



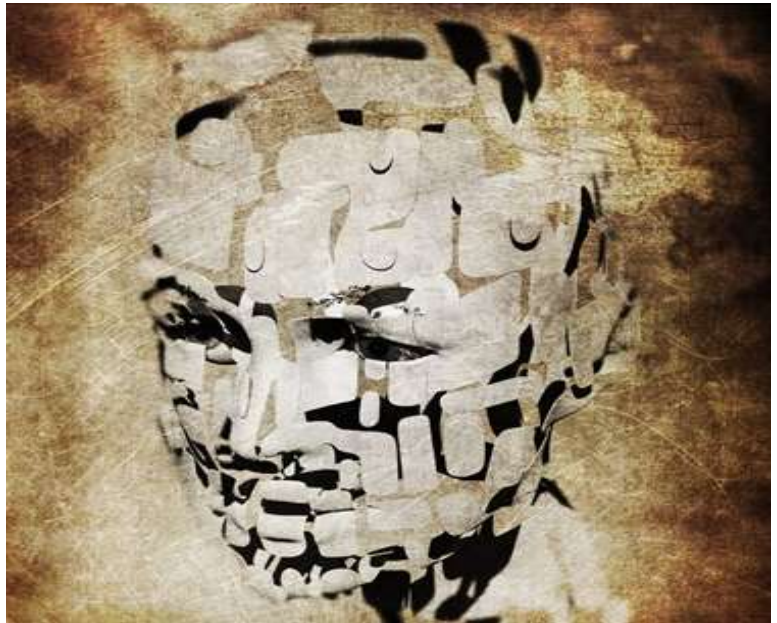
# Brecksville United Church of Christ

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

“Anybody can  
observe the  
Sabbath,  
but making it  
holy surely  
takes the rest  
of the week. ”

- Alice Walker,  
***In Search of Our  
Mothers' Gardens:  
Womanist Prose***



Cheryl Valentino, *Deconstruction*. [www.fulcrumgallery.com](http://www.fulcrumgallery.com).

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 • 10:00 AM**

***Pastor***

• 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 - 1:30pm**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

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

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Prelude

***Ever Living God***

Badham

With the Percussion Group

*"Everlasting One, our eternal praise belongs to You.*

*All of the honor, all of the glory to You."*

(Words and Music: Raymond Badham; © 2002 Hillsong Publishing)

### Welcome & Announcements

### Quiet Meditation Music

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*"If you keep the Sabbath, you start to see creation  
not as somewhere to get away from your ordinary life,  
but a place to frame an attentiveness to your life." - Eugene H. Peterson*

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able*

**\* CALL TO PRAYER:** *(Based on Psalm 139)*

Leader: Holy One, you have searched and known us.

**People: You know when we sit and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.**

Leader: You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted with all our ways.

**People: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.**

Leader: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

**P: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.**

Hymn of Praise

***Sweet Hour of Prayer***

#505

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION: [UNISON]** *(Based on Deuteronomy 5:12)*

**Be with us Holy One, so that we may be refreshed and renewed. May your Spirit descend upon us as we gather in prayer and compassion, seeking to follow Jesus's path.**

**\* Pastor's Prayer**

**\* Song of Praise:**

***Glory to God***

Pablo Sosa 1988



## ***Readings***

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

**First Reading - Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

**Gospel Reading - Mark 2:23-3:6**

**Continuing Testament - By John Wesley**



## Musical Offering

## Close Every Door

Webber

In loving memory of Joseph Debick, 1963-2024.

*"...For we know we shall find our own peace of mind,  
for we have been promised a land of our own."*

(From the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*; music: Andrew Lloyd Webber;  
lyrics: Tim Rice; © Copyright 1969 The Really Useful Group Ltd.)

## Sermon by Pastor John King

## Hymn of Reflection

## *Beautiful Jesus*

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## *The Church at Prayer*

Leroy Ford, Phyllis Hassler, Cliff Stenzel, George Snider, Sue Renovetz, Joe Blasko, Russ King, Jon Thompson, Gayle & Allison Colbert, Marilyn Pay, Frances Posey, Mac Hoppel, Dassie Matsuoka, Kathy Smith, Rose Kaval, Bee Ortiz, Terry Heiman, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Sheila Day, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Kathleen Stewart, Ann Klonowski, "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***

### **\* Invitation to the Offering**

**\* Doxology: [UNISON]**      Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

### **\* OFFERTORY PRAYER: [UNISON]**

O Holy One, with gratitude we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.



## ***Communion***

**Communion Music**      *Adagio cantabile from Sonata No. 8*      Beethoven

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: [UNISON]**

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure

*God Be with You*

#81

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.

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 notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half). Chords above the staff are: A (above G), E (above A), A (above B), D (above C), Bm (above B), E (above G). The second staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half). Chords above the staff are: A (above G), C#7 (above A), F#m (above B), Bm (above C), E7sus4 (above B), E7 (above A), A (above G). The lyrics are: 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.

### \* Benediction

Postlude

*Mighty God, to Thy Dear Name*

Traditional Norwegian folk song

## Readings

### **First Reading**

#### **Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as your God commanded you.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to God; you shall not do any work--you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Eternal, your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Mark 2:23-3:6**

One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?"

And Jesus said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions."

Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Messiah is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.

*(Continued)*



## Readings

### **Gospel Reading** *(continued)*

He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

### **Continuing Testament** – By John Wesley (1703-1791)

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

# Announcements:

**HUNGER MEAL TODAY!** – There is a Hunger Meal this afternoon from 3 – 6 pm, at Bethany UCC (3388 W 41st Street, Cleveland, 44109). Please sign up on the white board in the Narthex - we do need a few more servers.

**COMMUNION BREAD** – If you're interested in baking/providing bread for one of our communion Sundays, please put your name on the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. The bread needs to be at the church no later than 9:15 on Sunday morning. Call Pastor John if you have any questions.

**SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY** - Dave Debick will continue recruiting volunteer singers and instrumentalists for summer services today at coffee hour. Please consider sharing your musical gifts on a Sunday that's convenient for you. Dave can help you choose music and rehearse with you as needed. High school students are welcome to participate.

**PAPER RECYCLING BIN** – Unfortunately, Integrity Fiber is reducing the footprint of their routes, which includes the removal of the recycling bin in our parking lot. We're not sure when they'll remove our bin, but if anyone is looking for a nearby alternative, there are bins at the Brecksville United Methodist Church that will continue to be available.

**TO DONATE ELECTRONICALLY** – If you would like to make a donation to Brecksville United Church of Christ with your phone, please scan this QR code.

Open the camera on your smartphone, just like you would if you were taking a picture. Point your phone at this image to open a website where you can make an electronic donation.

**Thank you!**



Today's sanctuary artwork is by Fujiwo Ishimoto, *Ostjakki*. (1983)

Attendance on Sunday, May 26, 2024 – Adults: 66; Kids: 9; Live Stream: 8; Total: 83

# Special Thanks

## JUNE 2, 2024

Early Usher:	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
Late Ushers:	Betsey & Joe Wilson
Lay Reader:	Jenn Elting
Greeter:	Maggie McNamara
Flowers:	Jenn Elting
Acolyte:	Amelia Elting
Peace Candle:	Edison Elting
Counters:	Marge Culver Janet Renovetz
A/V Team:	Jim Duffy
Snack:	Lois Lorenzo <b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
Set Up/Serve:	<b><i>Volunteers Needed</i></b>
Clean Up:	<b><i>Volunteers Needed</i></b>

Thank  
You



## JUNE 9, 2024

Early Usher:	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
Late Ushers:	Lori Molesky <b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
Lay Reader:	Sherrill Witt
Greeter:	Sherrill Witt
Flowers:	Katie MacKeigan King
Counters:	Marjorie Culver <b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
A/V Team:	David Pastor
Snack:	Katie MacKeigan King
Set Up/Serve:	Lois Lorenzo <b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
Clean Up:	<b><i>Volunteers Needed</i></b>

