



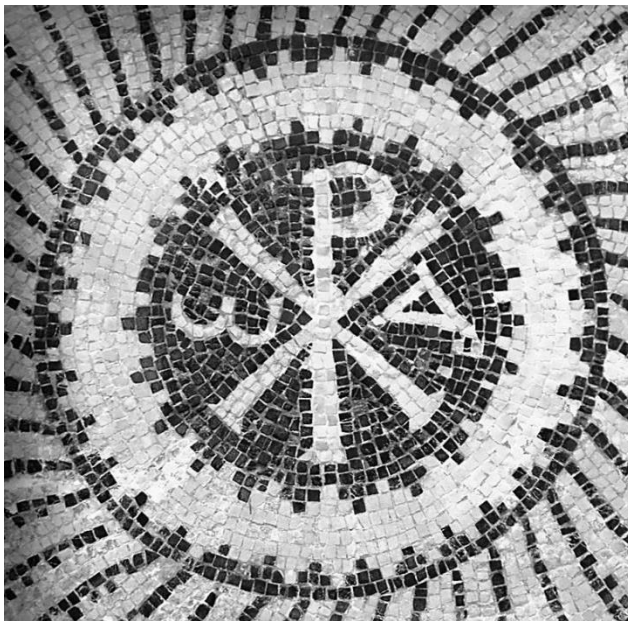
Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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*"The essence of
beauty
is unity in diversity."*

*-- Felix
Mendelssohn*



Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1st, 2025 • 10:00 AM

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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.

****LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILIABLE UPON REQUEST****

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday June 1st, 2025

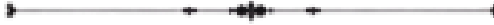
Prelude

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

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Welcome & Announcements

Silent Meditation



"God is a verb" – Buckminster Fuller



Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able*

***CALL TO PRAYER**

One: Creator, today we give you thanks

ALL: for believing we can be born again.

One: Creator, today we give you thanks

ALL: for the diversity of which all of Your creation is birthed.

One: Creator, today we give you thanks

ALL: for the knowledge that we aren't always right and for the capability to change.

One: Creator, today we give you thanks

ALL: for the desire to change structures and institutions that tell us community is less valuable than the individual.

One: Creator, today we give you thanks

ALL: for the positivity, resistance, and beauty in this some times ugly world.

Hymn of Praise

O Day of God, Draw Near

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

Creator, be with us as we live into all that is possible. You sent us a human to show us the value and dignity and beauty of all people. You created the change of seasons as a reminder of the beauty of our planet. We were not made sinful by design as so many interpretations go – You created us in Your image with the capabilities of loving so vastly and so greatly that healing and reconciliation are possible. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

***Gathering Song:**

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: - Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel Reading: - John 17:20-26

Continuing Testament- “Instructions on Not Giving Up”, by Ada Limon

Time with
Young Worshipers

Sermon: By Rev. Monica Harmon

Anthem

O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be

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The Church at Prayer

Gayle & Allison Colbert, Sue Renovetz, Joe Blasko, Jon Thompson, Marilyn Pay, Frances Posey, Mac Hoppel, Bee Ortiz, Terry Heiman, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Jan Wardlaw, Kathleen Stewart, Kathy Repko, Lois Lorenzo, Jonathan Langham, Tony Cuninghame, Chad Sproul, Dot Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Joanne Cook, Kathy Ford, Miriam Rosewicz, Midge Cassidy, Pat Rehm, Kate Benedict, "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 give thanks to you Creator, for the invitation to be alive in a world full of possibility with open minds and open hearts to live with great joy until we meet again.

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World (Acolyte)

* Circle of Community

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Instrumental

Readings

First Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say,

"Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Gospel Reading John 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word,
that they may all be one. As you, God, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.
God, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
"Righteous God, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me.
I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

Continuing Testament "Instructions on Not Giving Up", by Ada Limon

More than the fuchsia funnels breaking out
of the crabapple tree, more than the neighbor's
almost obscene display of cherry limbs shoving
their cotton candy-colored blossoms to the slate
sky of Spring rains, it's the greening of the trees
that really gets to me. When all the shock of white
and taffy, the world's baubles and trinkets, leave
the pavement strewn with the confetti of aftermath,
the leaves come. Patient, plodding, a green skin
growing over whatever winter did to us, a return
to the strange idea of continuous living despite
the mess of us, the hurt, the empty. Fine then,
I'll take it, the tree seems to say, a new slick leaf
unfurling like a fist to an open palm, I'll take it all.

Announcements:

Flowers- In memory of Lenore (May 30th) and Bill (May 31st) Harris' birthdays and in honor of Lenore's birthday buddy Peg Duffy.

Seeking loan of a car for the summer- Two students from California are traveling to Cleveland this summer as part of the Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP- <https://www.ohipintern.org/>). They will be participating in an project to identify and help prevent occupational and environmental hazards, such as heat exposure, air pollution, and injuries for landscape workers in the Painesville area. They will be working with both Cleveland Clinic and HOLA-Ohio (<https://holaohio.org/>). They will need a car to get back and forth from Cleveland to Painesville. They are coming in at the end of the week of June 16 and will be here 9 weeks.

If you have a car or have an idea, please contact me: Kathy Fagan, 216-513-6155, occmeddoc@sbcglobal.net

Summer Music- June 1 through August 31, the choir will begin their summer sabbatical and their musical replacement will be individual solo or duet/group performances.

If you are interested in singing at one of these Sunday services, please contact David Pastor who is putting a list together. You can contact David on Sundays or at ridave@hotmail.com or 440.552.4403



On Saturday June 7 the CLE pride event will take place in Downtown Cleveland. If you would like to join us, please reach out to Sherrill Witt as we will have our BUCC banner and carry it in the parade. The Cleveland Pride parade leaves at 11 am. Staging for the march will begin at 10AM in Downtown CLE Public Square at Group Spot White 11. The march will begin at Public Square and flow again through the streets down towards the Malls where the festival will take place. The Route for Pride is just at 1 mile long and lasts 20-25 minutes. Please let us know if you plan to join us.

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. If you need assistance, ask an usher - or a grandchild. Thank you!

A vibrant rainbow-themed poster for 'Pride Fest!' on June 14 from noon to 7pm. The poster features a large rainbow background with circular inset photos of people at a pride event. Text includes the venue 'BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AMPHITHEATER', address '9543 BROADVIEW ROAD, BROADVIEW HTS., OH 44147', and 'FREE Entrance! Scan QR to register'. It also lists activities like 'SECONDHAND RADIO BAND', 'DJ & DANCING', 'PERFORMERS', 'SPOTLIGHTS THEATER', 'WINDSONG FEMINIST CHORUS', 'ARTS & CRAFTS', and 'FUN FOR ALL AGES | OVER 65 VENDORS!'. A QR code is provided for registration. The BBH PRIDE logo is also visible.

Pride Fest!
JUNE 14
NOON - 7PM

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BROADVIEW HTS., OH 44147

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For a complete vendor list, visit BBHPride.org

On Saturday June 14 the BBH Pride event will be held from noon to 7pm. We do have a booth and are looking for several members to participate at the booth to have conversations with attendees about our church. Melanie Falls and Diane Gressley will have sign up information so please reach out if you are interested in joining us. We plan to have Rainbow Rocks and other BUCC swag to engage the community.

Little Annie's Hope Train - We will continue to collect items for the homeless in Northeast Ohio and chemotherapy care packets through the end of August. Members of Little Annie's Hope Train go into homeless camps and pass out food, toiletries and other items. The founder of the organization is battling cancer herself, so she's started a side project of providing Chemotherapy Care Packets to various chemotherapy centers. If you stay in any hotels this summer, please save the mini soaps, shampoos, etc. If you get take-out, please save the pre-wrapped silverware. If you are doing spring/summer cleaning, you can donate journals or pens you don't need. Below is a more extensive list of items being distributed.

Place any donations in the bin on the pew bench at the parking lot entrance door. Claudia Griesmer will collect them (regularly) and deliver them to the organization. There is also a copy of this list on the pew bench

Items Distributed in Homeless Camps

- Personal sized toiletries (what you get from hotel rooms)
- Travel size dental floss and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Mini hand sanitizers
- Small combs
- Chapstick
- Kleenex packets
- Individually wrapped toilet paper
- Wrapped plastic silverware (what you get with carry-out food)
- NEW adult heavy socks
- Inexpensive manual can openers
- Canned items with pull tabs (but no cream soups)

Items Included in Chemotherapy Care Packets

- Puzzle books
- Journals
- Pens
- Saltine crackers
- Ginger tea
- Spearmints
- Kleenex packets

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following

TODAY	Membership
Mon. Jun 2	7:00 pm – Facilities Meeting
Tue. Jun 3	6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall) 7:00 pm – Spiritual Life
Wed. Jun 4	11:00 am -- Mindfulness and Meditation 4:00 pm – Stewardship/Leadership
Thu. Jun 5	6:30 pm – Music Committee 7:00 pm -- Choir Practice
Sat. Jun 7	10:00 am – Cleveland Pride (Public Square Group Spot: White 11)

PRIVACY MATTERS- Our services are broadcast live online, and recordings of services are available for replay and sharing. That allows us to expand our outreach, but it also brings additional concerns. Please keep in mind: Children who come up for the “Time with Young Worshipers” will be seen and heard online. By permitting your child to come forward, be aware that this implicitly gives the church permission to share their participation online. We are glad to include your prayer intentions in our communal prayer. But avoid disclosing personal medical information without permission. With that in mind, please either:

Ask permission to publicly share their health information in our prayers,
OR

Avoid details or keep anonymity by the way you phrase your prayer.

If you sit in the first few pews, you will be visible online. If you prefer to avoid being seen online, avoid those pews. But if you don't mind, please consider migrating to the front pews. When our videos show empty pews, the sanctuary looks vacant even when it is full. So, please populate those first pews to ensure that our online presence accurately depicts the vibrant and growing congregation that we truly are.





June 1st, 2025

Early Usher:	Kathy Smith Jill Zedan
Late Usher:	Jill Zedan
Greeter:	Lori Molesky
Reader:	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Mindy Harris-Wade
Counters:	Kathy Pastor Volunteers Needed
A/V:	Volunteers Needed
Snacks:	Peg Duffy
Set Up/Serve:	Peg Duffy
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed

June 8th, 2025

Early Usher:	Volunteers Needed
Late Usher:	Volunteers Needed
Greeter:	Volunteers Needed
Reader:	Volunteers Needed
Flowers:	Carole Snider
Counters:	Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed
A/V:	David Pastor
Snack:	Volunteers Needed
Set Up/Serve:	Volunteers Needed
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed



Attendance last Sunday, May 25th, 2025 – Adults: 50; Kids: 6; Online: 13;
Additional Views: 38 Total: 107