



Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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*"They took branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him,
shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the
one who comes in the name of the
Lord!' "*

- John 12:13



Sunday March 29, 2026

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

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• Wes Novak

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• Miranda Lacefield

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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 Tuesday – Thank You!***

Missions Café- Mark your calendars and bring your enthusiasm for our third Missions Café session... your input is invaluable!

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

Hallelujah Chorus- If you have always wanted to sing with the choir, but never had the time, or even if you just love the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, now is your chance to join us for Easter Sunday! The choir will be meeting on Saturday April 4th from 10am-12pm. We will rehearse the Hallelujah Chorus at 10am, so you can show up to learn with us and then given the choice to join us to learn the rest of the music for Easter, or be excused. This is the perfect short-term commitment for anyone who would love to join the choir but cannot commit to weekly rehearsals throughout the year. Let Olivia know if you have any questions! We'd love to have you join us!

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper- Join us April 2nd at 6pm for our Maundy Thursday Soup Supper Service. We are looking for 3 volunteers to make soup, 3 loaves of bread, and volunteers for set up and clean up. Sign up via Breeze or contact David Pastor at ridave@hotmail.com or 440-552-4403

Attendance last Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Adults: 33; Kids: 1; Online: 15;
Additional Views: 16; Total: 65

Bread Tag Collection- BUCC is glad to announce that we are now collecting plastic bread tags for recycling in partnership with SCARCE. Funds used by recycling our tags will provide wheelchairs for children in need! This win-win story has many steps. It takes about 260,000 tags to fund a wheelchair. So have fun and get your friends, family and neighborhood involved in this easy way to make a difference. Look for the BREAD TAG COLLECTION container in our church entry way and drop yours in. No plastic bags please.

For more information about SCARCE, an award-winning environmental education nonprofit dedicated to creating sustainable communities, and the Bread Tag Project, talk to Peg Duffy and go to the website at:

<https://www.scarce.org/bread-tag-recycling-provides-wheelchair>

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following

- Tue. Mar 31 6:00 pm – AA "Love & Tolerance" (Pilgrim Hall)
- Wed. Apr 1 11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation
 1:00 pm – Missions Café
- Thu. Apr 2 6:00 pm —Maundy Thursday Soup Supper
- Sat. Apr 4 10:00 am – Choir Practice

Volunteers:

	<u>March 29, 2026</u>	<u>April 5, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Evie Novak	Volunteers Needed
Late Usher:	Diane Gressley	Volunteers Needed
Greeter:	Lori Molesky	Lori Molesky
Reader:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Flowers:	Easter Flowers	Easter Flowers
Counters:	Kathy Pastor	Sue Stenzel
	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
A/V:	Fred Pedersen	Volunteers Needed
Snack:	Volunteers Needed	Jenn Elting
Set up:	Volunteers Needed	Jenn Elting
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Communion Bread:	N/A	Gayle Colbert

Palm Sunday

*Here, now, we lay down what we have been holding onto and
open ourselves to the life already rising among us.*

Prelude

All Glory Laud and Honor arr. James Koerts

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship and Bringing of the Light

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

#215 v. 1,2,3

As we sing join us in waving your palms around the sanctuary

*Call to Prayer

Leader: Into the city, on the back of a beast of burden... this is no parade
of the powerful, no spectacle for empire.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of peace.
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: Into occupied streets, into lives marked by struggle... this is no
display of might, no triumph of force.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of refuge.
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: Into the heart of all that has been held together and all that is
coming undone... this is no easy path, no safe arrival.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of liberation.
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: May our worship this day prepare the way.

All: May our worship this day prepare us for where this way will lead.

*Hymn of Praise

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna vs. 1, 3

#213

***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Here, now, we lay down whatever covers our vulnerability and cloaks our openness, and we let it become part of the way of courage. Here, now, we lay down whatever shades our brilliance and branches over our belovedness, and we let it become part of the way of grace. We spread the cloaks and cut the branches, lining this road, this journey, this way with our cries for freedom until all our hearts and voices move toward, "Hosanna."

***Assurance of Grace**

***Gathering Song**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty v. 4

#215

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

Second Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet; "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Time with young worshipers

Anthem

Blessed is He Who Comes Lloyd Larson

Sermon

"Unmasking What Holds" By Rev. Jeff Jackson

Hymn of Reflection

O for a World

#575

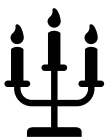
Prayers of the Church

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, Carolyn Chandler, Allison Colbert, Thea Cunningham, "Edna House"

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

Pastoral Prayer



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

El Shaddai



***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]**

With our offerings we say, "thank you" and practice a new economy.
With our practices we say, "yes, God," and resist Empire's hold.
With our resistance we say, "Hosanna," and bless all the ones,
who journey in the ways of courage and grace. Amen.

***Hymn of Departure**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

#216

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

Hear Our Prayer, O God

#769

♪ Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. ♪

***Benediction**

Postlude

Rigaudon arr. Gerald Peterson

*You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise. from Still I Rise,
-Maya Angelou*

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!