



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***"The people in  
the Bible are  
real people,  
just like we  
are. They are  
full of gifts,  
and full of  
flaws, and they  
are glorious  
because they  
are humanity  
writ large.  
Sometimes  
God seems to  
love them  
almost in spite  
of themselves!"***



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**Sunday January 12, 2020 • 10:00 AM**

**First Sunday after Epiphany**

*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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## January 12, 2020 – First Sunday after Epiphany

### **Meditation Music**

"I think that my fear of being sacrificial is based on the assumption that I will give away far more than I could ever hope to get back. And while that assumption is blatantly wrong, maybe the greatest thing that I'm doing wrong is that I'm walking around with an assumption." Craig D. Lounsborough

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

#### **Prelude**

God Is Our Shelter and Strength

Colligan

"Though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea,  
we will not fear, we will not fear.  
Though the nations stumble and the governments decree,  
we will not fear, we will not fear.  
God is our shelter and strength,  
God is our hope in any trouble."  
Based on Psalm 46

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

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

Leader: O God of Grace, you have called us to be present together in this place.

**People: We have come to learn, to grow, to reflect, and to change both ourselves and our world.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

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

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder  
*[verses 1, 2 & 4]*

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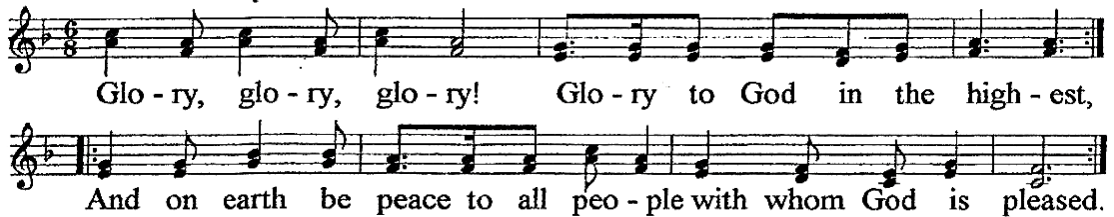
#### **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**O God of all times and places, whose story is told in the Scriptures and in our lives, be with us in all our struggles and our successes, in our troubles and our triumphs. Lead us even when we do not feel your presence and stay with us from first to last. We ask it in Jesus' name.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**Scripture lessons are in the Sermon!**

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Faithful God

Neese

**Sermon**

*An Interview With Jacob*

Pastor Allan Lane

**Hymn of Reflection**

Surely No One Can Be Safer

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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**

Adagio in C Major

Mozart

#### **\* Offertory Hymn**

Winter has come, it's taken hold.

The days are short, the nights are cold.

The poor need food and help and heat.

We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.

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

O God, in Christ you are the Gift whom we receive, you are the Blessing whom we seek, you are the Embrace whom we long for. Receive back our love in these gifts we give this day. Amen

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

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing  
*[verses 1 & 2]*

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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*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff covers the first two phrases, and the second staff covers the next two phrases. Chord symbols are written above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, and A.

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:**

Max Roha, The Family of Pat Bailey, Leroy Ford, Nancy Stella, Betty Kaul, Don Seager, The Corpora Family, Anna Mary Fisher, Bill Toneff, Richard Sacher, brother of Jan Renovetz, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick (Niece of Kathy Smith), Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, 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, January 5, 2020 – Adults: 70 Kids: 11 Total: 81**

***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 Carol Miller and Pat Rehm for in Loving Memory of Doris Coffman.

**YEAR-END STATEMENTS** are ready to be picked up in the Commons area. Please take them to save the cost of mailing.

**2020 BUCC MUSIC MINISTRY** - It's not too late to check out/participate in one of our musical ensembles as we begin the New Year. Here is a list of rehearsal days and times for each group:

**Joyful Noise Choir** (K-5th grade): Thursdays from 5:30-6:15 PM

**Adult Choir** (high school students welcome): Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 PM

**Recorder/dulcimer/guitar** ensemble will be on break during month of Jan.

**Youth Percussion Group** (6th grade up, adults welcome) will meet on an as-needed basis. If you have any questions, please contact Dave D.

**THE MITTEN TREE** has sprouted in the narthex again, just waiting to be “decorated” with hats, mittens, scarves, etc. to be delivered to those who will need them in the cold weather. They are delivered to hunger centers when the donated food items are delivered to hunger centers.

**FOOD PANTRY/JANUARY** Canned Fruit & Vegetables.

**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 6:45p-8:30p. For more information, call Mark Lehman, LISW at 330.631.4415

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Jan. 12</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 15</b>	<b>7:15 pm</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 16</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Friday, Jan. 17</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JANUARY 12, 2020**

Lay Reader:	Kathleen Stewart
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Kathy & Dave Pastor Kim Wallis, Dan Stewart
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Amelia Tyler
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Valerie Tyler
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	Anne Melfo
Counters:	Matt Wolbert, Marge Culver
Servers:	Linda Kriynovich, Julie Bernard
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Ben Rehling
Clean-Up:	Bob & Caroline Chandler
Snow Herder:	Matt Wolbert

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JANUARY 19 2020**

Lay Reader:	Betsey Wilson
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Dave & Julie Bernard Ben Davis, Nora Gagliano
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Gabriella Gagliano
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:	Beth Rehling
Counters:	Kathy Pastor, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg, Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Diane Gressley, Erin Tomlinson
Clean-Up:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snow Herder:	Joe Began