



# Brecksville

## United Church of Christ

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### **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,  
Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,*

*Whatever your gender identity or  
sexual orientation,*

*Whatever your religious background,  
creed, or spirituality,*

*Whatever your social or economic  
circumstances,*

*Whatever your health conditions,  
impairments, or mobility needs,*

*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!*



*Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm*

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### **Pastor**

• Jeff Jackson

### **Financial Secretary**

• Joy Garapic

### **Office Manager**

• Miranda Lacefield

### **Music Director**

• Rob Keshock

**\*\*LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST\*\***



- *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.*

## **Announcements:**

***Please submit the announcements you would like to have printed in the bulletin by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!***

**Sharing Good News** -At the beginning of the Sunday service you are welcome to share announcements. Please keep these brief by avoiding details. Share the essentials, then share how people can learn more details (e.g., see the bulletin announcement or talk to somebody). Also, feel free to share good news such as birthdays, anniversaries, retirement, awards, etc.

**Advent Devotional** - The Spiritual Life Ministry is looking ahead to one of our most beloved BUCC traditions, the annual congregation-written Advent Devotional. In order to compile the booklet, please sign up after worship. Simply choose one of the pre-selected scriptures that speaks to you, and tell us why in a couple of paragraphs. Many people also choose to close with a one or two sentence prayer. We especially love to hear how it connects you and/or your family to a certain time or place. You'll be amazed by the stories your fellow members have to share! If you cannot attend worship in person, simply call Miranda in the office during the week and she can help you out. We are asking for your devotion to be submitted to the office at BUCCOffice23@gmail.com by OCTOBER 31.

 **Nursery Attendant Needed**  The Nursery Attendant will provide safe, secure, and nurturing care for children ages 0 through 4 years old during church services and events. This individual may also assist Miss Mindy in the classroom as needed. The position pays \$50/Sunday. The hours are 9:45 am until the children are secured by their parents after the service. If you or someone you know is interested in this important ministry role, please contact the church office at BUCCOffice23@gmail.com or 440-526-4364 or speak with a member of the Christian Education Committee. Let's continue to provide a warm and welcoming space for our youngest members to grow in God's love!

**The All Saints' Day service** is a loving and reverent remembrance of loved ones who have passed away this year (from November of 2024 to the present). Please submit the names of your departed loved ones and friends to the office email at [buccoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:buccoffice23@gmail.com), or by calling Miranda at (440) 526-4364 by October 29th. All submitted names will be recognized during a moment of silence during the service.

**All Saints' "We Remember" Table** - Pictures are a loving way to remember family and friends who have passed into the next life, recently or long ago. A dedicated table space will be available in Pilgrim Hall after our All Saints' Day Sunday Service (11/2), for you to share a picture of someone who was dear to you, no matter when they passed away. Please bring your loved one's photo downstairs to the WE REMEMBER TABLE before church. You may write a short dedication at that time or bring one with the picture.

**Colony Cupboard-** We are continuing to support the Colony Cupboard! This is a resource for students at Brecksville Broadview Hts High School who need essentials and school supplies. We donated a trunk full of supplies recently and they are grateful for our continued support. Based on student needs for the new school year, below is the updated list of supplies they are requesting:  
Markers, highlighters, binders, graph paper, & headphones  
Donations are collected in the back of the church.



**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!

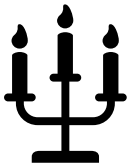
Attendance last Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Adults: 46; Kids: 4; Online: 9;  
Additional Views: 5; Total: 64

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

Today	After worship Junior Choir
Tue. Oct 21	6:00 pm – AA "Love & Tolerance" (Pilgrim Hall) 7:30 pm – Communication and Outreach
Wed. Oct 22	11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation 2:00 pm – Stewardship Leadership Meeting
Thu. Oct 23	7:00 pm – Choir Practice

## Volunteers:

	<u>October 19th, 2025</u>	<u>October 26th, 2025</u>
Early Usher:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Jill Zedan
Late Usher:	Sue Stenzel	Evelyn Seager
Greeter:	Dave Bernard	Sue Stenzel
Reader:	Jill Zedan	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz	Sue Stenzel
Counters:	Jan Renovetz	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
	Sue Stenzel	Sue Stenzel
A/V:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Snack:	Armand Eusano	Carole Snider
Set up:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Carole Snider
Clean Up:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Carole Snider
Communion Bread:	Gayle Colbert	



## ***In our Prayers:***

Jon Thompson, Marilyn Pay, Frances Posey, Mac Hoppel, Bee Ortiz, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Jan Wardlaw, Kathleen Stewart, Kathy Repko, Lois Lorenzo, Jonathan Langham, Tony Cuninghame, Chad Sproul, Dot and Stu Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Joanne Cook, Kathy Ford, Midge Cassidy, Kate Benedict, Marge Culver, "Edna House", people who are unemployed and under employed.

***(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)***

# Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Prelude

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Silent Meditation

*God, let the sound of love rise in us.*

### **\*Call to Prayer** (Inspired by Psalm 121)

*One: As the sun sets behind the hills,*

**Many: We celebrate hope in our Creator.**

*One: Even as the sun strikes the earth in daytime*

**Many: We celebrate peace in our Creator.**

*One: As we move about this earth from day to day*

**Many: We celebrate the love of our Creator.**

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*

**#537**

### **\*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy One, Holder of our Hearts, From time to time, we notice our souls are heavy from injustices. From the ways our community members are treated to the lack of compassion towards folks in faraway places, we attempt to embrace hope and often feel defeated. Yet you continue to be the bearer of dreams, God of Love. May we feel your Spirit's peace even when struggles accumulate. May we be baptized by your glimmers even as we journey through a world filled with ashes. 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.

### **Continuing Testament Reading: I believe in god by Dorothee Soelle**

I believe in god who did not create an immutable world, a thing incapable of change, who does not govern according to eternal laws that remain inviolate or according to a natural order of; rich and poor, of the expert and the ignorant, of rulers and subjects.

I believe in god who willed conflict in life and wanted us to change the status quo through our work, through our politics.

I believe in jesus christ who was right when he, like each of us - just another individual who couldn't beat city hall - worked to change the status quo and was destroyed.

looking at him I see how our intelligence is crippled, our imagination stifled, our efforts wasted because we do not live as he did. every day I am afraid that he died in vain because he is buried in our churches because we have betrayed his revolution in our obedience to authority and our fear of it

I believe in jesus christ who rises again and again in our lives so that we will be free from prejudice and arrogance, from fear and hate, and carry on his revolution, and make way for his kingdom

I believe in the spirit that jesus brought into the world in the brotherhood of all nations. I believe it is up to us, what our earth becomes: a vale of tears starvation and tyranny or a city of god

I believe in a just peace that can be achieved in the possibility of a meaningful life for all people

I believe this world of god's has a future  
amen

*Dorothee Soelle, Revolutionary Patience, pp 22-23, 3rd printing May 1984  
English translation © 1977 by Orbis Books, Published by Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY*

### **New Testament Reading: Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

## **Time with young worshipers**

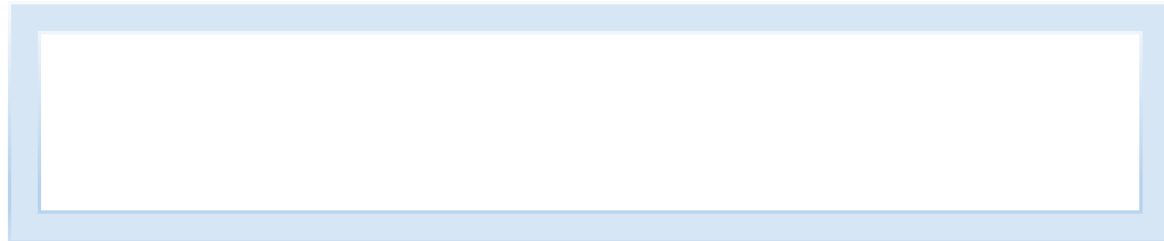
### **Sermon**

The Sound of Faith - Rev. Jeff Jackson

### **Anthem**

Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes

### **Prayers of the Church**



### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Silent Meditation**

### **The Savior'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.

### **Stewardship Moment** The Esser Family

### **Invitation to the Offering**

### **Offering Music**

### **\*Doxology**

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]**

Divine Connector of our Souls, With much gratitude, we share our gifts with you today. We continue to search for your dreams and fulfill your visions as we create your Realm here on earth. Energize us to utilize our gifts for the strength of all humanity. Empower us to share our time, talents, and treasures as we seek to never lose hope and heart. Amen.

### **Communion Invitation**

*ALL are welcome to receive communion. No exceptions.*

### **Communion Hymn**

*As We Gather At the Table*

**#332**

*During the hymn, please come forward up the center aisle to gather a piece of bread and a cup and return to your seats via the outer aisles.*

*We will partake each together as directed.*

### **Invitation to Share the Bread and Cup**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion [Unison]**

**God of grace and renewal, we thank you for this table of love and for every gift that draws us toward your heart. Let the sound of love rise in us—in gratitude, in courage, and in peace. Amen.**

### **\*Hymn of Departure**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**#506 v. 1-2**

### **\*Circle of Community**

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**

*Over My Head*

*Carrying the sounds of God's love into the world*