

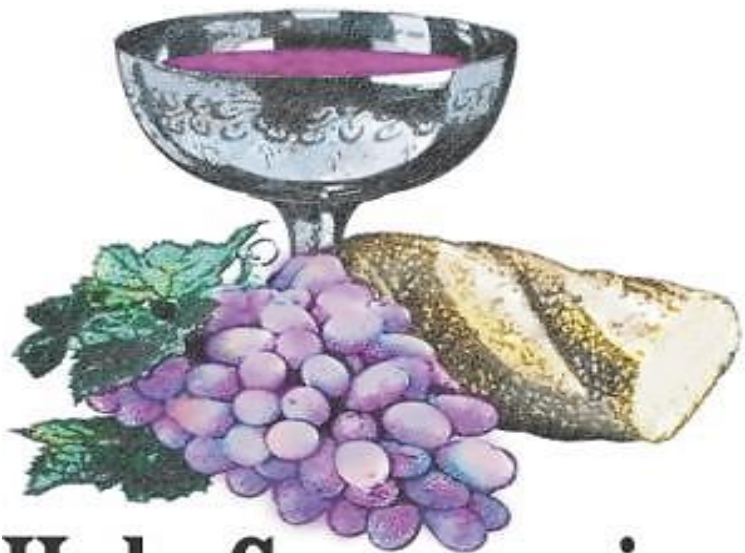
# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***"If we were to  
set out to  
establish a  
religion in polar  
opposition to  
the Beatitudes  
Jesus taught, it  
would look  
strikingly  
similar to  
the pop  
Christianity that  
has taken over  
the airwaves of  
North America."  
—Tony Campolo***



# Holy Communion

**Sunday February 2, 2020 • 10:00 AM**

**Fourth 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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## February 2, 2020 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### **Meditation Music**

“Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what God’s will is.” – Amy Carmichael

### ***Gathering in God’s Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Sarabande

Grieg

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

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

Leader: Blessed are those who gather to worship God...

**People: for they shall be strengthened by God’s Spirit in community.**

L: Blessed are those who live in the shadow of the Almighty...

**P: for they shall escape the shadow of death.**

L: Blessed are those who sing and dance before God...

**All: for they shall be ready for life in the age to come! Let us worship God!**

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

How Firm a Foundation  
*[verses 1-3, 5]*

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### **\*Prayer of Confession *[based on Psalm 15]* [Unison]**

**Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is right, who speaks the truth from their heart, whose tongue utters no insults, who does no wrong to a neighbor, who rejects vile actions, who honors right actions, who keeps a promise even when it hurts, who does not favor the rich over the poor, who lends to the poor without expecting anything back. Oh God, help us to be such people! But where we fall short, forgive us, and help us to grow into those people, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

### **\*The Assurance of Pardon**

L: The Apostle John wrote, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” Having confessed our sins, I announce to you the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Passing the Peace**

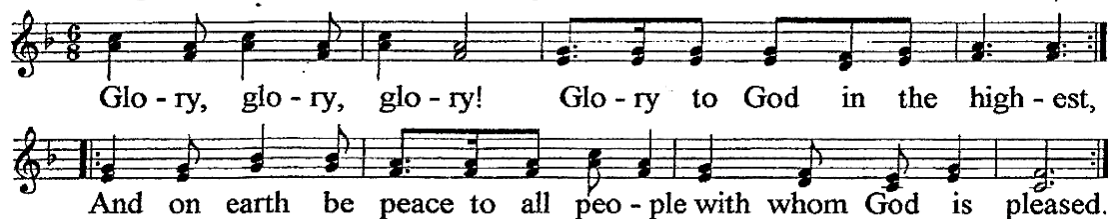
L: As forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you all!

**P: And also with you!**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, page 866

**The New Testament**

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, page 4

**The Continuing Testament** from *Meditations on the Beatitudes*

by Donald R. Clymer

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

The Beatitudes

Walshaw

**Sermon**

*They're Blessed! Wait, What?*

Pastor Allan Lane

**Hymn of Reflection**

We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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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**

Intermezzo

Bernet

**\* 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]**

**With blessing you have blessed us, with grace you have embraced us, with life you  
have endowed us. Accept these gifts from us, and send them forth to bless others  
with grace and life. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Communion Hymn**

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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**The Thanksgiving**

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: We lift up our hearts to God!**

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

**P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!**

L: Baptized by your Spirit into One Body, we testify to your faithfulness toward people of every time and place, language and nation, saying,

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**Communion Music**

Take and Eat  
*[With Youth Percussion]*

Joncas

"I am the word that spoke and light was made;  
I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
I am the bread that comes from heaven above;  
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy."  
James Quinn (1919-2010)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** [Unison]

**"By the sweat of your brow you shall eat your bread all the days of your life until you return to the dust, for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." Such was the consequence of sin in the world. But with Christ's coming, we have a foretaste of eternal life, for Christ offers us bread to eat at no cost, and the cup to drink for free. Thanks be to God!**

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

**\* Hymn of Departure**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

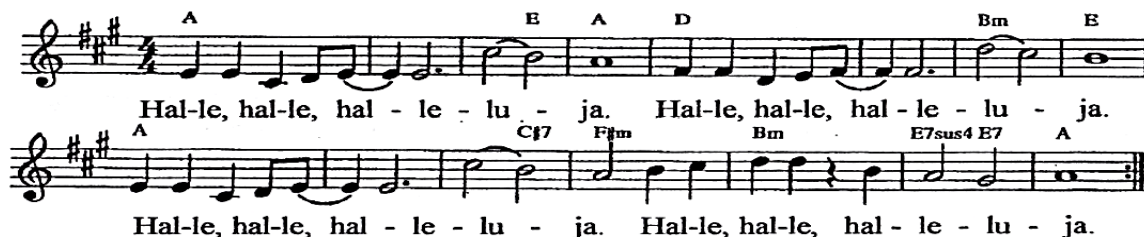
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**\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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*



**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Praise, I Will Praise You, God

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

Marge Culver, Max Roha, The Family of Pat Bailey, Leroy Ford, Nancy Stella, Betty Kaul, Don Seager, Justin Brownlow, 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 26, 2020 – Adults: 63 Kids: 15 Total: 78**

### **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 & Pat Rehm for Margaret Miller and Family.

**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.

**MARDI GRAS SERVICE** - On Sunday February 23 at our 10 AM service, we will celebrate Mardi Gras with traditional New Orleans-style music, colorful hats, beads, etc! Our Southern-style jazz band will include the following musicians: Bob Gref, clarinet; Steve Ostrow, trumpet; Bruce Lehtinen, trombone; Gary Adams, tuba; and Steve Kraus, banjo. The service will be followed by a Mardi Gras potluck downstairs in Pilgrim Hall. Plan on joining us on Feb. 23 for this festive celebration before Ash Wednesday ushers in the start of Lent on Feb. 26. Bring a friend!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be on Sunday, February 16 at 11:15 am or immediately following Worship Service. We will discuss and approve final 2020 budgets.

**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 than 15-20 minutes. Please come join us and get involved in church service!

**IT IS TIME FOR A NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY!** We have had quite a few moves, and number changes recently, so to keep you updated, we are updating our Directory. Please email or call me with your information to [buccoh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buccoh@sbcglobal.net) or 440-526-4364.

If you are not yet a Member, but would like to keep up with Church news, and Mailings, please feel free to send me your information as well.

***\*If you have a phone number, or email change that you would not like to have published, please let me know, I will keep it private, we would like to have a way to contact you. Thank you! Jeannette\****

**THE NEXT HUNGER MEAL** will be served on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at Pearl Road UMC. The usual mostaccioli and meatballs, tossed salad, bread and spread, and cookies for dessert is usually well received at this church. People are needed for the first shift (2:30 to 4:00) to set up and prepare, and for the second shift (4:00 to 6:00) to serve and clean up. At the last meal, things went well and we were done by about 5:00 PM. ►



As usual, the cookies are provided by BUCC members and friends. The sign-up board will be in the narthex, as well as directions to the church. This is a chance for people who have not participated before to see for themselves the need for hunger meals, and new helpers are welcome.

**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.

**CHURCH KEYS** – If you are no longer involved in a Church Ministry, or no longer have a need for Church keys, please turn them back into the Office. Thank you.

**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 - Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”  
“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

### **The New Testament - Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **The Continuing Testament - from *Meditations on the Beatitudes***

**by Donald R. Clymer**

“Peacemaking contains all the elements of the Christian faith. Peacemaking is the result of not only taking the beatitudes seriously, but living them. It involves right relationships. Right relationships with God, right relationships with God’s people and right relationships with God’s creation. It involves love. Proper love of self, love of God and creation, and love of all people—even our enemies. It is not passive, it is active; it is peacemaking not peacekeeping. Above all, it is following the way of Jesus, which was the way of the cross, where his power was 'made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor. 12:9).”

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Feb. 2</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Ushers, Acolytes &amp; Peace Candle training – Narthex</b>
	<b>11:20 pm</b>	<b>Spiritual Life</b>
<b>Monday, Feb. 3</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Book Discussion</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Facilities</b>
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 4</b>	<b>7:15 pm</b>	<b>Council Book Discussion</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb. 6</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Seasonal Choir</b>
<b>Friday, Jan. 7</b>	<b>*Office Closed*</b>	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 9</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour/CE Meeting</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Ushers, Acolytes &amp; Peace Candle training – Narthex</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Leadership Development To meet with Ministry Chairpersons</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

Lay Reader:	Bridget Sproul
Head Usher:	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Dave & Julie Bernard, David Ritchey, Kim Wallis
Acolyte:	Olivia Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Natalie Corrado
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comms Grtr:	Fred Pesek
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Kathy Pastor, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Dorie Gabor, Susan Snyder
Clean-up:	Jill Zedan, Sue Stenzel
Snow Herder:	Wes Novak

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	David & Kathy Pastor Nora Gagliano, Heidi Spangler
Acolyte:	Emily Lane
Peace Candle:	Gabriella Gagliano
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comms Grtr:	Dave Bernard
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Marge Culver, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Julie Bernard
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Pat Rehm
Clean-Up:	Bob & Caroline Chandler
Snow Herder:	Dan Stewart