



# Brecksville

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## United Church of Christ

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*"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph."*

*– Haile Selassie*



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- 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!***

**Missions Café-** We are asking congregants to attend four, one-hour sessions. These are fun, interactive gatherings designed to get everyone's input for the path forward to selecting our new minister. Simply attend one of the days in each session- Session 1, 2, 3 and 4- we've provided time and date options for each session. Mark your calendars and bring your enthusiasm... your input is invaluable!

Session 1: Choose one: **TODAY- Sunday, February 8th after church;**

Wednesday, February 11th, 6 pm

Session 2: Choose one:

Wednesday, March 4th, 1 pm;  
Sunday March 8th after church,  
Wednesday, March 11th, 6 pm

Session 3: Choose one:

Wednesday, April 1st, 1 pm;  
Wednesday, April 8th, 6 pm;  
Sunday, April 12th after church

Wrap-Up session: Choose one:

Sunday, June 7th after church;  
Wednesday, June 10th, 1 pm  
Wednesday, June 10th, 6 pm

**Ash Wednesday Worshipful Soup Supper — February 18, 6:30–7:30 PM (Pilgrim Hall)** Join us as we begin the season of Lent with a worshipful soup supper in Pilgrim Hall. This Ash Wednesday gathering will weave together a shared meal, communion, singing, special music from the choir, reflection on masks and unmasking, and the imposition of ashes — **all as one service of worship!** Rather than dinner followed by worship, the meal itself is part of the worship experience as we enter Lent together in prayer, honesty, and community. We are seeking three volunteers to provide soup (including one vegetarian option) and at least four loaves of bread. If you are able to help, please contact David Pastor (440-552-4403 or ridave@hotmail.com) or use the signup link in your email.

Attendance last Sunday, February 1, 2026 – Adults: 39; Kids: 3; Online: 6;  
 Additional Views: 33; Total: 81

**Paint and Sip-** Get ready for a night of creativity, color, and great company— Fellowship has scheduled a Paint & Sip night just for you (guests welcome!) Join us at BUCC on Friday, March 6 at 6:30 pm for a fun, laid-back evening where we'll paint, sip, and socialize. The cost is \$34 per person, and we're aiming for at least 20 participants (the more the merrier!) A firm commitment is needed by Friday, February 27, and signing up is easy—payment will go directly to the event organizers through a provided link. Bring a snack to share and your own wine, and Fellowship will take care of pop and water. Grab a friend, save your spot, and sign up soon—this is one you won't want to miss! 🎨🍷✨

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

Today Mission Café  
 Tue. Feb 10 6:00 pm – AA "Love & Tolerance" (Pilgrim Hall)  
 Wed. Feb 11 11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation  
 6: 00 pm – Mission Café  
 7:00 pm – Council  
 Thu. Feb 12 10:30 am – Called to Care  
 12:00 pm —Thriving Church Study Group

**Volunteers:**

	<b><u>February 8, 2026</u></b>	<b><u>February 15, 2026</u></b>
Early Usher:	Evelyn Seager	Evelyn Seager
Late Usher:	Sue Stenzel	Sue Stenzel
Greeter:	Carol Miller	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Reader:	Diane Gressley	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Counters:	Jan Renovetz Kathy Pastor	Jan Renovetz Sue Stenzel
A/V:	Jim Duffy	David Pastor
Snack:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Carole Snider
Set up:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Carole Snider Betsey Wilson
Clean Up:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Communion Bread:	N/A	Gayle Colbert
Snow Herder:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday February 8, 2026

### Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Faye López

### Welcome & Announcements

### Bringing of the Light

### Silent Meditation

*Holy One, teach us to re-see and to name blessing where you already are.*

**\*Call to Worship** Slow Me Down (Call and Response with the Choir)

Choir - Slow me down **ALL: Slow me down; Still my restless mind, Still my restless mind; Quell my fears, Quell my fears; Quench my thirsty soul, Quench my thirsty soul; Fill me with your love, Fill me with your love; God of truth, God of truth; God of love, God of love**

### **\*Call to Prayer**

One: With what shall we come before God and bow ourselves before God on high?

**Many: Shall we come before the Holy One with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

One: Will God be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rams of oil?

**Many: Shall we give our firstborn for our transgression, the fruit of our bodies for the sin of our souls?**

One: God has told us, fellow mortals, what is good and what is required of us.

**Many: But to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.**

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

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

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

**Holy One, you aren't just good, you are The Good. We welcome Your goodness in anyway that it desires to manifest throughout this time of worship. May something be preached, prayed, or sung, that changes us for good, and for good. 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.

**First Reading: Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

## **Second Reading: Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **Time with young worshipers**

### **Anthem**

"Blest Are They" David Hass arr. Bret Tassone

### **Sermon**

"Re-seeing the World God Loves" By Rev. Jeff Jackson

### **Hymn of Reflection**

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

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## **Prayers of the Church**

### **In our Prayers**

Jon Thompson, Marilyn Pay, Tina Ortiz, Cindy Burton, Jan Wardlaw, Kathleen Stewart, Kathy Repko, Lois Lorenzo, Tony Cuninghame, Chad Sproul, Dot and Stu Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Kathy Ford, Midge Cassidy, Gabe Tassone, Sue Stenzel, Carolyn Chandler, Mirium Rosewitz, "Edna House"

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

### **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.

### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offering Music

Take Time to Be Holy arr. Tom Fetke



### \*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]

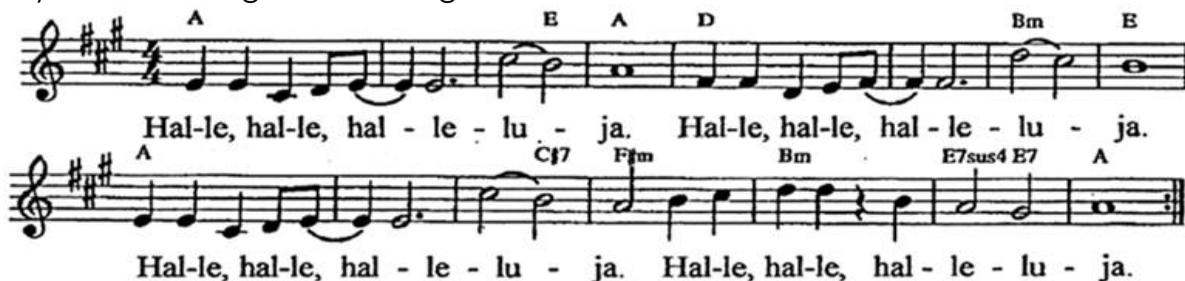
Good God may these good offerings be used to get up to good trouble for the liberation of us all. Amen

### \*Hymn of Departure

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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\*Circle of Community Please join us in a circle around the sanctuary and lift your voices together and again after the benediction.



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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the vocal line, and the second is for the piano accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above and below the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Go in peace, re-seeing the world God loves and living the blessing you have been given.*

BUCC Mission Loving Serving and Accepting All People with God's Life Changing Power

**BUCC Core Values**

Inclusiveness in all things

Community of acceptance love and forgiveness

Unleashing people's gift of ministry to grow through serving others

Environment of learning and spiritual growth

Creative and dynamic worship

Reaching out and welcoming the community

**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!