

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***"Temptations,
of course,
cannot be
avoided, but
because we
cannot prevent
the birds from
flying over our
heads, there is
no need that we
should let them
nest in our
hair."***

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Reformer Martin
Luther, quoted
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Bainton, Here I
Stand: A Life of
Martin Luther***



REFORMATION Sunday

Sunday October 27, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Reformation Sunday

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 27, 2019 – Reformation Sunday

Meditation Music

“When God in sheer mercy and without any merit of mine has given me such unspeakable riches, shall I not then freely, joyously, wholeheartedly, unprompted do everything that I know will please God? I will give myself as a sort of Christ to my neighbor as Christ gave himself for me.”

German Reformer Martin Luther, quoted in Roland H. Bainton, Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Simple Gifts

Shaker tune

"When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right."
Attributed to Joseph Brackett, 1848

Bearing the Light of Peace
Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Nothing delights God more than people who are ready to worship with their whole hearts!

People: We are here to worship and to grow, to be empowered to face the challenges of the world, to be comforted in the wounds the world has inflicted on us this week.

Leader: If you come to seek a blessing, you will receive a blessing, for God is in the midst of God's people whenever they gather in God's name.

People: We are gathered in God's name in this sanctuary this morning, so that we can bring justice, mercy and grace to the streets the rest of the week.

Leader: Let us prepare ourselves for life through worship of the God of life.

People: Let us worship God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Not My Brother, nor My Sister

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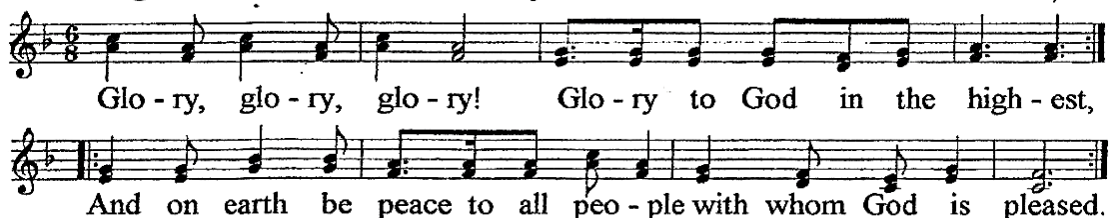
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

O Spirit of the living God, fall on us once more and breathe your life into our lives. Gives us ears to hear what you are saying to us, eyes to see what you are doing in the world, and feet to walk in the way you have shown us in word and deed. As you empowered Paul and the Reformers of old, empower us on this Reformation Sunday to live out our lives in the joy and strength of the gospel. Let us run the race of our lives with integrity and fullness, for it is over in a flash, a sprint even for the oldest among us when we were expecting a marathon. To the glory of God and in the name of Jesus we ask these things, O Holy Spirit. Amen

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The New Testament

Hebrews 12:1-3

Pew Bible Page 226

Contemporary Reading

Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther,

Roland H. Bainton

The Gospel

Luke 18: 9-14

Pew Bible Page 81

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Bowing Down

Redman

Sermon

The Race Of Your Life

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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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 October (Autumn Song) from *The Seasons* Tchaikovsky

***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 grace and love, help us to run our race with joy, to fight the good fight
with integrity, and to win the prize for which you are calling us heavenward. Let our
generosity overflow as we present these gifts and offerings to you. Amen**

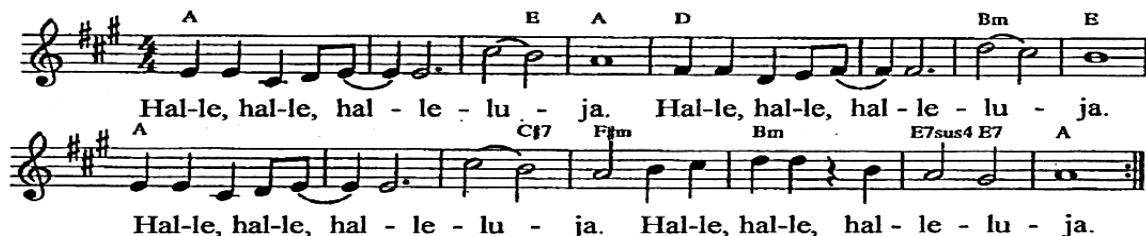
Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure** Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed #537

***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

May God Grant You a Blessing
[With Youth Percussion Group]

Swahili folk hymn

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 20, 2019 – Adults: 55 Kids: 13 Total: 68

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Marge Culver, in Loving Memory of Richard Culver.

FREE CONCERT - On Sunday November 3 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring cellist Adam Willson and pianist Jas Ogiste from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. They will perform works by J. S. Bach, Elliott Carter, and Sergei Prokofiev. 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. Bring a friend!

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 New Testament - Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Contemporary Reading - *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther*, Roland H. Bainton

“As God, Christ, the virgin, the prince of the apostles and the shepherds labored even so must we labor in our callings. God had no hands and feet of his own. God must continue God’s labors through human instruments. The lonelier the task the better. The milkmaid and the carter of manure are doing a work more pleasing to God than the psalm singing of the Carthusian [monk in the monastery]. Luther never tired of defending those callings which for one reason or another were disparaged. The mother was considered lower than the virgin. Luther replied that the mother exhibits the pattern of the love of God, which overcomes sins just as her love overcomes dirty diapers”

The Gospel - Luke 18: 9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you; this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 27

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Thurs., Oct. 31

1:00 pm Bible Study

4:30-5 pm Rec/Dul/Guitar

5:30-6:15pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm Seasonal Choir

8:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, Nov. 1

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, Nov. 3

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am Spiritual Life - Library

11:00 am Membership

**4:00 pm Free Concert – Cello/Piano
Oberlin**

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

NOVEMBER 3, 2019 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Bob & Caroline Chandler Jill Zedan, Dan Stewart
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Natalie Corrado
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Nancy Stella, David Pastor
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Cliff Stenzel
Snacks:	Heidi Spangler, Marla Corrado
Clean-up:	Jill Zedan, Sue Stenzel

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Featuring Art and Gifts
For the Holidays!
23 Public Square
Brecksville, Ohio 44141
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Painted1217@gmail.com
2nd Floor/ Banner Room**



Register!

**Classes start the week of November 12 and end
the week of December 10th.**

Name_____

Email_____

Phone_____

Tuesday 7-8:30 pm____ **or Thursday 7-8:30 pm**____

_____ **Member**_____ **Non - Member**

Wk. 1 Ornaments_____

Wk. 2 Holiday Cards_____

Wk. 3/4 Hand Painted Mugs_____

Total_____