

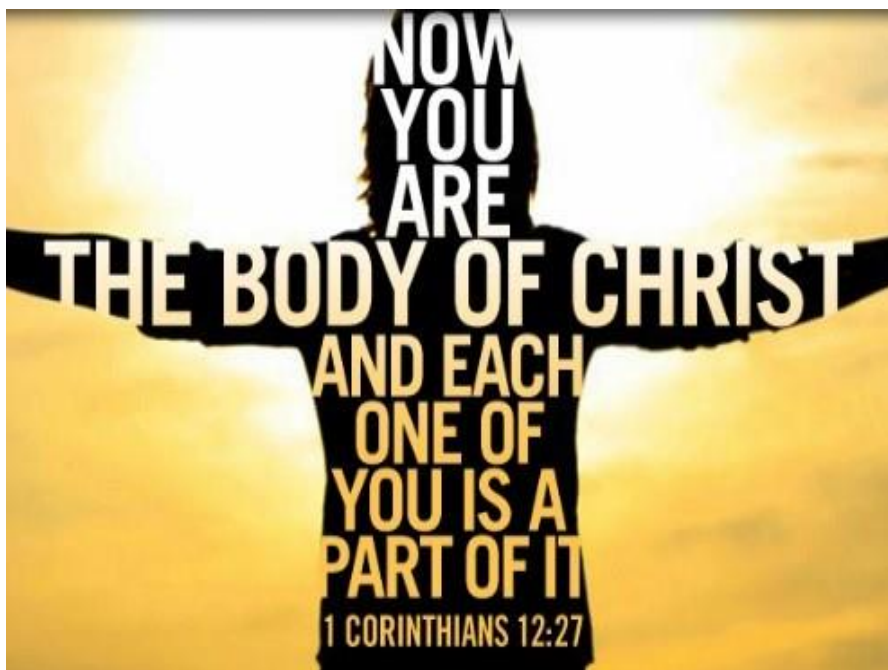
Brecksville

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks for all those people who have touched our lives with inspiration and love. May we, in return, touch the lives of others in good and positive ways. Open our eyes and our hearts to the opportunities we have every day, to make the world a kinder and better place. Amen.



Sunday, January 27, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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, or pangender
You Are Welcome Here!*

*If you are fully abled, 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!***



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, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed

Office Hours:

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

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January 27, 2019 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

Meditation Music

Divine Source of us all, help us to recognize that we are all part of the One Human Family, and that each person we encounter truly is a sister or brother to us. And may the realization of our connectedness inspire us to reach out to everyone with a warm and gracious welcome. Amen

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Here, O God, Your Servants Gather

Japanese gagaku mode

"In despair our hope appears,
calling age and youth:
Jesus, Teacher, dwell with us,
for you are the Truth."
Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1958; alt

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today to praise the Holy One who has done great things for us.

People: Glory be to God, whose blessings never cease!

L: We have come to honor Jesus, who embodies for us the fullness of Divine Grace.

P: May the Light of Christ's Love continue to lead us and guide us!

L: We have come to celebrate the Spirit's Presence among us and within us.

P: Let us rejoice and give thanks!

L: For all that we have and for all that we are,

All: We raise our hearts and voices in praise!

* Hymn of Praise

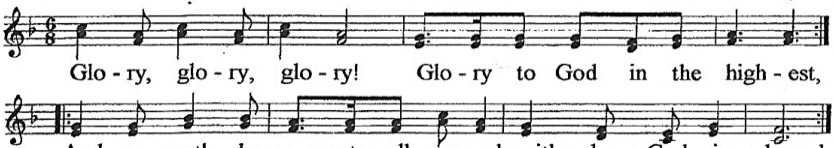
Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, Source of love and wholeness, you call all of your children to live together as One Caring and Compassionate Family. Gather up the prayers of each of our hearts into a unified harmony of worship and service, that we might truly be One Body in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise** **Glory to God** Pablo Sosa, 1988



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
 And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

The Old Testament	Psalm 19:1-4; 7-11	Pew Bible, page 498
The New Testament	I Corinthians 12:12-18; 27	Pew Bible, page 174
The Continuing Testament	from <i>Universal Love</i>	by Bryan Findlayson

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem	May the Mind of Christ My Savior	Taylor
Sermon	<i>Fill-in the Blank</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
Hymn of Reflection	In Christ There Is No East or West	#394

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

"Justice shall flower in his day,
and fullness of peace forever."
Psalm 72:7

***Offertory Hymn**

Winter has come, it's taken hold.
The days are short, the nights are cold.
The poor need food and help and heat.
We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

We thank you, Gracious Holy One, for the opportunity to share in your creative and healing work. Because you have blessed us with so much, we have much to give. May these offerings express our gratitude, and our desire to live more fully as your faithful and loving people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose Spirit and steps we follow. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Forward through the Ages

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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

Eternal Christ, You Rule

Damon

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Kirk Sanderson, Suzanne Patrick, Niece of Kathy Smith, Pat Bailey, Fred Pesek, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, 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 January 27, 2019– Adults: 24 Kids: 5 Total: 29

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Jon Thompson in Memory of my brother, Ralph Kim Thompson, who passed away on 1/17/89. Impossible to believe it's been 30 years. Gone but never forgotten. Jon Thompson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING -Next Sunday February 3rd immediately following Worship. We will finalize our Slate of Officers and Budget for 2019.

THE FACILITIES MINISTRY has determined that the sanctuary roof will need to be replaced this coming summer. The current roof is over 25 years old and has had minor repairs to prevent leaking and water damage. The Church Council has approved the roof project and a 'Fund the Roof Campaign' to help raise the necessary funds to pay for it. More information will be forthcoming over the next several months.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRACTICAL LEARNING:

Understanding Care after a Hospital Admission. Patients and families are provided an overwhelming amount of information on care in the community after a hospital stay. This **Tuesday January 29th** Mark Lehman will present an overview of the various care options in the community, what is fitting for the patient and the how it is paid for.

This session will be held from **7:00-8:00 pm** in Pilgrim Hall.

FINANCE Year-end statements are ready to be picked up in the Commons area.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 19:1-4; 7-11

The heavens declare the glory of the Holy One; and the firmament proclaims the Creator's handiwork. Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next. No speech or words are used, no sound is heard; yet their message goes out to all the world and is heard to the ends of the earth.... The Divine Law is perfect; reviving the soul. The commands of the Holy One are trustworthy, making wise the simple; the Heavenly Precepts are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of God is clear, enlightening the eyes; Reverence for God is good; enduring forever; the Divine Ordinances are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. They give knowledge to me, your servant; in keeping them there is great reward.

The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 12:12-18; 27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose.... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The Continuing Testament - from *Universal Love* - by Bryan Findlayson [edited]

The Gospel expresses a depth of love that is more radical and more inclusive than the fragile relationships we mere mortals are able to create.

In matters of faith, we are always called to struggle for a depth of love and acceptance that reflects the amazing inclusivity of Divine love. How much more might God be able to do with us, if we were ready to transcend the boundaries of community and the limits of love that we ourselves have erected? It is never too late to respond to God's call to love beyond our self-imposed limits. ►

God has often reached beyond the confines of people's hardened hearts and is willing to do the same today. The Gospel proclaims God's universal love and reminds us - that as God's compassion and grace reaches beyond the social confines of institutional religion - so should ours. The doors of our church, and of our lives, should always be wide open to the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 27	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Tuesday, Jan. 29	7:00 pm	Hospital After-Care Presentation Pilgrim Hall
Thursday, Jan. 31	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, Feb. 3	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Congregational Mtg.
		CE Meeting – Library Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JANUARY 27, 2019

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	David & Kathy Pastor Betsey & Joe Wilson
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Janet Renovetz
Nursery:	Jonathon Cook
C.E. Teacher:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Marge Culver, Carole Snider
Clean-Up:	Bob & Caroline Chandler
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Anne Melfo
Snow Hrdr:	Wes Novak

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Chad & Bridget Sproul Ben Tomlinson, Kim Wallis
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	Marge Culer
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Betty Kaul, Cliff Stenzel
Clean-up:	Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett
Snacks:	Max Roha, Jill Zedan
Snow Hrdr:	Chad Sproul