

# Brecksville

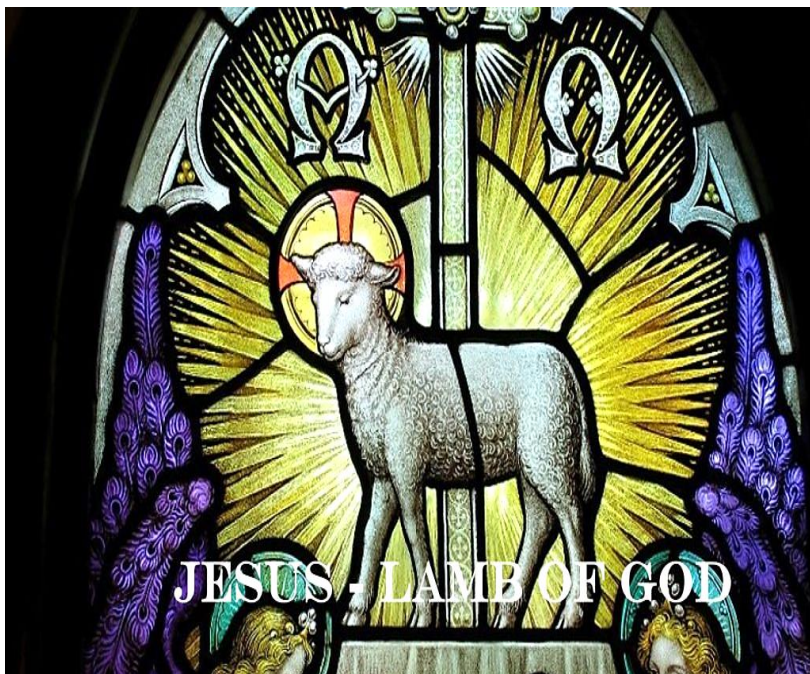
## UNITED Church of CHRIST

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

*"Either sin is  
with you, lying  
on your  
shoulders, or it  
is lying on  
Christ, the  
Lamb of God."*

*—Martin Luther,  
German  
Reformer*



**Sunday January 19, 2020 • 10:00 AM**

**Second 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 19, 2020 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

## Meditation Music

“Even as we slog through the trials, persecutions, irritations, temptations, distractions, apathy, and just plain weariness of this world, the gospel points us to heaven where our King Jesus—the Lamb of God who was crucified in our place and raised gloriously from the dead—now sits interceding for us. Not only so, but it calls us forward to that final day when heaven will be filled with the roaring noise of millions upon millions of forgiven voices hailing him as crucified Savior and risen King.” — **Greg Gilbert**

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Come and See

Bennett/Aguilar

"Come and see, come and see,  
Come and see a man from heaven;  
Come and see, hear him speak,  
He has seen the face of God."  
Bob Bennett and Michael Aguilar, 1982

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Light of Christ**

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

Leader: God has called us into this place for worship and fellowship.

**People: We are here, not because we have found God, but because God has found us, and called us into God's own family.**

Leader: We have come to learn, to grow, to share, to become what God is calling us to be.

**People: Help us to feel your presence with us through our worship, O Divine Source of Every Blessing. Let us worship God!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

Awake, Awake, to Love and Work

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

**O how we wish our hearts were pure, O God, filled only with love for you and for our neighbor. O how we wish our eyes were clear of sin, so that we could see you in all your glory. But we are not pure of heart, nor do we see without sin, and so we make mistakes, choose the worse instead of the better way, and love in half measures. Touch us, heal us, forgive us, restore us, all in the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God. Amen**

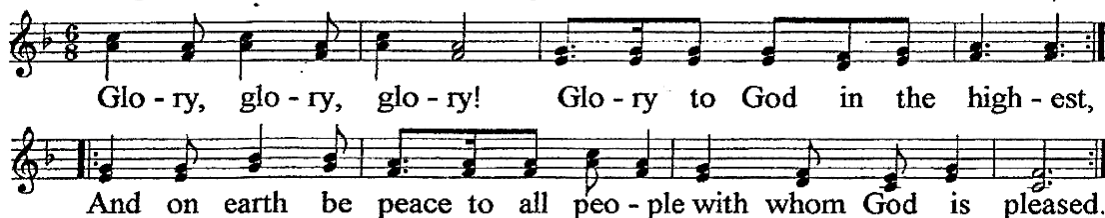
## **\*Words of Assurance**

Leader: The Apostle John wrote in his first letter, "I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father/Mother, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." Thanks be to God! Amen.

## **\* The Song of Praise**

## **Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



## **The Old Testament**

Genesis 22:1-18 - Abraham and the Test  
*[Pastor Allan will read]*

Pew Bible, page 17

## **The New Testament**

John 1:29-42 Jesus is the Lamb of God

Pew Bible, page 92

## **Contemporary Reading**

## **Time with Young Worshipers**

## **Anthem**

Follow Me

Kauffman, arr. Gokelman

## **Sermon**

*Behold The Lamb*

Pastor Allan Lane

## **Hymn of Reflection**

O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven  
*[verses 1-3]*

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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**

Voluntary

Weelkes

**\* 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 Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world, receive these gifts from us,  
your people in this place, and send them into the world to bring mercy and grace to  
all people. Amen**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

## Communion Music

Softly and Tenderly  
[Erin Tomlinson, flute]

Thompson

"Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me...  
Come home, come home,  
All who are weary, come home."  
Will L. Thompson, 1880, alt.

## The Blessing

### *Going with God's Love*

#### \* Hymn of Departure

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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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

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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A.

## Benediction

## Postlude

Now Sing to Our God  
[With Youth Percussion]

Ergo

**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 12, 2020 – Adults: 63 Kids: 12 Total: 75**

***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.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Bettina Ortiz in Honor of her granddaughter, Stephanie Hough (1/8/1988).  
In Memory of Dennis Rini (1947-2018).

**USHERS, ACOLYTES & PEACE CANDLE TRAINING - FOR NEWBIES AND A REFRESHER!** Are you interested in being an Usher? Have you been an usher but aren't sure you're doing things 'right'?

Do you have a child who is interested in being an Acolyte or carrying the peace candle?

We will be having training/refresher sessions after service in the Narthex on the first two Sundays in February (2/2 and 2/9). We will be going over the usher duties, including communion in one group, while another group goes over the Acolyte and Peace Candle roles. This shouldn't take more then 15-20 minutes. Please come join us and get involved in church service!

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

**BILL TONEFF HAS A NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER:**

200 Laurel Lake Drive, #G102  
Hudson, Ohio 44236  
330-655-4144

**PARTICIPANTS LIST** If you know that you can not be at Service on a certain Sunday, or if you need to make a change in the Participants Schedule, please call Sue Stenzel at 440-526-4098 or her Cell at 216-695-1899. She handles all of the scheduling.

**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



## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Genesis 22:1-18**

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son."

He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

## **The New Testament - John 1: 29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

## **Contemporary Reading**

"To the artist Jesus is the one altogether lovely, and to the educator He is the master teacher. To the philosopher He is the wisdom of God, and to the lonely He is a brother; to the sorrowful, a comforter, to the bereaved, the resurrection and the life. And to the sinner, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin from the world."  
**John Gerstner, Professor of Church History at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, d. 1996**

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 23</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Friday, Jan. 24</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 26</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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
Comms Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
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

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JANUARY 26, 2020**

Lay Reader:	Jill Zedan
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Michelina Fawcett, Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, Matt Wolbert, Heidi Spangler
Acolyte:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Cameron Ward
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E. Teacher:	Pat Rehm
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Pat Rehm, Heidi Spangler
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snow Herder:	Doug Fawcett