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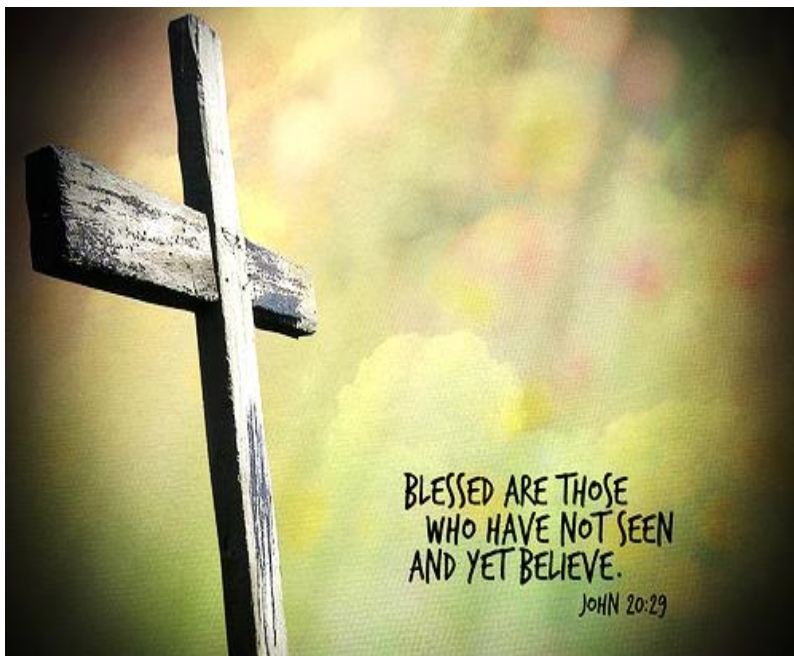
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## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***The silence  
breaks into  
morning.  
That One Star  
lights the world.  
The lily springs to  
life and  
Not even  
Solomon...  
Let it begin with  
singing  
And never end!  
Oh, angels, quit  
your lamenting!  
Oh, pilgrims,  
Upon your knees  
in tearful prayer,  
Rise up  
And take your  
hearts  
And run!  
We who were no  
people  
Are named anew  
God's people,  
For The One who  
was no more  
Is forevermore.  
....Ann Weems***



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**Sunday April 28, 2019 • 10:00 AM**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

*Pastor*

• Rev David Shackles

*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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## April 28, 2019 – Second Easter Sunday

### Meditation Music

Faith brings surprises, laying them before us as though they were dropped by an outgoing tide. Its offerings connect us to people in far-off places; its gifts include living things such as hope and charity. Faith constantly beckons. It seems to stretch toward us as the waters of new-broken waves reach out to the walker on the shore. In gathering together, we open ourselves to the God who changes us, surprises us, informs us, draws us. May the Spirit of The Living God wash over us in this time of worship.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

#### Prelude

This Is the Day Our God Has Made  
*[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]*

Patterson

"See now the wonder God has done:  
the once-rejected stone has now become the cornerstone,  
Yahweh's own Chosen One."  
Joy F. Patterson, 1993

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

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

Leader: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

**People: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lives among us, that God's love might be made plain in our midst**

Leader: Therefore beloved, let us not love in word or in speech, but in deed and in truth.

**People: Because we love one another we know that we have passed from death into life. This is the victory that overcomes all, through our Living Christ.**

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

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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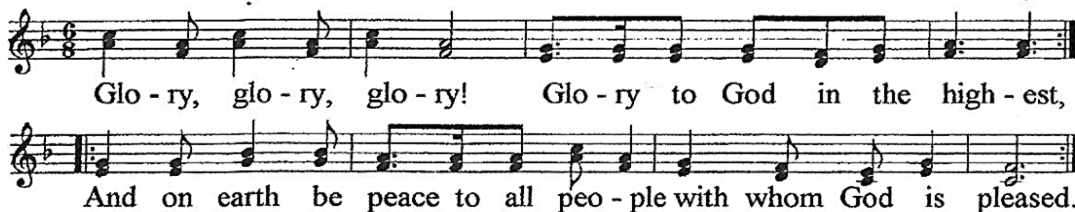
**\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, we thank you that you find us in our brokenness and remain with us as we struggle with your healing love. Breathe on us with your abundant life, that we may seek to touch creation with your healing love and see your handiwork in each person. Bless us that we may exhibit Christ's life of love in our world. We ask in the name of The Risen One. Amen.

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

I Samuel 4:2-6,10-11

Pew Bible, Page 246

**The New Testament**

John 20:19-29

Pew Bible, Page 114

**The Continuing Testament**

Congregation in Transition

Jim Duffy

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Courtney

**Sermon**

*Surprising Love*

Leroy Ford

**Hymn of Reflection**

Be Now My Vision

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***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**

In Your Hand Alone

Escabí

"In your hand alone, holy God, are all grace and power and grandeur.  
And by your hand, you bless us from your store of strength and splendor."  
Louis Olivieri; trans. Mary Louise Bringle (b. 1953)

### **\*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]**

**Holy One, Source of all, we thank you for the wonder of your love and the  
abundance of your blessings. You bless us so that we may have opportunities to  
be a blessing to others. We ask that these gifts, and our lives, may be used to bind  
up the broken-hearted, comfort the afflicted, and free the captive that the blessing  
of Divine Love may be shown to all of creation. This we ask in the name of the  
Living Christ. Amen.**

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

### **\* Hymn of Departure**

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

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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

Hallelujah Chorus (from *The Messiah*)

Handel

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

Jan Wardlaw, 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 April 21, 2019– Adults: 95 Kids: 19 Total: 114**

## 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 refreshments and conversation.

**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 FLOWER'S** are given by Sherrill & Bill Witt – Thanking God for our many Blessings.

**FREE CONCERT - NEXT SUNDAY** May 5 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring the **Bristol Quartet** from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The string ensemble will perform works by Beethoven and Janáček. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. Plan on joining us for an outstanding program of chamber music. Bring a friend!

**EDNA HOUSE OFFERING – MAY 12** BUCC and Our Churches Wider Mission we will be taking an offering on May 12 to benefit Edna House in Cleveland, Ohio. The mission of Edna House is to assist women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction and to give them a chance at a new life by providing a safe, sober place to live. Edna House is a faith-based organization and is sustained only through donations from individuals and businesses in the communities they serve. They do not take private insurance nor government funding. In addition to cash donations, items needed and appreciated at this time are postage stamps, gift cards to Office Max (for office supplies), and gift cards to Save a Lot, Marcs or Wal Mart which help with incidental food needs. Please consider contributing to this amazing organization on May 12.

## **TWO GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRACTICAL LEARNING:**

### **What are ADVANCE DIRECTIVES?**

When an adult is admitted to a hospital they will be asked if they have Advance Directives. We will review the four components of Advance Directives- The Living Will, Health Care Power of Attorney, Organ Donation and Guardian Designation. Let's get the care that you desire for yourself!

The presentation will be on Wednesday, May 1 from 7p-8p in Pilgrim Hall.

### **Discharge Planning Options after a hospital stay**

Hospitals are pressured by insurance companies to shorten how long patients stay inside the hospital. We will review the numerous options for care after the hospital stay - from Home Health Care to Skilled Nursing Home care. It is important to know the options and what insurance will cover and not cover. This is good information for adult children caring for parents and for spouses caring for one another. Let's be proactive!

The presentation will be on Tuesday, May 15 from 7p-8p in Pilgrim Hall.

**LAST-MINUTE MART:** On Saturday, May 11th, 2019 from 10:00am - 3:00pm, BUCC is hosting our spring LAST-MINUTE MART in Pilgrim Hall, just in time for Mother's Day! This event is very special because Christian Education is joining forces with OCWM and the Communications & Outreach Ministry to raise funds for this year's Lenten Project to support refugee families in Cleveland. Our students will be selling handmade craft items to raise funds for these families. We are excited to welcome crafters, bakers, and vendors of all kinds (both parishioners and other community members) to join us! You may request a full 8' table for \$25, or half table/card table (~4') for \$15.

Please submit your request for a table to Heidi Spangler at [heidi@heidihoonthego.com](mailto:heidi@heidihoonthego.com). We are also requesting that each vender supply one item to donate to our raffle. Concessions will be available!

All table, concession profits and raffle proceeds will go to support our Lenten Project. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Klonowski at [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com) or 216-534-3498.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION DINNER SERIES:** On Tuesday, April 30th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm Christian Education and OCWM welcome you and our neighbors to join us for a FREE community dinner and a presentation by Camille R. Gill, Associate Director of Immigration Legal Services in the Migration and Refugee Services department of Catholic Charities. She will present "Immigration 101: Defining Terms and Discussing Current Issues." All are welcome! Childcare will be provided on-site. This topic has been scheduled to coincide with the continuation of our Lenten Project to support refugee families in Cleveland.

**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. You should have received a letter about the roof, if not, please see a Facilities Member. Also, if you are not officially on our mailing list, we can give you a letter as well.



## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament 1Samuel 4:2-6,10-11**

The Philistines drew up in line against Israel, and when the battle was joined, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men on the field of battle. When the troops came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the Lord put us to rout today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord here from Shiloh, so that he may come among us and save us from the power of our enemies." So the people sent to Shiloh, and brought from there the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. When the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel gave a mighty shout, so that the earth resounded. When the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, they said, "What does this great shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" When they learned that the ark of the Lord had come to the camp.

So, the Philistines fought; Israel was defeated, and they fled, everyone to his home. There was a very great slaughter, for there fell of Israel thirty thousand-foot soldiers. The ark of God was captured; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

### **The New Testament John 20:19-29**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the **week**, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin ), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. ►

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

|                          |                  |                                      |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, April 28</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>Tuesday, April 30</b> | <b>6-8:00 pm</b> | <b>Community Dinner</b>              |
|                          |                  | <b>Immigration 101</b>               |
| <b>Wednesday, May 1</b>  | <b>7:00 pm</b>   | <b>Advance Directives</b>            |
| <b>Thursday, May 2</b>   | <b>1:00 pm</b>   | <b>Bible Study</b>                   |
|                          | <b>4:30 pm</b>   | <b>Recorder/Dul/Guit</b>             |
|                          | <b>5:30 pm</b>   | <b>Joyful Noise</b>                  |
|                          | <b>7:00 pm</b>   | <b>Choir</b>                         |
| <b>Sunday, May 5</b>     | <b>10:00 am</b>  | <b>Worship Service</b>               |
|                          | <b>11:00 am</b>  | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                   |
|                          |                  | <b>CE Meeting</b>                    |
|                          | <b>4:00 pm</b>   | <b>Oberlin Ensemble Free Concert</b> |

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**APRIL 28, 2019**

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| Lay Reader:   | Bettina Ortiz   |
| Head Usher:   | Jill Zedan  |
| Ushers:       | Bob & Caroline Chandler<br>Matt Wolbert, Kate Klonowski |
| Acolyte:      | Ryan Stewart  |
| Peace Candle: | Olivia Klonowski  |
| Sound:        | Kevin Smith   |
| Comns Grtr:   | Kathy Smith   |
| Flowers:      | Dorie Gabor   |
| Nursery:      | Jonathan Cook   |
| C.E. Teacher: | Beth Rehling  |
| Counters:     | Dave Bernard, Carole Snider                             |
| Servers:      | Joy Garapic, Betty Kaul                                 |
| Clean-Up:     | Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett                                |
| Snacks:       | Kathleen Stewart, Gina Cook                             |
| Snow Hrdr:    | Dan Stewart   |

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**MAY 5, 2019**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Lay Reader:   | Sam Koch  |
| Head Usher:   | Bob Chandler  |
| Ushers:       | Cliff Cribbs, Diane Gressley<br>Kathy Smith, Kim Wallis |
| Acolyte:      | Michelina Fawcett                                       |
| Peace Candle: | Amelia Tyler  |
| Sound:        | Tim Wallis  |
| Comns Grtr:   | Betty Kaul  |
| Flowers:      | Maureen Stanley   |
| Nursery:      | Kathy Pastor  |
| C.E Teacher:  | Anne Melfo  |
| Counters:     | David Pastor, Nancy Stella                              |
| Servers:      | Marge Culver, Joanne Cook                               |
| Clean-up:     | Jan Renovetz, Jill Zedan                                |
| Snacks:       | Maureen Stanley, Susan Snyder                           |