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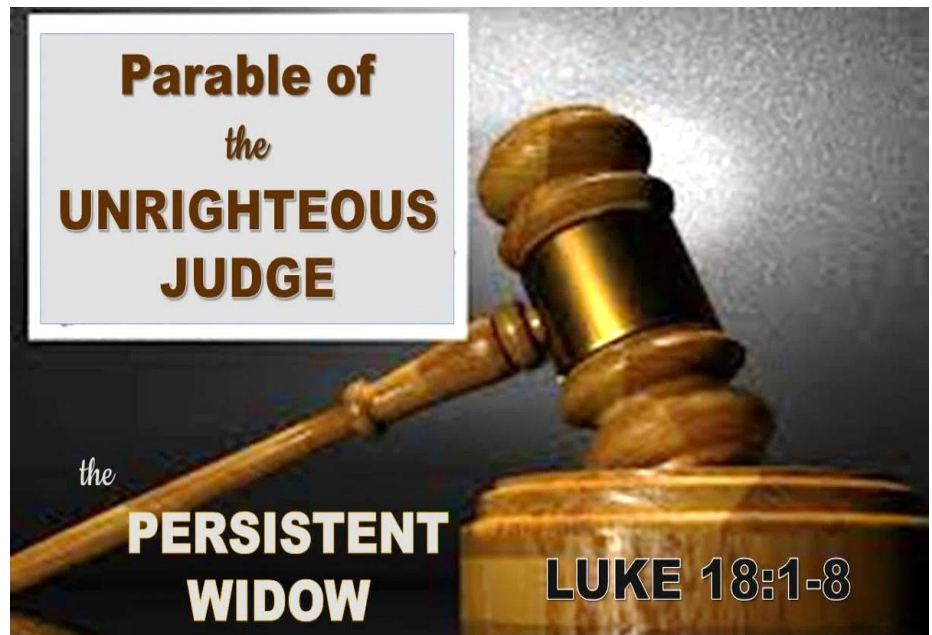
## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*"Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls, drop by drop, upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God."*

*Aeschylus,  
Greek  
playwright, d.  
456 BC, quoted  
by Robert  
Kennedy on  
news of the  
assassination  
of Martin Luther  
King, Jr.*



**Sunday October 20, 2019 • 10:00 AM**  
**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*Pastor*

• Allan Lane

*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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## October 20, 2019 – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### **Meditation Music**

Pilate said of Jesus, "I find no basis for bringing a charge against this man," but he put him to death anyway because he was afraid of the crowds. Then he washed his hands of Jesus' blood. But it's not so easy to wash off the blood of injustice. The stain remains until Christ cleans your heart and you begin to do what is right.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

#### **Prelude**

I Cried Aloud

Galbraith

"I cried aloud, aloud to God.  
I cried to God and God heard me."  
Based on Psalm 77, verses 1-2

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

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

Leader: O God, we come before you for three reasons at least. First:

**People: We come because you are mighty and great, and you deserve the worship of a grateful creation. Your justice and mercy are from everlasting to everlasting.**

Leader: And secondly, we come:

**People: because we seek a blessing from you, for you are more eager to hear us than we are to pray to you.**

Leader: And thirdly, we come:

**People: to learn from you, for you have the keys to life, both in this world and the next, and only those who follow closely will not get lost.**

Leader: Friends, for all these reasons, a many more, let us worship God!

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

What a Covenant

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

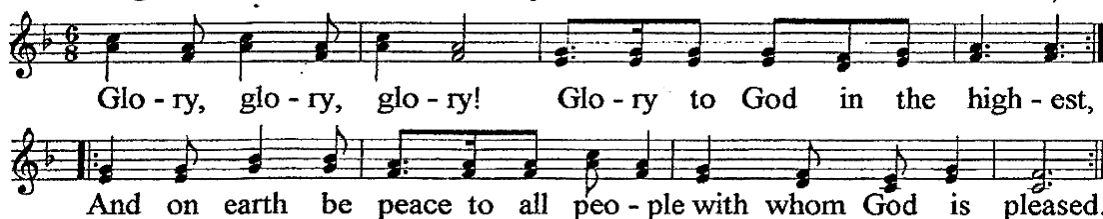
**O loving Jesus Christ, you came into the world full of mercy and grace, taking on flesh, dwelling among us, offering forgiveness and healing to all who came to you. We saw you, we knew you, we killed you. Our love was cold, our sin was great, our hearts were hard. We had ears but would not hear, we had eyes but would not see. And still you love us. In spite of all we had done, you chose to die for us. Open our eyes, unstop our ears, soften our hearts. ►**

Help us to live for you who died for us, so that when you call us into death at last, we who die may live with you. Forgive us our faults, our failings and our flaws; pardon our injustices and our iniquities; lead us in the way everlasting for your name's sake. Amen

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Genesis 32:22-31

Pew Bible, page 30

***Jacob wrestles God***

**Contemporary Reading**

Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
in the periodical *The Gospel Messenger*, 1958

**The Gospel**

Luke 18: 1-8

Pew Bible, page 81

***The judge is a jerk***

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Hear Our Prayer

Cooper/Judd

**Sermon**

And Yet ... She Persisted

Pastor Allan Lane

**Hymn of Reflection**

O God of Love, O God of Peace

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***The Church at Prayer***

**Silent Meditation**

**Prayers of the Church**

## **Our Lord's Prayer**

*[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**

**Offertor**

**Kocięda**

#### **\*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]**

**O God of self-giving love, we open our mouths to speak out the gratitude that is in our hearts. In Jesus Christ you lived for us, you died for us, you rose for us, and you intercede for us. In him you called for justice, and in him justice was denied. But with his resurrection, justice triumphed again! Thanks be to God! Accept these gifts and offerings, that justice may roll on like a river, and righteousness flow like a never-failing stream. Amen**

### ***Holy Communion***

#### **Words of Institution**

#### **Prayer of Consecration**

#### **The Invitation**

#### **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

"Blessed are you, Lord, taking on humanity.  
 Through your goodness, Lord, we can share divinity.  
 Bread is your body, come to be our bread of life.  
 Wine is your blood and we offer both as sacrifice.  
 Blessed be God forever."  
 Marianne Misetich, 1973

## The Blessing

### *Going with God's Love*

- \* Hymn of Departure      Go, My Children, with My Blessing      #82
- \* 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*

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

## \*Benediction

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

Betty Kaul, Don Seager, Kate Klonowski, The Corpora Family, Anna Mary Fisher, Bill Toneff, Richard Sacher, brother of Jan Renovetz, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick (Niece of Kathy Smith), Pat Bailey, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, 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 Sunday, October 13, 2019 – Adults: 65 Kids: 7 Total: 72**

***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 childcare 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.

**BETTY KAUL** currently has a compromised immune system. As much as she loves your hugs, handshakes, etc., she is to be avoiding any physical contact at this time. Thank you for your understanding. – Additionally, Betty Kaul ***will no longer be handling*** any switches on the Participants List. For right now that person will be Sue Stenzel.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** Today, the Leadership Development Ministry will be hosting an information table during coffee hour in Pilgrim Hall. All members and friends of BUCC are welcome to come chat about our church's varied ministries. We are requesting that one member from each ministry be available at the table to answer questions. Come find out where your gifts and talents can help and make a difference within our church and community.

**SEASONAL CHOIR** - It's not too late to join seasonal choir as we begin preparing for this year's Christmas cantata. Titled *Emmanuel--God with Us!* the work features traditional and contemporary music telling the ancient story of Christ's miraculous birth among us. The cantata is scheduled for Sunday December 22 at our regular 10 AM service. If you enjoy singing in a group setting but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a great opportunity for fellowship, music, and spiritual preparation for Christmas. Listening CDs for each vocal part are provided. High school students are welcome to participate. Contact Dave D with any questions.

**FREE CONCERT** - On Sunday November 3 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring cellist Adam Willson and pianist Charlotte Hill from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. They will perform works by Prokofiev, Schumann and J. S. Bach. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the concert. Plan on joining us Nov. 3 for an outstanding program of chamber music.

**THANKSGIVING MEAL AND PLEDGE DAY** - The Membership and Stewardship committees invite you to our annual Thanksgiving dinner! The meal will take place after service on Sunday, November 17th. Turkey, gravy, potatoes, and dinner rolls will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. And don't forget those Pledge cards!

**PFLAG** - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This is a local and national organization that has been in the Cleveland Area for 35 years. One of the services provided is a Monthly Support Group Meeting. The group is led by a licensed Psychologist and Social Workers. The purpose is to provide support and education to family and friends of people coming out Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bisexual or Questioning. The group is free and meets at Trinity Cathedral on the second Tuesday of the month 645p-830p. For more information, call Mark Lehman, LISW at 330.631.4415

**FOOD PANTRY/OCTOBER** - Canned Soup, Baked Beans, Chili, etc.

**PAPER RECYCLING BIN** – You may have noticed that we now have a Paper Recycling Bin in the Parking lot. Please bring your paper recyclables and help us fill it up!

**NAME TAGS** are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

**PLEASE BE SURE** to enter your meeting and event schedule on the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the *Weekly Bulletin* and in the *Monthly Pillar*.



## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Genesis 32:22-31 - Jacob wrestles God**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

### **Contemporary Reading - Martin Luther King, Jr., in the periodical *The Gospel Messenger*, 1958**

'Evil may so shape events that Caesar will occupy a palace and Christ a cross, but that same Christ arose and split history into A.D. and B.C., so that even the life of Caesar must be dated by his name. Yes, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." There is something in the universe which justifies William Cullen Bryant in saying, "Truth crushed to earth will rise again.'"

### **The Gospel - Luke 18: 1-8 The judge is a jerk**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

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And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you; he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 20</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 22</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>ElizArt – Banner Room</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 23</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Parish Staff Relations/ Personnel</b>
<b>Thurs., Oct. 24</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>4:30-5 pm</b>	<b>Rec/Dul/Guitar</b>
	<b>5:30-6:15pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>ElizArt – Banner Room</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Seasonal Choir</b>
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>Friday, Oct. 25</b>		<b>*OFFICE CLOSED*</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 27</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**OCTOBER 20, 2019**

Lay Reader:	Ben Tomlinson
Head Usher:	Dot Bailey
Ushers:	David Ritchey, Dave & Julie Bernard, Matt Wolbert
Acolyte:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Natalie Corrado
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Carole Snider, Stu Bailey
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Betsey Wilson, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett

## **PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**OCTOBER 27, 2019**

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Ben Tomlinson, Michelina Fawcett, Sam Koch, Kathy Smith
Acolyte:	Joshua Anderson
Peace Candle:	Evelyn Kucmins
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Dave Bernard
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E. Teacher:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Marge Culver, Kathy Pastor
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Jane Cribbs, Erin Tomlinson
Clean-Up:	Bob & Caroline Chandler