



Brecksville

United Church

of Christ

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

"Weddings are funny things. Celebrations, and so many people privately reconciling the lives they didn't get."

—Meg Fee, *Places I Stopped on the Way Home: A Memoir of Chaos and Grace*



Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 16th, 2022 • 10:00 AM

Pastor

• Allan Lane

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:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:30am - 12:30pm

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16th, 2022

Meditation Music

“Weddings are giant Rorschach tests onto which everyone around you projects their fears, fantasies, and expectations—many of which they’ve been cultivating since the day you were born.” –Susan Jane Gilman

Gathering in God’s Presence

(Please Stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Hava Nagila

A. Z. Idelsohn or M. Nathanson

Translation from Hebrew: Come, let us be glad!

Words based on Psalm 118:24

(Popular Israeli song widely used as a folk dance at Jewish weddings and other joyous occasions.)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship:**

Leader: God calls us out of the everyday of life to meet with us and strengthen us through worship.

People: God sets aside a day for rest so that we do not wear out, and meets us on that day to refresh our souls.

Leader: Meet us here, O God of our hopes, so that our dreams with you may be fulfilled.

People: Let us meet you here, O God of wine and bread, and send us back into the world restored. Let us worship God!

* Hymn of Praise *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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* Prayer of Approach and Confession: [Unison]

Wherever you are, O Jesus, you turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. You turned ordinary water into exceptional wine. You turned ordinary men and women into world-changing disciples. You turned the despair of the grave into a celebration of hope through your resurrection. Now, as we confess our sinfulness to you, we ask that you will turn our confession into forgiveness, and our repentance into new life. We ask the extraordinary from the ordinary, for you have promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age, and where you are, wonderful things happen. Amen

Words of Assurance:

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, the Apostle John says, then the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, then God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us for Jesus' sake.

People: We have confessed our sins before God. By the good news of the gospel, we are now forgiven through Jesus Christ! Amen

Song of Praise: *Glory, glory, glory –
Glory to God in the highest! (2X's)* Pab
*And on earth be peace to all people,
For God loves us all! (2X's)*

God Is Still Speaking

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 *Gifts for the common good*

Second Lesson (read by Pastor Allan) John 2: 1-11 We're all out of wine!

Contemporary Lesson “A Wedding” from Elizabeth Mckenzie’s, *The Portable Veblen*

Musical Offering

Water into Wine

Jon Thompson, bass

August/Angelo

1. *I've been runnin' 'round in circles, but I can't do this on my own.*

To be so far away from perfect, that's all I've ever known.

It's not like I ain't been tryin', 'cause I've been trying every door.

And when they'd open, I'd be lyin' on the floor,

'cause I'm always falling short.

Refrain: I've been lost, chasing dreams of yesterday.

Found my heart always leading me astray.

So take these broken wings and teach them to fly,

'cause You're changing me from water into wine.

2. *I guess I thought that it'd be easy, 'cause people always speak of peace.*

And now I'm picking up the pieces left of me, 'cause I can see

that it was You breaking me. (Refrain)

3. *I knew about the story revealing all Your glory,*

how You can take nothing and turn it into something.

But now I see my own life changing before my eyes.

You saw me at my worst and fulfilled my thirst

like water into wine. (Refrain)

Sermon

Water into Wine

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection: **God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

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The Church at Prayer

Sandra Lane & Pat Brown, Pat Rehm, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, Allison Colbert, Fred Pesek, George Snider, Lenore Harris, Tina Ortiz, Phyllis Hassler, Terry Heiman, Joanne K., Bill Toneff, Dassie Matsuoka, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Jim C., Betty Kaul, Anna Mary Fisher, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Jon Thompson, Kathy Smith, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), "Edna House", people who are unemployed and under employed.

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

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.

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

***The Invitation:**

Leader: God became a human being to teach us about living life deeply and well. As Jesus gave his wisdom, his power, his love, his life for us, let us present our gifts and offerings to God for others.

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]**

Turn the ordinary water of our gifts, O God, into the wine of many miracles in the lives of others. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Holy Communion



- † The Invitation
- † Prayer of Consecration
- † Words of Institution
- † Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving: [Unison]

Water into wine, and wine and bread into body and blood; you are always transforming something, O God. Transform us now through this holy communion, and make us ready for all that lies ahead. In thanksgiving to you, we pray. Amen

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* #347

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World – Acolyte

† Benediction

Postlude *Excerpt from Wedding Music from Fiddler on the Roof* Jerry Bock

WISHING YOU A
BLESSED AND HEALTHY
WEEK AHEAD!

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!
- **PEW ENVELOPES** are ready for pick up in the Upper Commons. Because so many members are paying online or with direct payments, you may not see an envelope box with your name on it. If you would like a box, please contact **Joy Garapic** at **440- 526-4364**.
- **REMEMBER THE HUNGRY** – Many thanks to those who have donated non-perishable food items, and please keep them coming! As we read in Matthew 25, “Lord, when did we see thee hungry...” – we should not forget those who are in need of assistance with food items, especially now that cold weather is upon us. Please place your donations of food for the hungry in the basket by the office door. We will see that the items get to those in need – and Thank You!
- **EMAIL SCAM ALERT!** Unfortunately, someone pretending to be Pastor Allan has again sent emails to a few of our members, containing a request for money or a personal reply. Please always remember that Allan would NEVER request money in an email or a text. It appears that someone made up a new address - that is completely unconnected from our church – that looks like Pastor Allan’s email, but most assuredly is not. Please DO NOT REPLY to these emails, as it’s best to report them as "spam" (or "phishing", depending on your email provider), and then delete them. We are taking every measure to prevent this from continuing. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact **Anne** at **440-526-4364** - and thank you for your patience!

Readings

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 *Gifts for the common good*

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Second Lesson (read by Pastor Allan)

John 2: 1-11 *We're all out of wine!*

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”

“Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”

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Readings

Second Lesson (continued)

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Contemporary Lesson

"A Wedding" by Elizabeth Mckenzie, from ***The Portable Veblen***

"According to Adolf Guggenbuhl-Craig, the Swiss analyst and author of *Marriage: Dead or Alive*, a wedding is more than a party or a legality. It's not less than a boxing ring, two people facing off, acknowledging their separate identities rather than their union, in the company of all the people who lay claim to them. A wedding is the time and place to recognize the full clutch of the past in the negotiation of a shared future."

Special Thanks:

JANUARY 16, 2022

Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Evie Novak
Evelyn Seager
Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson
Greeter: Dave Bernard
Counters: Marge Culver
Jon Thompson
Acolyte: **Volunteer Needed**
Peace Candle: **Volunteer Needed**
A/V Team: Tim Wallis
Flowers Janet Renovetz
Snack: Sue Stenzel
Jon Thompson
Set Up/Serve: Cliff Stenzel
Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: Sue Stenzel
Snow Herder: Dan Stewart

JANUARY 23, 2022

Head Usher: **Volunteer Needed**
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