

Creating and

Sustaining Holy One, we know you as Shepherd and Host, Mother and Father, Guardian and Friend. You are all of these and more to us. Help us to recognize your generous and all-embracing love, so that we may also be generous and compassionate toward all our sisters and brothers. wherever we miaht meet them. Amen.

Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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



"Day By Day...
They Broke Bread In Their Homes And Shared Their Food
With Glad And Generous Hearts."
Acts 2:46

Sunday May 12, 2019 • 10:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor

Rev David Shackle

Director of Music Financial

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, 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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May 12, 2019 - Forth Sunday of Easter

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Compassion and Community, you create us to live and grow and thrive together. As the first disciples discovered ways to nurture one another with material and spiritual gifts, help us also to develop generous and joyful hearts. Inspire and empower us to seek the best for all those in our community and throughout our world. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

* Please stand as you are able.

Prelude No. 1 Candlyn

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One!

People: Let us gives thanks to the Creating One, who fills the earth with blessings!

L: Let us praise the Gracious One, who fills our lives with joy!

P: Let us worship the Compassionate One, whose love is always with us!

L: Today we gather together in hope and faith,

P: To praise our Divine Source of Life and Love.

L: The Holy One who creates heaven and earth, renews and remakes us today!

All: Let our hearts and voices rejoice with praise and thanksgiving!

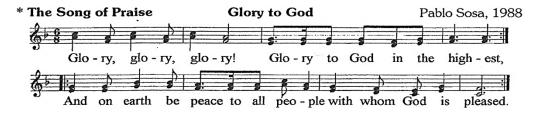
* Hymn of Praise

God Made from One Blood

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*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Divine Source of Life and Love, we give thanks that you have not abandoned us to the fearful forces of sin, death and despair, but have raised us up anew. In this time of worship and throughout all our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. Strengthen and inspire us as individuals and as a community of faith, that we might know the power of the Resurrection in our daily lives, through Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen.



The Old Testament
The New Testament

Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 17-20 Acts 2:37-47

Pew Bible, page 167 Pew Bible, page 120

The Continuing Testament

by Sarah Pietch

Edna House Program Admin.

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem Shepherd of My Heart

O'Brien

[Erin Tomlinson, flute]

Sermon As Any Had Need...

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Let Justice Flow like Streams

#588

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 A Mother's Love Jordan/MacKinnon

*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]

Divine Source of us all: All good gifts around us come from you. You have given us life and new life in Christ. May our giving be acceptable in your sight and may our gifts and our lives be used to serve you and to serve others. This we pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us all. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

#573

*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 Jesus of Nazareth Jarre

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

Attendance May 5, 2019- Adults: 64 Kids: 7 Total: 71

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 Patricia Rehm & Carole Miller in Honor of all Mothers Everywhere.

EDNA HOUSE OFFERING – Today we will be taking an offering to benefit Edna House in Cleveland. 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. Please consider contributing to this amazing organization today.

NEXT WEEK (5/19/19) we are serving a hunger meal at Pearl Road UMC in partnership with Independence UMC. The sign-up board is in the narthex for people to indicate their interest in participating. The menu will be the usual, with IUMC providing the salad. The first shift will arrive about 2:30 PM to set up and prepare, and the second shift will arrive about 4:00 PM to serve and clean up. The meal is usually served about 5:00 PM.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC next Sunday May 19th at our morning worship service. If you are interested in joining, learning more about membership - or about our congregation or denomination - please talk with Pastor Dave.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PRACTICAL LEARNING: 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 *Wednesday*, May 15 from 7p-8p in Pilgrim Hall.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 17-19

Moses said "So now, O Israel, what does the Holy One require of you? Only to revere the Holy One, to walk in all God's ways, to love God, and to serve the Holy One with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and decrees of your God that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.... For the Holy One is mighty and awesome, not partial and takes no bribe. The Holy One executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt."

The New Testament - Acts 2:37-47

Now when the crowd heard Peter's words, their hearts were deeply moved and they said to Peter and to the other apostles, "What should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone to whom the Holy One calls." And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the praying of prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread in their homes and shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising the Holy One and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Holy One added to their number those who were being saved.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 12 10:00 am Worship Service/

Edna House Offering

11:00 am Coffee Hour 5:30 pm Youth Ministry 6:00 pm Youth Percussion

Wednesday, May 15 7:00 pm After Hospital Care - PH

Thursday, May 16 1:00 pm Bible Study

4:30 pm Recorder/Dul/Guit 5:30 pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm Choir

Friday, May 17 *Office Closed*

Sunday, May 19 10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Stewardship - Parlor

2:00 pm Hunger Meal PRUMC

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

MAY 12, 2019

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Head Usher: Anne Melfo

Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard

Darlene Kelly, Sam Koch

Acolyte: Joshua Anderson
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Max Roha
Flowers: Betty Gifford

Nursery: Courtni Began C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski

Counters: Matt Wolbert, Jan Renovetz

Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel

Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Pat Rehm

MAY 19, 2019

Lay Reader: Kathleen Stewart
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel

Ushers: Dan Stewart, Ben Tomlinson

George & Carole Snider

Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Cameron Ward
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Valerie Tyler
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson

C.E Teacher: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Kathy Pastor & Dave Bernard
Servers: Julie Bernard, Carole Snider

Clean-Up: Jim & Peg Duffy

Snacks: Heidi Spangler, Jill Zedan