



# BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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



*"We're already in  
the presence of  
God. What's  
absent is  
awareness. -  
Richard Rohr*

## *Installation*

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 • 10:00 AM

*Pastor*

• Rev. John King

*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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**Please submit your announcements by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!**



## 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 20th, 2022

### **Meditation Music**

"Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, and building up your church." - ***UCC Book of Worship***

### ***Gathering in God's Presence*** (Please Stand as you are able.)

**Prelude** ***Hallelujah Maraire*** (Zimbabwe)  
Assisted by Percussion Group

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

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

One: Jesus, you call us together in this hour of prayer

**All: Open our hearts to hear your world**

One: Jesus you teach us the golden rule

**All: We've heard it from our childhood, and yet we still struggle to treat others as we want to be treated.**

One: Jesus, you challenge us to forgive, to judge not, to turn the other cheek

**All: Yet we still find it hard to walk your path. We cling to the old ways.**

One: Jesus in you alone we find the ways of light and life

**All: Help us to discover again the power of your mercy and grace in our lives.**

## \* Hymn of Praise

## *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

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1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;  
Be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours Christ's holy peace.

(Music: Paul Benoit, 1961; words: Latin hymn, "Ubi caritas et amor," 9th century; paraphrase by Omer Westendorf, 1961; alt.)

## \* Prayer of Invocation: [Unison]

Holy One, you are deep within our world, calling us to join you in creating abundant life for all. Open our hearts to recognize you. Free us to trust your call and follow. Enable us to seek forgiveness and to forgive. Empower us to build the Kingdom of God, which makes all things new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

## Words of Assurance (*Assurance of Pardon*):

One: Our God is good, and generous, and loving. Trust in Jesus' promise: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

## Song of Praise:

*Glory, glory, glory –*

Pablo Sosa, 1988

*Glory to God in the highest! (2X's)*

*And on earth be peace to all people,  
For God loves us all! (2X's)*

# **God Is Still Speaking**

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

**First Reading** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

**Second Reading** Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)

**Contemporary Reading** From Israelmore Ayivor

## **Time with Young Worshippers**

**Anthem:** ***Love Is the Golden Rule*** Rambo-McGuire/McGuire/Davis

*Babies are cryin', people are dyin',  
violence is the law of the land.*

*The world's in a shake-up, it's time we wake up  
and answer to a higher command.*

*Fightin' and fussin', screamin' and cussin',  
never solved a single thing.*

*Come, let us reason, let's start believin'.  
It's time for us to make a change.*

*Refrain: Oh, we must find a way to love one another / and stop the hate that breaks us in  
two.*

*We must learn to live as sisters and brothers / or we will perish together as fools.  
Whoa, whoa, whoa, love is the answer. (twice)*

*You see it your way, I see it my way,  
what if we both could agree  
that there's a solution, a love revolution  
that starts and ends with you and me. (Refrain)*

(Reba Rambo-McGuire, Dony McGuire & Chip Davis)

**Sermon** By Rev. Nayiri Karjian, General Minister of the Living Water Assoc.



## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION/LITURGY OF COVENANT

**Rev. Nayiri Karjian:** Today we confirm and celebrate the covenant between a congregation, its pastor and teacher, and an Association of the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign of this covenant where as partners, we commit to sharing mutually in the mission of our congregation, and the global church of Jesus Christ. Today as we gather as members and friends of this local congregation, as members and friends of the Association as well as the Conference and beyond, we remember that we are never alone. We are always part of the Body of Christ, the Church, God's larger human community, locally and globally.

As the Minister of the Living Water Association, Ohio Northeast, of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ, I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, and celebrate with you as the Holy Spirit leads you onward in your journey of faith.

**Gathered Community:** With Jesus as our guide, we continue to seek the Spirit's guidance for our Community of Faith. Surrounded by the saints who've gone before us, we offer our praise for God's faithfulness to the church, and celebrate Christ in our midst.

**Church Representative:** The community of Brecksville United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Rev. John King as its pastor and teacher, and respectfully requests that the Living Water Association install him in this ministry with and among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

**Rev. Nayiri Karjian:** In his baptism, Rev. John began his journey in Christ. Through the years he responded to his call, and today we celebrate his call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament at Brecksville United Church of Christ. Living Water Association in prayerful support of both this congregation and your chosen pastor, is pleased to celebrate the blessing of this covenant.

Hear these words from the apostle Paul: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

**Sue Maier (Moderator):** We are Christ's body, and each of us is a part of it.

**Gathered Community:** We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

**Sue Maier:** If your gift is service:



## **INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTOR (continued)**

**Gathered Community:** Then we will live to serve others.

**Sue Maier:** If your gift is the heart of a teacher:

**Gathered Community:** Then we will teach what is true.

**Sue Maier:** Let preachers preach with conviction. Let givers give freely. Let those who serve the poor, serve with glad and generous hearts.

**Gathered Community:** Let leaders work diligently for the people, nurturing gifts, encouraging generosity, cultivating good stewardship of all the gifts God has given us, leading us in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Sue Maier:** Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in Spirit, serving God, rejoicing in hope, praying regularly, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

**Rev. Nayiri Karjian:** Rev. John King, in the presence this gathered community, will you commit yourself to the tasks of ministry in this congregation, and enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ and with the Living Water Association?

**Rev. John King:** I promise.

**Church Representative:** You have been called to be among us to proclaim the Good News of healing and love, and teach us the ways of Jesus. You have been called to lead us to stand for justice, peace and mercy in our world. Will you seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to challenge, comfort and inspire God's people?

**Rev. John King:** I will, with the help of God.

**Church Representative:** You have been called to be among us as our pastor, to care for us to baptize us in the faith, to preside and serve at the Lord's Table. Will you welcome all to the Table, that we might know the presence of Christ? Will you do this?

**Rev. John King:** I will, with the help of God.

**Church Representative:** You have been called to be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ. Will you do this?

**Rev. John King:** I will, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit. And you, my friends, have been called to participate in the ministries of our church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. You have been called to live the gospel, to pray for me, and with me, to seek God's voice and will for us in our time. Will you do this?

**Gathered Community:** We will, with the help of God.



## INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTOR (continued)

**Rev. Nayiri Karjian:** Will you members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ, receive Rev. John King as your pastor and teacher, letting go of previous pastoral leadership, and releasing former things that you may embrace new possibilities the Spirit puts before you? Will you respect Rev. John King as your pastor, honoring his work by compensating him justly, respecting his time for Sabbath and rest, personal and professional boundaries, and embracing his leadership as he guides you in the way of Jesus?

**Gathered Community:** We will, with the help of God.

**Rev. Nayiri Karjian:** Let us pray. God whom we know as love, as we witness and participate in the covenant made here this day between a pastor and a people, we pray for grace, that we may have the strength, courage and compassion to live out these sacred promises, that in all that we say and do, we may be instruments of peace, love and joy in our broken world. Strengthen and bless this congregation Brecksville United Church of Christ, and the global Church of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Rev. John King, in the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Brecksville United Church of Christ.

**Gathered Community:** Amen. Thanks be to God!

**Hymn of Reflection:** *God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* #531

1. God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, God, that I may lead some wanderers along life's way;  
O feed me so that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.
3. O fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know;  
In glowing word and kindling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
4. O use me, God, use even me just as you will, and when, and where,  
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

(Music: Hymn tune Canonbury, adapted from Robert Schumann piano piece by Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; words by F. R. Havergal; alt.)

## ***The Church at Prayer***

Sue Renovetz, Bill Toneff, Rose Kaval, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, Fred Pesek, George Snider, Lenore Harris, Tina Ortiz, Phyllis Hassler, Terry Heiman, Joanne K., 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 to Share:**

One: When we give our tithes and offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ. I invite you to give as generously as you have received.

#### **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/Blessing of the Gifts: [Unison]**

**Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. And let the called and redeemed of God say, Amen**

## Going with God's Love

### \* Hymn of Departure: You Are Called to Tell the Story

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1. You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along,  
Then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song.  
Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.
2. You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,  
Then to move within the circle, hand in hand with strangers, friends.  
Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.
3. You are called to set the table, blessing bread as Jesus blessed,  
Then to come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest.  
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.
4. May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space  
Give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place.  
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.

(Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867; words: Ruth Duck, 1991)

### Carrying the Light of Christ into the World – Acolyte

The musical notation is for a single melody line in G major (two sharps) and common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." with a repeat sign and a first ending. The chords are indicated above the staff: A, B, A, D, Bm, and E. The second ending begins with a C7 chord. The lyrics continue with "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." followed by a repeat sign and a second ending, which includes "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." The chords for the second ending are E7sus4, B7, and A.

### † Benediction (Pastor John)

Send us into the world, O Holy One, Ready to witness to your generosity and  
forgiveness Ready to be recognized as those who follow your Way Ready to  
shape a world of justice, peace and joy.

**Postlude**

***Christ Leads!***

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## **Announcements**

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are provided by Pat Rehm and Carol Miller, "For Brecksville United Church of Christ, as we journey onward with Pastor John King"

**BREEZE CHURCH MANAGEMENT** - Interested in learning how to use our Breeze system? The Membership Ministry will be holding a training on Monday night, February 21st at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Use the regular BUCC link to join the meeting. Bring your questions and we'll get them answered for you.

**MUSIC** – Thursday evening practice is back! Our numbers are small right now, so please consider joining us – the only requirements are a love of music and a desire to share your musical gifts. **Dulcimer/recorder ensemble** meets at 5:00, followed by **Joyful Noise** from 5:30-6:10, and then **Adult Choir** from 7:00-8:30

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The purpose of the meeting is to confirm the proposed 2022 budget, and to vote on the 2022 officers and ministry chairpersons. If you attend the February 27<sup>th</sup> service via YouTube, you will be guided to open a Zoom link when it's time to vote. More details will be provided as the date approaches.

**MALTZ MUSEUM** – Please join us on February 27th at 12:00 pm, for a special presentation by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. "Stories of Survival: Object. Image. Memory" is a landmark exhibit showcasing more than 60 never-before-seen personal items brought to America by Survivors of the Holocaust and genocide. Each artifact is dramatically paired with oversized photographs by renowned documentarian Jim Lomasson, with handwritten responses by Survivors or their family members.

A docent from the Maltz Museum will present the program to BUCC via Zoom in Pilgrim Hall. You may attend from home by registering in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8barkh>. Home viewers must register in advance, to be able to access the Zoom link on the day of the event. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Spangler or Carol Miller.

## **Announcements (continued)**

**HOLY GROUNDS** – I will be at the Brecksville Panera for coffee at 8:15 most Tuesday mornings. Anyone is welcome to stop by. There's no need for an RSVP or agenda, so you never know who might show up. Of course, if you are looking for a more traditional meeting in my office you can always set that up too. But if you're just looking for casual conversation stop by at Panera any Tuesday for a visit and some "holy grounds." – Pastor John

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** – We will begin our Lenten journey by returning to our Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, at 6:30pm in Pilgrim Hall! Dinner will be followed by a brief service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. All are invited to come and to bring a friend! Those whose last name begins with a letter from A through K, are asked to bring a loaf of bread to share. [The L through Z's will be asked to bring bread to our Maundy Thursday supper on April 14th.]

**LENTEN STUDY** – I'm excited to gather for a six-week Lenten study of the book ***The Heart of Christianity***, by Marcus Borg. Sometimes, we find that doctrines about God that we learned long ago can no longer sustain an honest faith that is real and relevant. While this leads some to reject religion, it compels others to seek a faith that is more mature - rooted in Jesus and the simple commandment to love. We will view videos presented by the author, who shows how Jesus' path can continue to guide us toward a transformational relationship with God. Bring your curiosity and explore a spirituality that respects the heart, mind, body and soul. We'll begin Tuesday, March 8, from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. and continue for the six weeks of Lent. There will be both an in-person and remote option for this study – more details to come!

**TEXT SCAM ALERT!** Unfortunately, someone pretending to be Pastor John has sent texts to a few of our members, containing a request for a personal reply. Please remember that Pastor John would NEVER request money or a reply to a vague text. Please DO NOT REPLY to these texts – if possible, make a note of the phone number and notify Anne if this happens to you. 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 Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’”

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

### Second Reading

Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

## Readings

### Second Reading (continued)

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you

hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Creator is merciful.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

### Contemporary Lesson

By Israelmore Ayivor

"Before you live, love. Before you expire, inspire. Let your love be an inspiration to someone to also love another and together we build up a happy world! Never loan your heart to hatred; it pays you back with self-destruction. Majority of people living are not aware that anger is an acid that destroys its own container. Stick to love; it is heavy and it will carry you. Avoid hatred; it is heavy and you have to carry it. It is left to you to make your choice."

# Special Thanks:

## February 20, 2022

**Head Usher:** Sue Maier  
**Ushers:** Alison Colbert  
                  Sue Stenzel  
**Lay Reader:** Evie Novak  
**Greeter:** Peg Duffy  
**Counters:** Marge Culver  
                  Jim Duffy  
**Acolyte:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Peace Candle:** Dorothy Cook  
**A/V Team:** Betsey Wilson  
**Flowers:** Gina Cook  
**Snack:** Diane Gressley  
                  Evie Novak  
                  Heidi Spangler  
                  Jon Thompson  
**Set Up/Serve:** Carol Miller  
                  Heidi Spangler  
                  Jill Zedan  
**Clean Up:** Heidi Spangler  
                  Bridget Sproul  
                  Jill Zedan  
**Snow Herder:** ***Volunteer Needed***

## FEBRUARY 27, 2022

**Head Usher:** Anne Melfo  
**Ushers:** Dave Bernard  
                  Jon Thompson  
**Lay Reader:** Carol Miller  
**Greeter:** Sherrill Witt  
**Counters:** Marge Culver  
                  Jon Thompson  
**Acolyte:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Peace Candle:** Gina Cook  
**A/V Team:** Jim Duffy  
**Flowers:** Sherrill Witt  
**Snack:** Sue Stenzel  
                  ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Set Up/Serve:** Sue Stenzel  
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