



Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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



*"Faith moves
mountains.
Doubt
creates them."
- Anonymous*

**Sunday June 27, 2021 • 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Substitute Pastor
• Robert Grow

Director of Music
• David Debick

Financial Secretary
• Joy Garapic

Office Manager
• Anne Melfo

Ministers – All of Our Members

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.

*Whether you are single, married, divorced, separated,
or partnered,*

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your gender identity or sexual orientation,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your religious background, creed, or spirituality,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your social or economic circumstances,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your health conditions, impairments, or mobility needs,

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 - if you are interested in learning more about our church, please feel free to speak to our pastor.*
- *Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use.*

Office Hours:

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June 27, 2021 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Meditation Music

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Gathering in God's Presence

(Please Stand as you are able.)

Prelude -

Prelude in A Major

Pachelbel

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship: (Psalm 130)**

- Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Yahweh.
- **People: Yahweh, hear my voice! Let your ears be attending to the voice of my supplications!**
- Leader: If you, O Yahweh, should mark iniquities, Yahweh, who could stand?
- **People: But there is forgiveness with you. So that you may be revered.**
- Leader: I wait for Yahweh, my soul waits, and in the word of Yahweh I hope.
- **People: My soul waits on Yahweh more than those who watch for the morning. More than those who watch for the morning.**
- Leader: Israel, hope in Yahweh! For with Yahweh there is steadfast love, and with God there is great power to redeem.
- **People: It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

Hymn of Praise: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

#23

Dutch melody, arr. by J. Röntgen, 1906; text by F. W. Faber, 1854; alt.

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;
there's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgment given.

2. For the love of God is broader than the measures of our minds;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;
and our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.

* Prayer of Approach and Confession: [Unison]

Loving God, you have forgiven us freely, for you love us and your mercy knows no bounds.

* Words of Assurance:

- Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, I assure you that you are forgiven.
- People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. All Glory and thanks be to God. Amen

Song of Praise:

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, And on earth be
peace to all peo - ple, for God loves us all.

God Is Still Speaking

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

First Reading **2 Corinthians 8:7-15**
Second Reading **Mark 5:21-43**
Contemporary Reading From ***The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.***, by
Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King, III

Musical Offering ***By Faith*** Townend, Keith Getty & Kristyn L. Getty
Diane Gressley, soprano

Sermon **Faith** **Rob Grow**

Hymn of Reflection: ***Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*** #551, v. 1-3
Music by William H. Doane (1832-1915); text by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.

**REFRAIN: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.**

2. Let me at your throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. **REFRAIN**

3. Trusting only in your merit, would I seek your face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by your grace. **REFRAIN**

The Church at Prayer

Baby Raegan (hospice at home), Joanne Cook, David Pastor, Lenore Harris, Lois Lorenzo, Terry Heiman, Kathy Smith, Joanne K., Bill Toneff, Cindy Burton, Ann Roha, Ann Klonowski, Elizabeth Gadus, Phyllis Hassler, Sheila Day, Jim C., Max Roha, Betty Kaul, Anna Mary Fisher, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)

The Church at Prayer (continued)

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:**

- Leader: Our offerings don't just keep our own faith community going, they allow us to do the work of God, and minister to an all too often hurting world. They allow us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and minister to the lonely and the marginalized. Let us continue with God's work by worshiping God now with our tithes and with our offerings.

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]**

God help us to use these gifts to help those who need it, so that we may be about your work in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure: *Be Still, My Soul* #488

Music by Jean Sibelius, 1899; text by Katharina von Schlegel, 1752, transl. J. L. Borthwick, 1855; alt.

1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best eternal friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
to guide in future days as in the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
how Jesus' power ruled them long ago.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here
when we shall be with God whom we adore,
with disappointment gone, no grief nor fear,
sorrow replaced with joy forevermore.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World – Acolyte

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 score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

Benediction

Postlude

Now Sing to Our God

Music by Jack Ergo (1954--); text by Kenneth L. McLaughlin (1951--)

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our guest book before you go, and thank you for coming!
- **THANK YOU** to Rob Grow, who is filling in for Pastor Allan this week!
- **REOPENING RECAP** – As you might have noticed, there are a few things that we are doing differently during our services, for the time being. The most obvious are: refraining from singing, bringing your own communion, stationing collection plates at the sanctuary doors, and not meeting afterwards for refreshments downstairs. We also will not form our traditional “circle of community” at the end of the service. Masks are recommended but optional for adults, with children wearing them at the discretion of their parent(s). We are also asking folks to take advantage of our large sanctuary and leave space between households.

However, these are small sacrifices to make, in light of what we are returning to: live music from our talented Music Director, hearing the Word read and preached from the altar, and being reunited in worship together! We will reassess the changes mentioned above on an ongoing basis, as we decide that it is safe to do so. We will be flexible and caring as we see how things work when we are together. Thank you for your patience and welcome back!

- **NAMETAGS** – Please wear your nametag, as we have several new members who are just getting to know us! And if you’d like to replace your nametag, please sign the sheet located on the table in the lobby, where the nametags are kept. If you’re not familiar with where this is, please feel free to ask the Greeter or an Usher for assistance.
- **SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB** - We are currently reading ***Hood Feminism: Notes From the Women that a Movement Forgot***, by Mikki Kendall. The next meeting is on Thursday, July 1st at 7 pm - we will continue to meet remotely, via Zoom. The next discussion will cover “Black Girls Don’t Have Eating Disorders” & “The Fetishization of Fierce” (pp. 113 - 136). If you’ve been unable to make it so far, it’s never too late to join – we’d love to have you! Please feel free to reach out to **Kate Klonowski** by **calling or texting xxxxxxxx**, or by **email at xxxxxxxx.com**, with any questions.

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BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

- **SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM** - We are still recruiting singers and instrumentalists to share their musical gifts with our congregation and guests, over the summer months. If you'd like to volunteer, please let Dave Debick know, so he can mark you on the calendar. He is happy to help volunteers find music, and will rehearse as much or as little as you'd like. Dave can be contacted by cell xxx, or at xxxxxx.com.
- **PASTOR'S VACATION** – Pastor Allan will be on vacation from 6/21 through 7/17. Pastor John King, of the Richfield UCC, will be our emergency contact during that time.

Readings

First Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: “The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.”

Readings (continued)

Second Reading

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal

under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?" Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Readings (continued)

Contemporary Reading

From ***The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.***, by Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King, III

“The belief that God will do everything for man [sic] is as untenable as the belief that man [sic] can do everything for himself [sic]. It, too, is based on a lack of faith. We must learn that to expect God to do everything while we do nothing is not faith but superstition.”

Notes

Special Thanks:

JUNE 27, 2021

Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Evie Novak Diane Gressley Wes Novak <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Lay Reader:	Sue Stenzel
Greeter:	Tia & Joe Began
Counters:	Janet Renovetz <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Peace Candle:	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
A/V Team:	Jim Duffy <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Sound:	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Flowers:	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

JULY 4, 2021

Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Greeter:	Dave Bernard
Counters:	Nancy Stella Sue Stenzel
Acolyte:	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Peace Candle:	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
A/V Team:	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
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CHURCH**