



# Brecksville United Church of Christ

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"Spread love  
everywhere you  
go: First of all in  
your own house...  
let no one ever  
come to you  
without leaving  
better and  
happier.  
Be the living  
expression of  
God's kindness;  
kindness in your  
face, kindness in  
your eyes, kindness  
in your smile,  
kindness."

– Mother Teresa,  
20th century

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

*With malice toward none,*



*charity for all*

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, November 3<sup>rd</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**

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

# Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 - All Saints Service

**Prelude**            **Medley: For the Faithful Who Have Answered/  
Creator, By Whose Servants**

(17th century German melody/William H. Ferguson)

Erin Tomlinson, flute; Armand Eusanio, clarinet;

David Pastor and Craig Ramsey, guitar

*"...with all who passed before us, we praise thy Name today."*

(George Wallace Briggs, 1875-1959)

## Welcome & Announcements

## Silent Meditation

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able*

**\*Invitation to Prayer: (Pastor)**

**People Sing:**    ***Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*** – Song Sheet, verse 1

**\*Invitation to Prayer: (Pastor)**

**People Sing:**    ***Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*** – Song Sheet, verses 2-3

## Peace Across the Divide

Reader 1: It has been an eye-opening experience to be here.

Reader 2: In the end I'm still not sure I'm capable of moving closer.

Reader 1: What if that never happens?

Reader 2: What if the chasm gets wider?

Reader 1: But I have begun to imagine a way to live together.

Reader 2: I know we both are still afraid, but I wish you no harm.

Leader: Yes.

**People: Breathe.**

Leader: *Let us imagine this kind of outcome.*

**People: Breathe again.**

Leader: *We are not alone.*

**People: Christ is with us.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

**Hymn of Praise**

***For All the Saints***

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**\* 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 - Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NIV)**

**Gospel Reading - Matthew 22: 34-40, (NRSVUE)**

**Continuing Testament - by President Abraham Lincoln**

## **Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

**God of the Ages**

Sibelius; arr. Hopson

*Refrain: God of the ages, hear now our praises;  
we sing your glory on this holy day.*

*You are our Light, our Life and salvation.*

*We lift our thanks and praise forevermore!*

*Verse: You are the God of those gone before us;  
your holy presence guided their way.*

*We now join with the saints of the ages in song, singing alleluia. (Refrain)*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. We lift our praise forevermore!*

*You are the God of those gone before us;  
your holy presence guided their way.*

*We now join with the saints of the ages before, singing alleluia.*

*Praise the Lord.*

*Praise the Lord.*

*(Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957; arr. Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933; text based on Psalm 27,  
arr. H. H. Hopson; © 2001 by Carl Fischer, LLC)*

**Sermon** by Pastor John King

### ***Litany for All Saints***

Pastor: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

**Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.**

Pastor: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

**Many: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.**

Pastor: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

**Many: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.**

### ***We Remember:***

Uncle Elmer Bechtel

Phyllis Dziura

Betty Einhart

Joanne Frable

Arthur Graulich

Uncle Gene Gressley

Phyllis Hassler

Marlene Hochaur

Ann Kelly

George Kidd

Russel King

Carol Klaus

Horst Kreuzer

Dassie Matsuoka

Dorothy McCleary

John W. Petrus

Shirley Rickey

David Ritchey

Dorothy & Gerald Shellhammer

Donald Skala

Mary Smothers

Andrew Sugalski

Jan Yuhas

**ALL: God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Hymn of Reflection**

***Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*** (See insert)  
English folk melody

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

Gayle & Allison Colbert, Cliff Stenzel, George Snider, Sue Renovetz, Joe Blasko, Jon Thompson, Marilyn Pay, Frances Posey, Mac Hoppel, 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.**

### **\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION: [UNISON]**

**Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Help us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom. Knowing that as we do, your will be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen.**

## Communion

Communion Music

Communion

F. de La Tombelle

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: [UNISON]

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are nourished by Christ's body and blood, that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure      *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

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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.

#### \* Circle of Community (continued)

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.

Chord symbols: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

#### \* Benediction

Postlude

*Toccata and Fugue in A minor*

Eberlin

## Readings

### First Reading

#### **Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NIV) “The Shema”**

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

#### **Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.**

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

### Gospel Reading

#### **Matthew 22: 34-40, NRSVUE**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”



## Readings

**Continuing Testament** – President Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, delivered on March 4, 1865

Neither party expected for the war the magnitude or the duration which it has already attained. Neither anticipated that the cause of the conflict might cease with, or even before, the conflict itself should cease.

Each looked for an easier triumph, and a result less fundamental and astounding. Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces but let us judge not that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered; that of neither has been answered fully.

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan – to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

*"Love makes your soul crawl  
out from its hiding place."*

*–Zora Neale Hurston*

## Announcements:

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK** – Stewardship Sunday is two weeks away! On November 17<sup>th</sup>, bring in your pledge cards and celebrate by feasting after the service. Everyone is invited - please sign up at church or call in to let us know how many will be coming and what side dish you'll be sharing. It's a great day to bring family and friends!

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** event on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>! Volunteers are needed from 9am – 3pm, and tools and water will be provided. The site address is 10522 Grandview Ave. in Cleveland - if you would like to participate, contact Dan Maier at [dmaier68@aol.com](mailto:dmaier68@aol.com). More info to come!

**PLANNING AHEAD** – If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia that will decorate our sanctuary at Christmas, please use the form at the back of today's bulletin.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR** includes the following:

**TODAY** 11:30 am – Membership Ministry

**Mon., 11-4** 7 pm – Facilities

**Tue., 11-5** 8:15 am – “Holy Grounds” at Panera  
6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall)  
7 pm – Spiritual Life

**Wed., 11-6** 11:00 am – Mindfulness & Meditation (Parlor)

**Thu., 11-7** 6:15 pm – Music Committee  
7:00 pm – Seasonal Choir Practice  
8:00 pm – Regular Choir Practice

**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!**



Next week's scripture readings will be **Romans 12:2-13 (NRSV)** & **Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)**.  
Attendance on Sunday, October 27, 2024 – Adults: 42; Kids: 8; Online: 10; Total: 60



we are thankful for you

### November 3, 2024

Early Usher:	Evelyn Seager
Late Usher:	Carol Miller
Greeter:	Lori Molesky
Reader:	Armand Eusanio
Communion Bread:	Jenn Elting
Flowers:	Annette Pedersen
Counters:	Marge Culver Janet Renovetz
A/V:	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Snacks:	Sue Stenzel <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Set Up/Serve:	Sue Stenzel <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Clean Up:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>

### November 10, 2024

Early Usher:	Jill Zedan
Late Usher:	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Greeter:	Carol Miller
Reader:	Rose Kaval
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Counters:	Marge Culver Janet Renovetz
A/V:	David Pastor
Snack:	Sue Stenzel <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Set Up/Serve:	Sue Stenzel <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Clean Up:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>



