



Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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"We are born of love; love is
our mother."

- Rumi



Sunday May 10, 2026
Happy Mother's Day

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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!

Edna House- Today, for Mother's Day, we will be collecting a special offering for the Edna House. We have a long standing relationship with the women at the Edna House. More than just teaching the residents to abide by the 12 steps of recovery, they also provide life lessons, job skills, and help women build responsibility and self-respect that stay with the women long after they leave The Edna House. What makes their program vastly different from traditional sober homes or institutional recovery centers comes down to simplicity. The residents are provided a safe, focused environment, in which women eat, sleep, and breathe their own recovery. The women take responsibility through ownership of the house and commitment to a structured daily life. And most importantly, we provide access to the recovery community that is the essential link towards making real, lasting change in a woman's life. Please check out their website as they do offer open house tours.

Pride Events- Save the Dates- Saturday June 6- Cleveland Pride March and Saturday June 27 is the 4th annual BBH Pridefest at Broadview Heights City Campus & Amphitheater 9543 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights from noon to 7 <https://bbhpride.org/pride-events/pridefest-2026/>

Strengthen the Church offering- On Sunday May 24, Pentecost Sunday - we will be collecting the UCC offering for Strengthen the Church. The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. The theme for 2026 is Sent Forth in Love. Participating in the offering helps foster connections with the wider church and create possibilities for the church of tomorrow.

Pentecost Sunday- Pentecost Sunday is May 24. Please wear something red to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit. As we gather in worship, we remember, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:4)

Attendance last Sunday, May 3, 2026 – Adults: 47; Kids: 6; Online: 6; Total: 59
Additional Views: 13

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following

Tue. May 12 6:00 pm – AA "Love & Tolerance" (Pilgrim Hall)
 6:30 pm – Social Justice Meeting
Wed. May 13 11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation
 7:00 pm -- Council
Thu. May 14 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Volunteers:

	<u>May 10, 2026</u>	<u>May 17, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Diane Gressley	Volunteers Needed
Late Usher:	Annette Pedersen	Volunteers Needed
Greeter:	Sue Stenzel	Lori Molesky
Reader:	Jill Zedan	Diane Gressley
Flowers:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Counters:	Sue Stenzel Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed
A/V:	Fred Pedersen	David Pastor
Snack:	Volunteers Needed	Sue Stenzel
Set up:	Volunteers Needed	Sue Stenzel
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed	Sue Stenzel
Communion Bread:	N/A	Gayle Colbert

Sixth Sunday of Easter

God of peace, make your home in me so I may make room for others.

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Arr. Faye López

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship and Bringing of the Light

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In vs. 1-3

#73

Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone.

Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice and come in.

*Call to Prayer (inspired by Psalm 66)

One: Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Many: For God who claims us, tests us, and sustains us comes and invites us to come to them.

One: Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Many: Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed their steadfast love from us.

One: Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Many: Come as we proclaim, witness, and testify to all God has done. Bless the Holy One!

*Hymn of Praise

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

#467

*Prayer of Openness [Unison]

Holy and Present God, hear the sound of praise as we share this space and time gathered among you. May our hearts be opened and our minds engaged. Let the Spirit of Truth live in our songs of adoration, prayers of intercession, and words of pondering. In your name, glory and honor. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace

***Gathering Song**

My God, Accept My Heart This Day vs. 1

#352

**My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always yours,
That I from you no more may stray as long as life endures.**

First Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you,

yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Second Reading: John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.
In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.
On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Time with young worshipers

Anthem

Look at the World

John Rutter

Sermon

By Rev. David Loar

Hymn of Reflection

I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry

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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, Chad Sproul, Dot and Stu Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Kathy Ford, Gabe Tassone, Carolyn Chandler, Allison Colbert, Gayle Colbert, Thea Cunningham, Tony 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

Adagio

arr. Lani Smith



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]

Righteous God, receive these gifts we offer from our hearts and hands that they and we might be of service in your kindom and for your glory. Amen.

Hymn of Departure:

The Summons

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let My love be show, you will you let My name be known? Will let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when You but call my name. Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

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.

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The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). Chords above the staff are: A, E, A, D, Bm, E. The second staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line is: G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B2 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2-A2 (beamed eighth notes), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (half). Chords below the staff are: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

Benediction

Postlude

Salvation

Franklin Ritter

Let me carry Christ's peace into places of fear, exclusion, and harm.

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!