



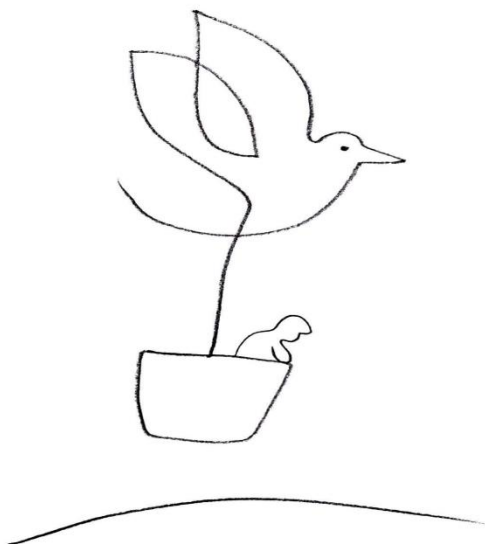
Brecksville United Church of Christ

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

"If we have no
peace, it is
because we
have forgotten
that we belong
to each other."

~ Mother Teresa of
Calcutta



32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, November 10th, 2024 • 10:00 AM

Pastor
• John King

Director of Music
• David Debick

Financial Secretary
• Joy Garapic

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 10th, 2024
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Prelude *Help Us Express Your Love* *Hastings*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Meditation

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able*

Call to Prayer *based on Psalm 127*

Leader: Unless God builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

People: **We have come into this sanctuary, to honor the Eternal One,
To love the God of Creation, to walk with Jesus.**

Leader: Unless God watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.

People: **We have come to listen to the stories of people
who throughout the generations have shown us the way
by their trust in the promises of God,
who is always with us.**

Leader: The widow who gives her last coin
reminds us of the risks we are called to take
with confidence that God will take care of us
through times of plenty and times of want,
all along our journey through life.

ALL: **So let us celebrate this gathering, which can bind us together.
Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with God's people
Here, we are family. Sons and daughters of the Living God.**

Opening Hymn

Awake, Awake to Love and Serve

#89

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

Ever living God, we gather again

For we need this community and we hunger for your word.

Teach us again during this time together

that you are always with us.

Remind us of the beauty of this sacred moment,

And the pain yet borne by so many.

Your Holy Spirit calls and empowers us

to live beyond our own desires.

So, send your Spirit, we pray,

that we might be transformed

with the Spirit's liberating courage, and fire of love. Amen.

*** Song of Praise:**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa 1988



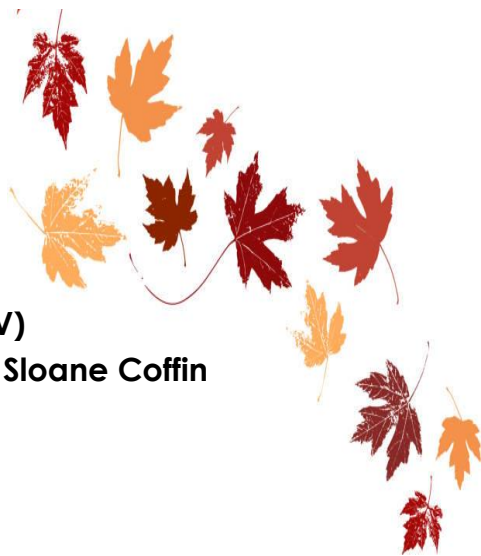
Readings

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

First Reading - Romans 12:2-13 (NRSV)

Gospel Reading - Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)

Excerpt From Credo, by William Sloane Coffin





Time with Young Worshippers



Anthem

***I Offer My Life* Cloninger/Moen**

Verse: All that I am, and all that I have,
I lay them down before You, oh Lord.
And all my regrets, and all my acclaims,
the joy and the pain, I'm making them Yours.
Things in the past, things yet unseen,
wishes and dreams that are yet to come true.
All of my heart, all of my plans,
my heart and my hands are lifted to You.
Refrain: Lord, I offer my life to You,
everything I've been through, use it for Your glory.
And Lord I offer my days to You,
lifting my praise to You, as a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord I offer You my life.

(Words and Music: Claire Cloninger and Don Moen; Copyright 1994 Integrity's Hosanna!
Music /ASCAP)

Sermon

"Mitey Woman" by Rev. John King

Hymn of Reflection

***I Am Yours, O Lord* #455**

The Church at Prayer

Gayle & Allison Colbert, the family and friends of Dassie Matsuoka, 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.)

Prayers of the Church

Silent Meditation

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]**

We lift up these offerings
as a sign of our gratitude for your love and care, O God.
We pledge ourselves, time, talent, and treasure.
We pray that we may follow

in the spirit of the poor widow who gave her all without hesitation.
We dedicate our lives to you
and seek to grow in our faithfulness to your Word.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #565

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.

* Benediction

Postlude

Ayre for Organ

Purcell

*“Intelligence is
the ability to adapt to change.”*

- Stephen Hawking

Readings

First Reading

Romans 12:2-13 (NRSV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Continuing Testament – Excerpts From Credo, by William Sloane Coffin

How do you love America? Don't say, "My country, right or wrong." That's like saying, "My grandmother, drunk or sober"; it doesn't get you anywhere. Don't just salute the flag, and don't burn it either. Wash it. Make it clean.

How do you love America? With the vision and compassion of Christ, with a transcendent ethic that alone can fulfill "the patriot's dream that sees beyond the years, her alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears" (Katharine Lee Bates).

"Behold I make all things new," saith the Lord. Our revolutionary forebears seemed to understand that. They didn't bestir themselves to salvage the past. Their political debate pitted one kind of future against another kind of future... There are three kinds of patriots, two bad, one good. The bad ones are the uncritical lovers and the loveless critics. Good patriots carry on a lover's quarrel with their country, a reflection of God's lover's quarrel with all the world.

Let us dare to see that the survival unit in our time is no longer an individual nation or an individual anything. The survival unit in our time and henceforth is the whole human race and its environment...

Individuals and nations are at their worst when, persuaded of their superior virtue, they crusade against the vices of others. They are at their best when they claim their God-given kinship with all humanity, offering prayers of thanks that there is more mercy in God than sin in us.

Attendance on Sunday, November 5, 2024 – Adults: 58; Kids: 11; Online: 23; Total: 92
Next week's scripture readings will be **2 Corinthians 4:7-15** and **Mark 13:1-8**

Announcements:

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK – Stewardship Sunday is one week away! On November

17th, 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 23rd ! 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. More info to come!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following:

Today, Sunday 10- 27 4:00 pm - FREE CONCERT & RECEPTION

Tue., 11-12 8:15 am – “Holy Grounds” at Panera
6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall)
6:30 pm – Social Justice Ministry (Parlor & Online)

Wed., 11-13 Veterans Day
11:00 am – Mindfulness & Meditation (Parlor)
7:00 pm – Church Council (Parlor & Online)

Thu., 10-31 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!**

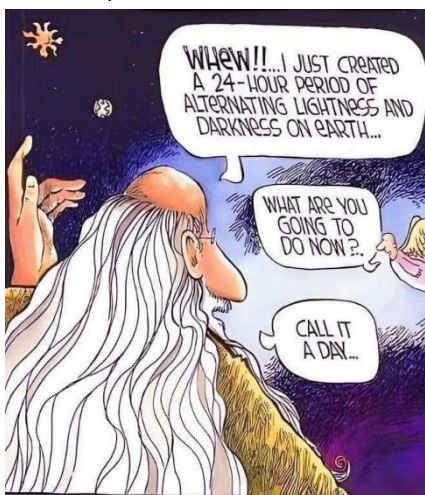


SHARE YOUR INSPIRATION – As a congregational church, input from you, the congregation, is essential. The Spiritual Life Ministry is inviting you to keep an eye out during your week for potential continuing testament readings, bulletin cover art, quotes, and hymns. When you find something that speaks to you, please email it to Pastor John (buccpastor23@gmail.com)

You'll notice scriptures for upcoming weeks listed in the Sunday bulletin – ideas that connect to those particular scriptures are especially welcome. In October, our Music Director started a once-monthly brainstorming session scheduled on the first Thursday of the month, at 6:15 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited! At BUCC, WE ARE ONE, and we look forward to your unique input into our shared journey.

DECK THE HALLS! - "Hanging of the Greens" refers to the practice of adding evergreen plants (live or artificial) to a congregation's worship space. The tradition had its origin in pagan pre-Christian culture, but like many other traditions, Christians adopted this practice and understand it to be a symbol of the Eternal, coming to dwell among us as Word made flesh. The Greens can also be seen as a sign of life and growth, overcoming and flourishing in the dead of winter. Please join us following worship on Sunday, November 24th, when BUCC will ring in the holiday season with

our own "Hanging of the Greens" celebration/pizza party.



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.



we are thankful for you

November 10, 2024

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

November 17, 2024

Early Usher:	Volunteer Needed
Late Usher:	Volunteer Needed
Greeter:	Volunteer Needed
Reader:	Kate Matthews
Communion Bread:	Jenn Elting
Flowers:	Katie MacKeigan King
Counters:	Marge Culver Janet Renovetz
A/V:	Bryan Chaikin
Snack:	Volunteers Needed
Set Up/Serve:	Volunteers Needed
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed

