

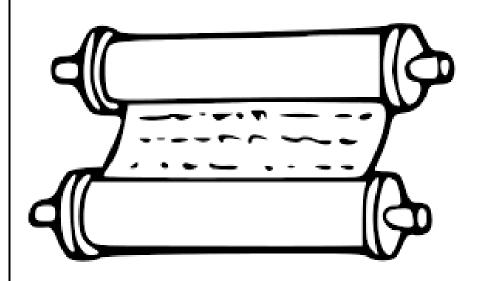
# Brecksville

# United Church of Christ

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

Sacred Source of Love and Grace, you call us to be people of compassion and healing, just like Jesus was. Inspire us to care for others and to share in their lives - to celebrate with them in their joys, and to cry with them in their sorrows. May your great love for us all inspire us to truly love our neighbors, so that your Realm of peace and justice might flourish among us. Amen



"Observe The Sabbath Day And Keep It Holy..." Deuteronomy 5:12

#### Sunday June 3, 2018 • 10:00 AM **Second Sunday After Pentecost**

Pastor

Rev David Shackle

Director of Music Financial Secretary

Ministers

David Debick

 Joy Garapic 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, or pangender

#### 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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# June 3, 2018 - Second Sunday After Pentecost

#### **Meditation Music**

Gracious Holy One, help us to remember that the heart of our Faith is about showing mercy and doing justice. Keep us centered on that beautiful blend of your greatest commandments: to love You with all our heart, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

# Gathering in God's Presence

\* Please stand as you are able.

Prelude Remember the Sabbath Rodriguez

"Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy,
Honor the day,
That our God commands us to cease our toiling,
And we obey,
That we may know God and learn God's patient ways."
Janette Rodriguez, 2011

#### Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: The Holy One says, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

People: Come, even those with no money, come buy and eat!"

L: We have come to feast on the Living Bread,

P: That we might minister to the world's hungers.

L: We have come to drink from the Water of Life.

P: That we might minister to the world's thirsts.

L: Jesus says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

P: For they shall be satisfied!"

L: Blessed are those who serve God by serving others.

All: For they shall know that the Holy One is with them!

\* Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

#28

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

Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your One Family, to care for your world and all within it. You challenge us to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring hope and comfort where there is grief and despair. Forgive us when we fail to do so. Mend our broken human family. ▶

By your Spirit, breathe into us the power of your abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Brother, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

#### \* The Assurance of Pardon

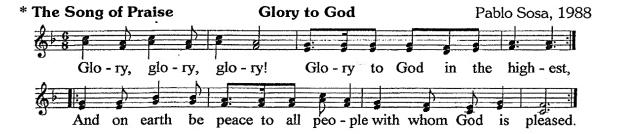
L: People of Faith, rejoice and give thanks! The Holy Spirit is here with compassion and power to heal our brokenness, forgive our sins, and fill us with newness of life and purpose!

All: Thanks be to God!

#### \* Passing the Peace

L: As forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you!



The Old Testament
The New Testament
The Continuing Testament

Deuteronomy 5:6-15 Mark 2:23-3:6 from Day1 Pew Bible, page162 Pew Bible, page36 by Ellen Richardson

#### **Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering** 

Most High, Omnipotent, Good Lord [Dave Debick, baritone]

Hampton

Sermon

Holy Moses, That's A Lot Of Rules!

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection** 

O for a World

#575

# The Church at Prayer

**Silent Meditation** 

**Prayers of the Church** 

#### The Prayer of Jesus

[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

When We Are Living

Spanish melody, arr. Mink

"Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God; we belong to God."
Roberto Escamilla, 1983; trans. George Lockwood, 1987

\* 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]

We remember and give thanks, Gracious Holy One, that you provide for all of our needs. Your love strengthens and sustains us. Your bounty makes possible our giving of self and substance. Help us to be truly generous, that we may inspire generosity in others. Use us and our gifts for your loving service, that your blessings might freely flow. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who lovingly gave himself for us all. Amen.

# **Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn** Eat This Bread #788

[sung twice]

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, saying,

All: Holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

**Prayer of Consecration** 

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music Andante cantabile from Sonata No. 9 Mozart

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

# Going with God's Love

\* **Hymn of Departure** Savior, Again to Your Dear Name #80 [verse 1]

\*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**

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

Terry Heiman and Family, Kathy & Leroy Ford and their Grandson, Garion, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Bill Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary D'Agostino, 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, May 27, 2018 – Adults: 57 Kids: 7 Total: 64

#### **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 Diane Gressley in Honor of her Mother, Emma on her Birthday.

**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.

**WOMEN UNITED** is meeting on June 20th at 11:30am in the Parlor. Bring a light lunch. Coffee is provided. Our speaker is Peg Duffy. Peg will speak on the benefits of Physical Massage and Meditation.

**SUMMER MUSIC VOLUNTEERS -** Our summer music schedule is still being finalized. Please contact Dave Debick to choose a Sunday that's convenient for you. His contact info is in the directory

**DIRECTORY** We will be publishing a new up-to-date BUCC Member Directory in the very near future. If you have any change of address, phone number, email address, or to add birthday, please contact Jeannette at 440-526-4364, or buccoh@sbcglobal.net

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Our book for this month is <u>Before We Were Yours</u> by Lisa Wingate. It is a horrifying story based on the Tennessee Children's Home which was used as a means for child trafficking from the Depression to 1950. Our discussion will take place in the Parlor on Monday June 4th at 1 p.m.

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!

# Readings

The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 5:6-15

I am the Holy One, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Holy One your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Holy One your God, for the Holy One will not acquit anyone who misuses God's name.

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Holy One your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Holy One your God; you shall not do any work - you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Holy One your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Holy One your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

#### The New Testament - Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath; so the Human One is ascendant even over the Sabbath."

Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

#### **The Continuing Testament** - from *Day1* - by Ellen Richardson [edited]

In Jesus' experience, the Pharisees didn't care much about people or about the human condition. They reveled in righteous indignation at this itinerant preacher with his crazy ideas about loving enemies and blessing the ragtag army of the unclean who followed him around. This caused exasperation for Jesus, because of his passionate caring for every lamb in the fold. Watching these community leaders behaving badly - and seeing their hardness of heart - often caused Jesus' own heart to break.

Imagining ourselves in Jesus' world, we can easily align ourselves with his anger at those who would make outcasts of others whose illness made them "unclean". Yet in reality, are our attitudes about illness and death really that different? ▶

Are we really above assigning subliminal blame to the ill and dying - in an all-too-human attempt to distance ourselves from the same thing happening to us?

Jesus broke the rules to heal people, to restore them to a fullness of life denied by their afflictions. Yet he did not use healing as a weapon against his enemies, nor did he dispense healing like magic from a distance that would keep him untainted. Jesus entered into the suffering of others - a response not of pity, but of empathy - and this is how healing happens. Out of sadness and anger at the world's hardness of heart, comes abundant love to touch, heal, and transform broken lives.

# **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, June 3 10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

\*\*Hunger Meal - Bethany\*\*

Mon., June 4 1:00 pm Book Discussion

7:00 pm Facilities - Library

Thurs., June 7 1:00 pm Bible Study

Friday, June 8 \*Office Closed\*

Sunday, June 10 10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

# PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

**JUNE 3, 2018** 

Lay Reader: Kate Klonowski Head Usher: Sue Stenzel

Ushers: **Bob Chandler, Diane Gressly** 

Beth Rehling, David Ritchey

**Jillian Davis** Acolyte: Peace Candle: Ben Davis Sound: Max Roha Comns Grtr: Marge Culver Flowers: Julie Bernard Nursery: Courtni Began C.E Teacher: Heidi Spangler

Counters: Nancy Stella, Matt Wolbert

Caroline Chandler, Joy Garapic Servers:

Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan Clean-up:

# PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JUNE 10, 2018

Lav Reader: Ed Lusk

**Head Usher: Bob Chandler** Ushers:

Dan & Ian Stewart,

Matt Wolbert, Jess Barnes

Acolyte: Ryan Stewart Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski **Kevin Smith** Sound: Comns Grtr: **Kathy Pastor Betty Gifford** Flowers: **Erin Tomlinson** Nursery:

C.E Teacher: Tia Began

Jim Duffy, Dave Bernard Counters

Cliff & Sue Stenzel Servers:

Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett Clean-Up: