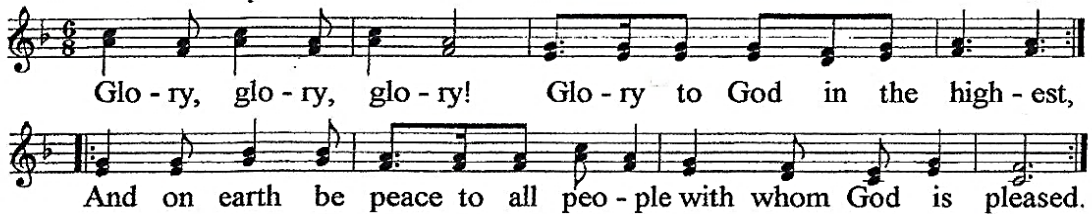
### **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that, when darkness and despair is all around us and it seems like the sun will never shine again, your love always finds a way to break-through to us. We pray that on this Easter morning the light of Christ's life and compassion, hope and joy, will rise-up within us all, and that we will be bearers of that light for each person we encounter. May your love and grace continue to flow-forth from us - today and every day - we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen One who brings us joy! Amen!**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Isaiah 25:1; 4-8

Pew Bible, page 652

**The New Testament**

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible, page 144

**The Continuing Testament** from *Escape from the Tomb*

by Barbara Brown Taylor

**Youth Anthem**

Easter Victory

Chant Vogels

[Joyful Noise Choir]

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Alleluia! For Christ the Lord Is Risen

Bach

[Becky Anderson and Betsey Wilson, flute; Pastor Dave Shackle, trumpet]

**Sermon**

*Monumental Moments*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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***The Church at Prayer***

**Silent Meditation**

**Prayers of the Church**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

[We use "Mother" to reflect our theological understanding of the Inclusive Nature of The Holy One]

**...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**

Sing We This Morn

Bedell

**\*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 joy we share our gifts. Amen.**

**\* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Wonderful, Amazing Holy One - we thank you that you raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new and renewed life. With the joyous celebration of this Good News, may each of us be inspired to find new opportunities to love and serve you, and to witness to the Light and Life of Christ. We ask that you bless our lives and our gifts, in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***Holy Communion***

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Communion Music**

Because He Lives (Amen)

W. Gaither/G. Gaither/Carson/  
Tomlin/Cash/Maher/Ingram

**The Blessing**

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

**\* 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

Praise the Paschal Victim

Plainsong, mode 1

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

The Family of Donn Whyte, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, Shirley Duncan, 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 25, 2018 – Adults: 77 Kids: 16 Total: 93**

## ***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.

**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.

**C.E.** This year's Christian Education Lenten project is going to support the Cleveland Roots! Cleveland Roots creates opportunities for urban agriculture, and educational programs that empower people to grow their own produce. Their goals are to provide affordable access to fresh produce, promote healthy living, nurture the environment, and cultivate community. The C.E. students have been hard at work making decorative magnets to help raise funds for the building of a protective fence around the farm to protect the crops from animal nibblers! If you have any questions about Cleveland Roots, feel free to ask Anne Melfo or Doug Fawcett at church, or [email info@clevelandroots.org](mailto:info@clevelandroots.org). Magnets will be on sale, with a suggested minimum of one share (\$5) but can go up to as many shares as you'd like! Sales will continue through Easter. Thanks for your support!

## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Isaiah 25:1; 4-8**

O Holy One, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.... You have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the cries of the oppressed aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Holy One will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; God will swallow up death forever. Then the Holy One will wipe away the tears from all faces, and God will take away from all the earth the disgrace of people, for the Holy One has spoken.

### **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 *Escape from the Tomb* - by Barbara Brown Taylor  
[edited]

The resurrection is the one and only event in Jesus' life that was entirely between him and God. There were no witnesses whatsoever. No one on earth can say what happened inside that tomb, because no one was there. They all arrived after the fact. Two of them saw clothes. One of them saw angels. Most of them saw nothing at all because they were still in bed that morning, but as it turned out that didn't matter, because the empty tomb was not the point. The living being that had once been inside was gone, which may be why Peter and the other disciple didn't stay very long. Clearly, Jesus wasn't there. He could have stayed put, sitting there all hale and healthy so that everyone could come in and see him, but that's not what he did.

He had outgrown his tomb, which was too small a focus for the Resurrection. The Risen One had people to see and things to do. The Living One's business was among the living, to whom he appeared not once but four more times in the Gospel of John. Every time he came to his friends they became stronger, wiser, kinder, more daring. Every time he came to them, they became more like him.



Those appearances cinch the resurrection for me, not what happened in the tomb. What happened in the tomb was entirely between Jesus and God. For the rest of us, Easter began the moment the gardener said, "Mary!" and she knew who he was. That is where the miracle happened and goes on happening - not in the tomb, but in the encounter with the Living Christ.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, April 1</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Sunrise Service – Highland Cemetery</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Monday, April 2</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Book Discussion</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Facilities – Library</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Spiritual Life</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 4</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Recorder/Dulcimer/ Guitar</b>
<b>Thursday, April 5</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Friday, April 6</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Saturday, April 7</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Donn Whyte Memorial Service</b>
<b>Sunday, April 8</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Youth Percussion</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Ministry</b>

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**APRIL 1, 2018**

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Kathy Smith, Kate Klonowski, Betsey & Joe Wilson
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Dave Bernard
Flowers:	Easter Lilies
Nursery:	Jess Barnes
C.E Teacher:	No CE Class
Counters:	Matt Wolbert, Nancy Stella
Servers:	Caroline Chandler, Julie Bernard
Clean-up:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snacks:	Beth Rehling, Sue Stenzel

Snow Herder: Doug Fawcett

## **PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**APRIL 8, 2018**

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Dan & Ian Stewart, Cliff Cribbs, Betty Kaul
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler
C.E Teacher:	Heidi Spangler
Counters	Jan Renovetz, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Kathy & Dave Pastor
Snacks:	No Bakers
Snow Herder:	Joe Wilson



## **2018 Easter Flower Dedications**

Anonymous

*In Memory of the Lost but Not Forgotten.*

Jillian Baird

*Happy Easter!*

Julie Bernard &  
Linda Kriynovich

*In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.*

Marge Culver

*In Memory of Friends and Family members lost during the past year.*

Anna Mary Fisher

*In Memory of Anne Toneff.*

Joy Garapic

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

Barb Fisher-Gray

*In Honor of my Mom, Anna Mary Fisher, and Aunt Ruth.*

Diane Gressley

*In Memory of my Parents, Evan & Emma.*

Betty Kaul

*In Memory of Jim and David Kaul.*

Mark Lehman

*In Memory of my Parents, Ralph Lehman, and Lois Kostenbader.*

Sue, Dan &  
Lindsey Maier

*In Memory of Walter & Tillie Andres.  
In Memory of Maryann & Bessie Seager.*

Dassie Matsuoka  
& Daughters

*In Memory of James Matsuoka.*

Carol Miller &  
Pat Rehm

*In Memory of the Rehm & Miller Families.*

Bettina Ortiz

*"In Loving Memory of Betty, Joseph & Timothy Ortiz; David S. King & Dennis M. Rini."*

*"In Honor of My Family, Rachel, Grace, Julianne & Jenna Kubic; Daniel King; Stephanie, Steven, Lyndsey & Bradley Joseph Hough."*

Fred A. Pesek

*In Memory of my Wife Connie, and my Mother Helen.*

Eric Rahnenfuehner  
& Johanna Sliva

*In Memory of Jan Rahnenfuehner.*

Max Roha

*In Memory of my friend, Bill Wright, who died in the invasion of Okinawa On Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945.*

Mariam R.  
Rosewicz

*In Celebration of the LOVE of my Children and Grandchildren.*

Kathy Smith

*With Prayers for my Niece, Suzanne Patrick.*

Chreryl Spieth

*In Memory of Tim Spieth.*

Sherrill & Bill  
Witt

*In Memory of the Peart Family.*

*In Memory of the Bishop Family.*

*In Memory of the Witt Family.*

*In Honor of Shirley & Arch Duncan.*

Doug & Marilyn  
Wrights

*In Memory of our Parents, Gilbert & Julianna Wrights.*

Jill Zedan

*In Honor of the Nurturing Family at BUCC.*