

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***“Our Lord's descent from the holy heights of the Mount of Transfiguration was more than a physical return from greater to lesser altitudes; it was a passing from sunshine into shadow, from the effulgent glory of heaven to the mists of worldly passions and human unbelief; it was the beginning of His rapid descent into the valley of humiliation.”  
James E. Talmage, Jesus the Christ***



### ***Let Everyone Rejoice!***

**Sunday February 23, 2020 • 10:00 AM  
Transfiguration Sunday with Mardi Gras**

*Pastor*  
• Allan Lane

*Director of Music*   *Financial Secretary*   *Ministers*  
• David Debick   • Joy Garapic   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:***

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# February 23, 2020 –Transfiguration Sunday Featuring Mardi Gras Celebration

## **Meditation Music**

“The new heavens and the new earth are not replacements for the old ones; they are transfigurations of them. The redeemed order is not the created order forsaken; it is the created order raised and glorified. ” Robert Farrar Capon

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

American folk song

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

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

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

Leader: O God of Moses and Elijah, of Peter, James and John, on this Transfiguration Sunday, enter into our worship today to dazzle us and as you dazzled them so long ago.

**People: Take us to the mountain with you, so that we might hear the echo of your voice in the transforming moment.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

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

O When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional spiritual

1. O when the Saints go marching in,  
When the Saints go marching in.  
Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the Saints go marching in.

2. O when the sun begins to shine,  
When the sun begins to shine.  
Lord, I want to be in that numbers  
When the sun begins to shine.

3. O when the air is pure and clean...

4. O when our leaders work for  
peace...

5. O when we see the truth at last...

6. O when we join our hands as  
one...

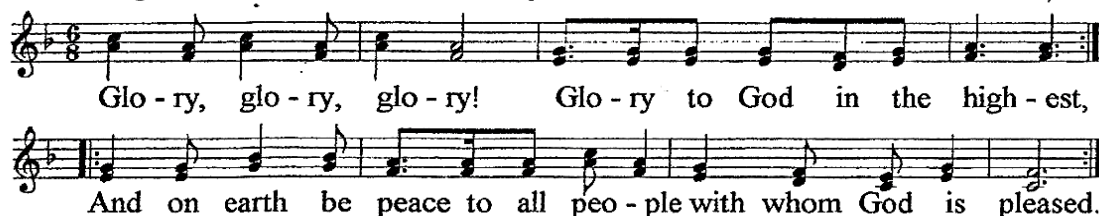
**\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

We call on you, O God of Transfiguration, to take us as we are, full of faults and weaknesses, prone to excuses, liable to error, and transfigure us into the likeness of Christ, whom Peter, James and John saw in dazzling white. By the power of your Spirit, help us to do what your heavenly voice proclaimed from the mountaintop: Listen to your beloved Son! We ask it in Jesus' name.

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Epistle Lesson**

2 Peter 1:16-21

Pew Bible page 236

**The Gospel**

Luke 9:27-36

Pew Bible Page 69

**Contemporary Reading** *Encountering Truth: Meeting God in the Everyday,*  
Pope Francis

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

On That Day

Cuddy/Daigle

[Valerie Tyler, alto; Jon Thompson, bass]

**Sermon**

*Jesus Transfigured*

Pastor Allan Lane

**Hymn of Reflection**

This Little Light of Mine

African-American spiritual

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

2. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

3. Won't let anyone (blow) it out, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

4. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

5. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

## ***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**

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Dorsey

#### **\* 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]**

**We are on the verge of Lent, O God, and before we enter into the time of reflection, we celebrate the time of Jesus' exaltation on the mountaintop. Let us present our gifts and offerings to the one whose presence still has the power to dazzle us. Amen**

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

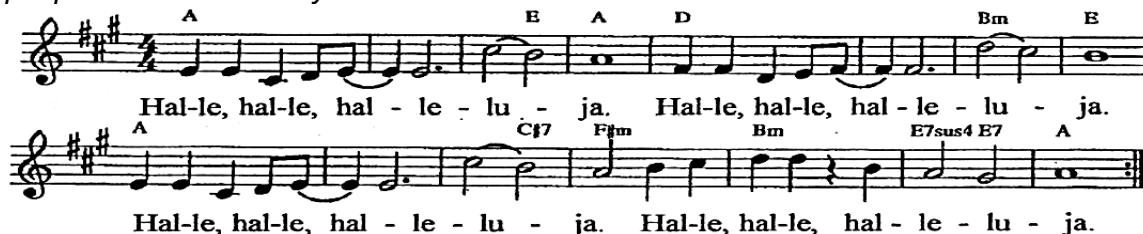
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\* Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Down by the Riverside

Traditional spiritual

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

Marge Culver, Max Roha, 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, February 16, 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 Pat Rehm & Carol Miller in Honor of Christ's Love.

**THANK YOU** - Many thanks to our Mardi Gras musicians for this morning's service! Please thank and congratulate them during the potluck following today's service. Here are their names and respective instruments: Bob Gref, clarinet; Steve Ostrow, trumpet; Bruce Lehtinen, trombone; Gary Adams, tuba; and Steve Kraus, banjo. Thanks, gentlemen, for the music, energy and spirit you shared with us today!

**SEASONAL CHOIR** - This Thursday, February 27 from 7-8 PM, the seasonal and regular choir will begin preparing for Holy Week, which is scheduled for April 5-12. Seasonal choir is a great opportunity for music, fellowship, and spiritual preparation for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Rehearsals will run weekly on Thursdays from 7-8 PM during Lent. All are welcome to participate, including high school students.

**TEATIME FOR PEACE IS CELEBRATING 4 YEARS!** Teatime for Peace is an interfaith and community dialogue, focusing on getting to know our Muslim neighbors. The upcoming event is on February 29<sup>th</sup>, and in recognition of our role as a host of one of those events, BUCC has been specially invited to attend this celebration. They've revamped their questions, with the goal of guiding the discussion into a deeper conversation. A light lunch will be provided, therefore an RSVP is strongly recommended.

The upcoming Teatime for Peace event is on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, and will be hosted by West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church (20401 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River) from 12noon – 2:30. Registration begins at 11:30, and you can RSVP to: [teatime4peace@gmail.com](mailto:teatime4peace@gmail.com), or call West Shore UU Church at 440-333-2255.

**FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH MINISTRY:** We are in the process of conducting a survey to learn more about our members. The survey will be sent out via e-mail as well as posted on our Facebook group page for you to access. (As of bulletin print time, it may have been sent already) We'd like to start featuring the members of our Church on our public Facebook page in member spotlights to show our diversity and personality with the rest of the community as well as allow our members to get to know each other better. This form can be filled out as an individual, a couple, or even as entire family. Please be on the lookout for this survey and fill it out if you are willing. We hope that many of you can participate so we can show off how wonderful you all are!

**BOWLING OUTING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED!** Please join us **NEXT SUNDAY**, (3/1/2020) at 1:30 pm at Northwoods Lanes in Macedonia. \$6 per bowler includes 2 games and shoe rental. Contact David Pastor to sign up [ridave@hotmail.com](mailto:ridave@hotmail.com) or 440.552.4403.

**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 Epistle Lesson - 2 Peter 1:16-21**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

### **The Gospel - Luke 9:27-36**

But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**Contemporary Reading - *Encountering Truth: Meeting God in the Everyday*,**  
Pope Francis

“To put it simply: the Holy Spirit bothers us. Because the Spirit moves us, the Spirit makes us walk, pushes the Church to go forward. And we are like Peter at the Transfiguration: ‘Ah, how wonderful it is to be here like this, all together!’... But don’t bother us. We want the Holy Spirit to doze off...we want to domesticate the Holy Spirit. And that’s no good because the Spirit is God, is that wind which comes and goes and you don’t know where. The Spirit is the power of God, is the one who gives us consolation and strength to move forward. But: to move forward! And this bothers us. It’s so much nicer to be comfortable.” Pope Francis, *Encountering Truth: Meeting God in the Everyday*

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Feb. 23</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>MARDI GRAS SERVICE</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Mardi Gras Potluck</b>
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 25</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Leadership Development To Meet with Ministry Chairs</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 26</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Soup/Supper</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Service of Ashes &amp; Holy Communion</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb. 27</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>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Friday, Feb. 28</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service/First Sunday of Lent</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Beth Rehling, Diane Gressley, Joe & Betsey Wilson
Acolyte:	Joshua Anderson
Peace Candle:	Pete Kucmins
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E. Teacher:	Anne Melfo
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Dave Bernard
Servers:	MARDI GRAS POTLUCK
Snacks:	MARDI GRAS POTLUCK
Clean-Up:	MARDI GRAS POTLUCK
Snow Herder:	Tim Wallis

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MARCH 1, 2020**

Lay Reader:	Ben Tomlinson
Head Usher:	Sue Maier
Ushers:	Cliff Cribbs, Jon Thompson Heidi Spangler, Kim Wallis
Acolyte:	Adam Lane
Peace Candle:	Cameron Ward
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Fred Pesek
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	Beth Rehling
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Bridget Sproul, Marla Corrado
Clean-up:	Jim & Peg Duffy
Snow Herder:	Joe Wilson