



Brecksville United Church of Christ

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

" Humanity
is at the
crossroads.
It has to
make its choice
between
the law of
the jungle
and the law of
humanity."
– Mohandas
Gandhi



November 6th, 2022 • 10:00 AM
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor

• John King

Director of Music

• David Debick

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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!

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Prelude/Gathering Music *Happy Are Those Who Live in Your House* Niedmann
Welcome & Announcements

Quiet Meditation as Peace Candle is Brought Forward

“Religion is seen in the root meaning of that term- “religio,” to rebind. The thing to be done with religious concern is to rebind humankind to the cosmos, to heal the pervasive alienation.”

- from ***Servant Leadership***, by Robert K. Greenleaf

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

*** Call to Worship: (based on *Psalm 98*)**

Leader: O sing to Yahweh a new song for God has done marvelous things.

People: God's right hand and holy arm have gotten God victory.

Leader: Yahweh has made known God's victory; God has revealed God's vindication in the sight of the nations.

People: God remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

People: Make a joyful noise to Yahweh, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to Yahweh with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before our only authority, Yahweh.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

People: Let the floods clap their hands; Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of Yahweh, for God is coming to judge the earth.

Leader: God will judge the world with righteousness. And the peoples with equity.

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
 Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.
 Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest;
 Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all your life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never, nevermore your temples leave.
 You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love,
 Pray and praise for your unfailing, wounded arms outstretched above.
4. Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove;
 Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;
 Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
 Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love, and praise.

(Music: John Zundel, 1855; words: Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.)

*** Invocation [Unison]**

Holy One, you have promised to be with us, and long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us and guide us to a future of goodness and hope. We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness. O God, you are with us this morning. Let us feel your presence and welcome you into our lives. Come and fill these desires of our hearts.

*** Words of Grace (Pastor Only)****Song of Praise:*****Glory to God*****Pablo Sosa**

Glory, glory, glory – 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 Haggai 2:4-9 (The Voice Bible)

Second Reading Luke 20:27- 40 (The Inclusive Bible)

Continuing Testament By Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Time With Young Worshippers

Anthem

Siph' Amandla Nkosi

With Percussion Group

South African freedom song

O God give us power to rip down prisons, O God give us power to lift the people.
O God give us courage to withstand hatred, O God give us courage not to be bitter.
O God give us power and make us fearless, O God give us power because we need it

Sermon

Don't Let Them Get You Down

Rob Grow

Hymn of Reflection

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Miller/Jackson

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Parent, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

(Music and Words: Sy Miller, Jill Jackson; © 1955, Jan-Lee Music, © renewed 1983)

The Church at Prayer

Family and Friends of Lenore Harris, Friends of Bill Toneff, George Snider, Dorie Gabor, Mac Hopple, Kathy Smith, Allison Colbert, Phyllis Hassler, Jeanne Cowden, Rose Kaval, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, Dassie Matsuoka, Tina Ortiz, Terry Heiman, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Betty Kaul, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Jon Thompson, 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: [UNISON]

...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

Stewardship Moment

***The Invitation (Pastor Only)**

*** 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]**

The gifts that sometimes seem, in our sight, to be nothing O God, you bless and increase to fill your house with splendor. Where you dwell, where your Spirit abides, peace will abound. We are happy to offer these gifts to you.

Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure

For the Healing of the Nations

#576, v. 1-3

1. For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

(Music: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; words: Fred Kaan, 1965)

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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.



The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The top staff uses a treble clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The first measure starts with a half note 'A'. The second measure starts with a half note 'E'. The third measure starts with a half note 'A'. The fourth measure starts with a half note 'D'. The fifth measure starts with a half note 'Bm'. The sixth measure starts with a half note 'E'. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' are repeated three times, corresponding to the first three measures. The chords for these measures are A, E, A, D, Bm, and E respectively. The fourth measure, starting with 'D', contains a single note. The fifth measure, starting with 'Bm', contains a single note. The sixth measure, starting with 'E', contains a single note. The bottom staff follows the same pattern of notes and rests as the top staff, with the lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' repeated three times. The chords for the bottom staff are A, C7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, and E7 respectively.



† Benediction

Postlude

Done Made My Vow to the Lord

African American spiritual

Be *Strong* and *Courageous*

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,

For the *Lord* your *God*

Will be with you wherever you go.

~ Joshua 1:9

Attendance on Sunday, October 30th, 2022 - Adults: 38; Kids: 7; Live Stream: ?; Total: 45+

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

SUBSTITUTE PASTOR – Many thanks to Rob Grow for stepping in for Rev. John today, who is on vacation. Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, November 13th.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are dedicated by Carol Miller and Pat Rehm, “In gratitude for all veterans: those who have served, those who now serve, and those who will serve our country.”

FAMILY FALL FEST MEAL BENEFIT - In partnership with students in the Tri-C Hospitality Management Program, BUCC is planning a fundraiser on **Thursday November 10, 2022 , from 5:30 to 8:00 PM**. Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available, as well as dine in and/or carry out. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at **440-526-4364**.

STEWARSHIP SUNDAY TURKEY DINNER - On Sunday, November 13th, we will celebrate our return to the annual Turkey Dinner!

The turkeys will be roasting downstairs in the kitchen, beginning early on that morning. You are requested to bring your most wonderful dish to share. The sign up sheet is going around, so here's your chance to share your culinary specialties with the congregation. And if you don't bring anything, please join us still! There will be more than enough to share. Come enjoy the food and fellowship!!

HANGING OF THE GREENS - Please join us after church on **Sunday, November 20th**, for the annual Hanging of The Greens. We'll put up the tree, hang the garland, and set up all the other Christmas decorations, as we prepare for the Advent season. Pizza will be provided - bring the whole family- it's a lot of fun!

SNOW HERDING – It's that time of year again when the Facilities Ministry is looking for “snow herders” to attack the winter snows. Please sign up through Breeze, beginning with the first Sunday after Thanksgiving (11/27). Thank you for volunteering!

Readings

First Reading

Haggai 2:4-9 (The Voice Bible)

“But don’t be discouraged. Be strong, Zerubbabel. Be strong, Joshua (Jehozadak’s son and the high priest). Be strong, all you who once again live in the land. Keep working on it. For I, the Eternal, Commander of heavenly armies, am with you! Regarding the covenant I made with you when your ancestors came out of Egypt, My Spirit remains with you, living among you. Do not be afraid.

Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heavens, the sea, and the land. I will rattle all the nations, and all that is valuable in the eyes of the world will be willingly brought to My house. I will see to it that it is filled to the brim with My glory.

You see, all the silver and all the gold in this world already belong to Me. You will stand by and watch as the magnificence of this new house will eclipse the magnificence of My first house. And in this new house, I will give you peace.”

Second Reading

Luke 20:27-40 (The Inclusive Bible) The Question About the Resurrection

Some Sadducees—the ones who claim there is no resurrection—came forward to pose this question: “Teacher, Moses wrote that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife and no child, the brother should marry the woman now widowed, to raise up children with her. Let’s say that there were seven brothers. The first one married and died childless. The second brother then married the woman, then the third, and so on. All seven died without leaving her any children. Finally the woman herself died. At the resurrection, who will be her husband? Remember, seven married her.”

Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry each other, but those judged worthy of a place in the age to come and of the resurrection from the dead don’t take husbands or wives.”

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Readings

Second Reading (continued)

"They can no longer die, like the angels—they are children of God, since they are children of the resurrection. That the dead rise again was even demonstrated by Moses when, in the passage about the bush, he called the Most High 'the God of Sarah and Abraham, and the God of Rebecca and Isaac, and the God of Leah and Rachel and Jacob.'"

"God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. All are alive to God."

Some of the religious scholars responded, "Well said, Teacher." They didn't dare ask Jesus anything else.



Contemporary Reading - The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr., selected by Coretta Scott King

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Even a superficial look at history reveals that no social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

Without persistent effort, time itself becomes an ally of the insurgent and primitive forces of irrational emotionalism and social destruction. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."

Special Thanks:

November 6, 2022

Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Evelyn Seager
Volunteer Needed
Lay Reader: Jill Zedan
Greeter: Sherrill Witt
Nursery: **Volunteer Needed**
Counters: Marge Culver
Janet Renovetz
Acolyte: **Volunteer Needed**
Peace Candle: **Volunteer Needed**
A/V Team: Fred Pedersen
Flowers: Anne Melfo
Snack: Sue Stenzel
Volunteer Needed
Set Up/Serve: Sue & Cliff Stenzel
Clean Up: Sue Stenzel
Volunteer Needed

November 13, 2022

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