



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, you place before us others to whom we can be generous. Help us to notice the people in front of us. Help us to be mindful and thankful of the gift of others who enter our lives. Move us out of our habits and routines, so that we may respond with generous hearts to all those we encounter. Amen



Sunday April 7, 2019 • 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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:

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April 7, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Meditation Music

Extravagant Holy One, pour out your love and mercy on us this day. Hear our prayers and open our hearts to know the joy of your presence and the joy of lavishing the gifts we receive from you, upon others. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude II for Organ

Bloch

(see program notes)

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship - Psalm 150**

Leader: Hallelujah! Thank the Creative One for this beautiful world!

People: For the earth, the sky, and the seas!

L: Thank the Holy One for mighty acts and exceeding greatness!

P: Give thanks, celebrate the good - and the goodness - within and around us!

L: Praise the Majestic One with the blast of the trumpet; with harp and lyre!

P; Let us dance to the sound of the timbrel; to the graceful notes of the lute and pipe!

L: Let us dance with resounding cymbals; with loud-clashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that breathes give thanks to the One from whom all things come!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Living God

#8

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your One Family, to care for the 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 brokenness and strengthen our resolve to do better. By your Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power of your abundant love and amazing grace. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Example, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and will never change: The Holy One has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life!

All: Thanks be to God!

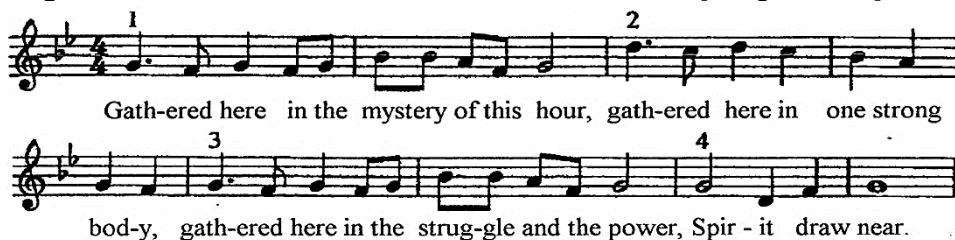
*** Passing the Peace**

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

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Gathered Here - #742 [sung 2 times]



Reading from the Torah

Exodus 22:21-27

Pew Bible, page 68

The Gospel Reading

Luke 22:14-23

Pew Bible, page 86

The Continuing Testament -

Lisa Kollins, Institute Administrator –

Social Justice Institute, Case Western Reserve University

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Build Us a Table

True, arr. Tate/Debick

"Strengthen us in our communion,
One in Word and cup and bread.
Here within the cross of Jesus
All who hunger will be fed."
Francis Patrick O'Brien, b. 1958

Sermon

A Family-style Dinner

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

#306

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

*** Offertory Hymn**

**We now are in the time of Lent,
To learn again what Jesus meant.
His life and message are so great,
We send these gifts to celebrate. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Gracious and Giving Holy One, we are grateful for the ways in which we see your glory throughout all creation. We thank you for caring for us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another. Accept these offerings that we present to you, and help us also give ourselves fully and freely to the work of your Realm - that the love of Christ might shine through us and throughout the world! Amen!

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

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, 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

Gabriel's Oboe

(from *The Mission*) Morricone

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**

O for a World

#575

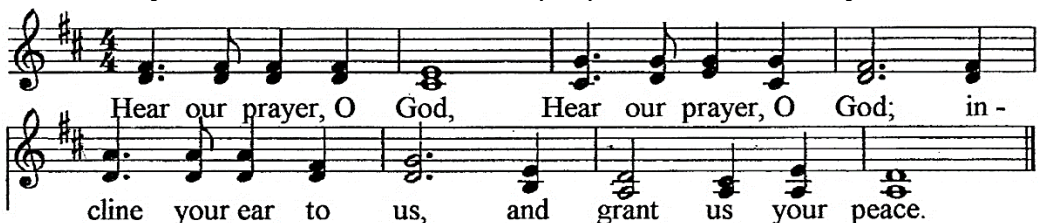
***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

Acolyte

*** Circle of Community**

Hear Our Prayer, O God - sung twice

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Hear our Prayer, O God.** 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

Hope of the World

16th century French,
harm. Goudimel

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 March 24, 2019– Adults:45 Kids: 10 Total: 55

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.

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.

TODAY’S FLOWERS are given by Bettina Ortiz.

A LONG-STANDING LENTEN TRADITION within the Christian Church is to “put away” hymns or verses which contain “Alleluias”, and to set a more reflective tone with our musical selections. The purpose of this is so that on Easter Sunday, our “Alleluias” and praise can ring-out with renewed freshness and vigor, as we hail the Risen Christ. This is why we are using a different Song of Praise and concluding hymn for the benediction today.

TAKING THE BIBLE SERIOUSLY, NOT LITERALLY is the theme of our Lenten Study, which wraps-up this Tuesday April 9th in Pilgrim Hall, 7:00 to 8:30. We will explore and discuss various aspects of how the Scriptures were written, different approaches to interpreting them, and how we ourselves - in light of Jesus’s life and teachings - understand them. I hope to see you Tuesday - Pastor Dave

LAST SUNDAY'S One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was \$595.00. Thank you all for your generous giving!

THE BUCC LIBRARY invites you to take a look at the books for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter displayed on the top shelf of the red book cart, along with some of our new books. Children's books for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are included among the children's books on the lowest shelf of the red book cart.

PASSOVER BRUNCH: Today, Christian Education is sponsoring an exciting educational opportunity that will begin during worship and extend into brunch at 12:00 noon for the community! We will welcome Lisa Kollins, the Director of the Social Justice Institute at Case Western Reserve University, to share the Jewish tradition of Passover with us and enjoy a deliciously diverse brunch after coffee hour that is friendly for all ages and diets! We will discuss some ancient and new ideas for how we remember past injustices and work to prevent future ones. Please invite your friends and families for this unique experience!

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. 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 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.

PRELUDE The creator of music of great spiritual expression, Ernest Bloch was born on 24 July 1880 in Geneva, Switzerland. In his native city, he studied violin with Louis Rey and composition with Emile Jaques-Dalcroze and later studied under Eugene Ysaie and Francois Rasse in Brussels. Bloch's principal training, however, would be in Frankfurt with Iwan Knorr, who most influenced the composer's distinct musical personality. Bloch appropriated established and novel musical elements into highly dramatic scores, often influenced by philosophical, poetic, or religious themes.

Bloch's musical style does not fit easily into any of the usual categories. Many of his works - as can be seen from their Hebrew-inspired titles - also draw heavily on his Jewish heritage. Bloch's father had at one stage intended to become a rabbi, and the young Ernest had a strong religious upbringing; as an adult he felt that to write music that expressed his Jewish identity was "the only way in which I can produce music of vitality and significance".

A masterly composer of music for strings, Bloch wrote four string quartets, **Schelomo--A Hebrew Rhapsody** (for cello and orchestra), and **A Voice in the Wilderness** (for orchestra and cello obbligato), which are deeply emotional works and rank among the most distinguished achievements in the neo-classic and neo-romantic idiom of early 20th-century music. Bloch's pupil Roger Sessions praised him for his special ability to express "the grandeur of human suffering." The successful premiere by the Boston Symphony of Bloch's **Trois Poemes Juifs** in 1917 encouraged the composer to settle in the United States. He soon assumed the directorship of the Cleveland Institute of Music and later the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He also taught at the University of California at Berkeley. Bloch passed away on 15 July 1959 in Portland, Oregon.

The Readings

Reading from the Torah - Exodus 22:21-27

You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbor's cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbor's only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbor cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.

The Gospel Reading - Luke 22:14-23

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Divine Realm." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Divine Realm comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 7	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Spiritual Life - Library
	12:00 pm	Passover Brunch
Tuesday, April 9	7:00 pm	Lenten Study PH
Wednesday, April 10	7:00 pm	Council
Thursday, April 11	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Rec/Dul/Guitar
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, April 14	10:00 am	Worship/Confirmation Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

APRIL 7, 2019

Lay Reader:	Ben Tomlinson
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	David & Kathy Pastor Cliff Cribbs, Sam Koch
Acolyte:	Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Cammie Ward
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-up:	Sue Stenzel, Jill Zedan
Snacks:	Beth Rehling, Marla Corrado
Snow Hrdr:	Wes Novak

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

APRIL 14, 2019

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	George & Carole Snider David Ritchey, Kim Wallis
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	PALMS
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Julie Bernard, Joan Cook
Clean-Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Susan Snyder
Snow Hrdr:	Dave Bernard

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Easter with those who are ill or shut-in or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office

DEADLINE – SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

I Enclose \$12.00_____ for an Easter Plant

In Memory of_____

In Honor of_____

Other_____

Your Name

I will keep the Flowers_____

I will NOT keep Flowers_____

I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter_____