



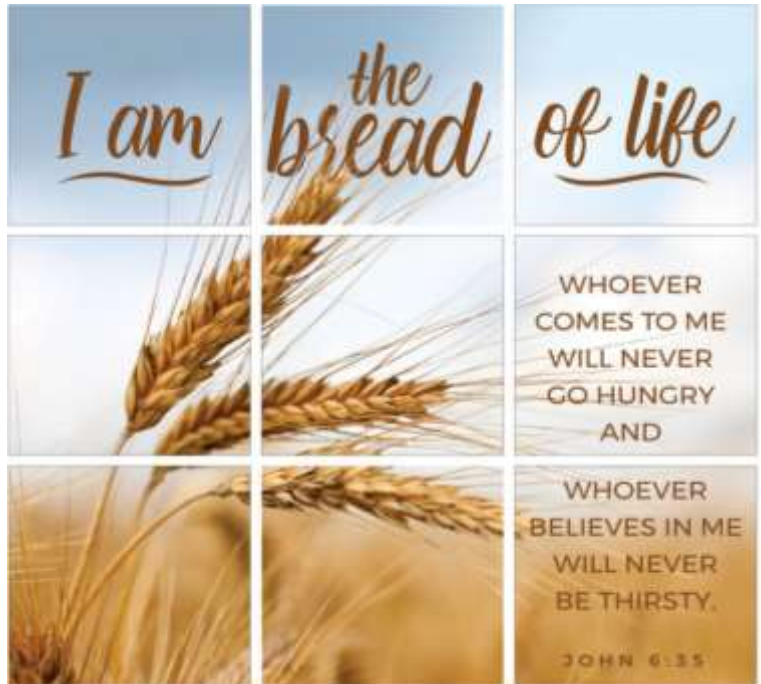
Brecksville United Church of Christ

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

*"We have all
known the long
loneliness and
we have
learned that the
only solution is
love and that
love comes with
community."*

- Dorothy Day,
20th Century



19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 11th, 2024 • 10:00 AM

Pastor

• John King

Director of Music

• David Debick

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

Sunday August 11th, 2024

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Prelude

As We Are Gathered

Daniels

"As we are gathered, Jesus is here; one with each other, Jesus is here."

(Words and Music: John Daniels; © 1979, Authentic Publishing)

Welcome & Announcements

Quiet Meditation

"Anybody can become angry – that is easy. But to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way – that is not within everybody's power and it is not easy."

– Aristotle, 4th Century B.C.E.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able*

*** CALL TO PRAYER:** *(Based on Psalm 130 and John 6:35)*

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you O God, my soul waits, for you.

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning.

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION: [UNISON]**

God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*** Pastor's Prayer***** 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.

Readings

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

First Reading - *Ephesians 4:25–5:2 (The Message Translation)*

Gospel Reading - John 6:35, 41-51 (NRSV)

Continuing Testament - By Nicolas Geusens

***Time with Young Worshipers***

Musical Offering ***It Is Well with My Soul / Then Sings My Soul*** Arr. Lanier
Betsey Wilson, flute
Armand Eusanio, clarinet

Sermon by Pastor John King

Hymn of Reflection ***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*** Temple

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

(Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997; text: attrib. to Francis of Assisi, adapt. by S. Temple; © 1967, 1975, 1980, Franciscan Communications)

The Church at Prayer

The family and friends of 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.

* BLESSING OVER THE GIFTS: [UNISON]

O God, we share these gifts in the spirit of those who shared their loaves and fishes: we ask that you take these gifts and use them to nourish all of creation—to produce seed and grain, filling humans and animals alike, and to restore wholeness in the places where malnourishment exists.



Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

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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.



* Benediction

Postlude

Unite Us, God, in Peace

Ombrie



Readings

First Reading

Ephesians 4:25–5:2 (The Message Translation)

What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.

Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give evil that kind of foothold in your life.

Did you use to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can help others who can't work.

Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.

Don't grieve God. Don't break God's heart. The Holy Spirit is moving and breathing in you. Don't take such a gift for granted.

Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Be mindful of God's grace; learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

Readings

Gospel Reading

John 6:35, 41-51 (NRSV)

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the authorities began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by God who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from God comes to me.

Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Continuing Testament – By Nicolas Geusens

On Dec. 2, 2012, at a cross-country race in the Navarre region of northern Spain, Kenyan runner Abel Mutai who was just a few feet from the finish line, but became confused with the signage and stopped, thinking he had completed the race.

A Spanish runner, Ivan Fernandez, was right behind him and, realizing what was happening, started shouting at the Kenyan to continue running. Mutai didn't know Spanish and didn't understand. Realizing what was taking place, Fernandez pushed Mutai to victory. A journalist asked Ivan, "Why did you do that?"

Readings

Continuing Testament (*continued*)

Ivan replied, "My dream is that someday we can have a kind of community life where we push and help each other to win."

The journalist insisted "But why did you let the Kenyan win?" Ivan replied, "I didn't let him win, he was going to win. The race was his."

The journalist insisted, and again asked, "But you could have won!"

Ivan looked at him and replied, "But what would be the merit of my victory? What would be the honor in that medal?"

What would my mother think of that?"

Values are passed on from generation to generation. What values are we teaching our children? Let us not teach our kids the wrong ways and means to win. Instead, let us pass on the beauty and humanity of a helping hand. Because honesty and ethics mean we are winning!



"No, I'm pretty sure it's do unto others as you would have others to do unto you."

Announcements:

TEACHERS NEEDED - We're seeking Sunday school teachers for the Fall! The children will range from 5th – 8th grade, and the more volunteers we have, the easier the schedule will be. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Miss Mindy or call the office at (440) 526-4364.

A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY - Are you interested in helping the youth and adults of BUCC? Please consider becoming the chairperson of the Christian Education Ministry. No experience necessary! Miss Mindy does a wonderful job with the kids, so what we need is someone to help coordinate activities for adults and report to council. Please talk to Bridget Sproul or Pastor John if interested.

TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY! - On Sunday August 25th at 10am, we will be meeting outdoors for our "Worship in the Park" service, followed by the annual church picnic. We are returning to the Rosemary Snell Pavilion, in Sagamore Hills Township Park, and maps are available in the narthex. We will be having a breakfast casserole contest, so find those great recipes and get ready for a possible prize.



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. **Thank you!**



Attendance on Sunday, August 4, 2024 – Adults: 73; Kids: 6; Live Stream: 7; Total: 86

Special Thanks

AUGUST 11, 2024

Early Usher:	Jill Zedan
Late Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Greeter:	Peg Duffy
Reader:	Kate Matthews
Flowers:	Peg Duffy
Counters:	Marge Culver Janet Renovetz
A/V Team:	David Pastor
Snack:	Maggie McNamara Annette Pedersen
Set Up/Serve:	Carol Miller Annette Pedersen
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed

Thank
You



AUGUST 18, 2024

Early Usher:	Volunteer Needed
Late Usher:	Volunteer Needed
Greeter:	Lori Molesky
Reader:	Rose Kaval
Communion	Linda Gagnon &
Bread:	Kathy Fagan
Flowers:	Bee Ortiz
Counters:	Marjorie Culver Janet Renovetz
A/V Team:	Tim Wallis
Snack:	Carole Snider Volunteer Needed
Set Up/Serve:	Volunteers Needed
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed