



# Brecksville

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## United Church of Christ

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"The essence of beauty  
is unity in diversity."

-- Felix Mendelssohn



**Sunday May 24, 2026**

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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!***

**Wisdom Café (Final Missions Café Wrap-Up Session)-** Mark your calendars and bring your enthusiasm for our final Missions Café sessions... Your input is invaluable!

Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> after Church;

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1pm

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**Please complete the survey today**, your response matters.

**Strengthen the Church offering-** Today 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.

**Pride Events- Save the Dates- Saturday June 6-** We will be marching in Cleveland Pride. The route is about a mile long. The March starts at 11:00 am and they are asking that people get to their staging locations by 10:00 am. Reach out to Heidi Spangler with any questions.

**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/>

**BUCC T-Shirts and Swag-** If you would like a BUCC T-shirt (long- or short-sleeved, v-neck or crew neck, 100% cotton or a blend), sweatshirt, hoodie, baseball cap, or bag featuring the BUCC logo and our message of welcome, you can place an order using the link below. Items can be customized and orders are typically processed within 3–5 days. Heidi will pick up orders each week and bring them to church. The deadline to place an order is June 30th, but if you order within the next week or two, your apparel should be ready in time to wear to our pride events. <https://brecksville-united-church.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

**Rock Painting-** BBH Pride is coming up, we have a tradition of passing out painted rainbow rocks. This year we are hoping to paint 250 rocks together after church on June 7th. We are looking for tray donations to dry the rocks.

**Scoop, Sprinkle & Smile** -Ice cream tastes better with friends! After worship on JUNE 14, join us outside for chocolate and vanilla ice cream with all the toppings. Bring your family, bring a neighbor, and come enjoy some sweet fellowship together. Grab a scoop with us and CHILL after church!

**Study Group-** Want to read a great book and discuss it with a group this summer? "The 4 agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz is the book and Thursday night 7-8:30pm starting June 25th at church is the place to be! Allison Colbert is leading the group and the book focuses on self- awareness and helping to cope with the stress of life. We will meet for 6 Thursdays, June-July. Contact the church office or Allison if interested.

Attendance last Sunday, May 17, 2026 – Adults: 35; Kids: 5; Online: 7; Total: 47  
 Additional Views: 6

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

- Tue. May 26                    6:00 pm – AA "Love & Tolerance" (Pilgrim Hall)
- Wed. May 27                   11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation
- Thu. May 28                   7:00 pm – Choir Practice
- Fri. May 29                    6:30 pm – Brecksville Squares

**Volunteers:**

	<u><b>May 24, 2026</b></u>	<u><b>May 31, 2026</b></u>
Early Usher:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Late Usher:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Greeter:	Jeff Thompson	Jeff Thompson
Reader:	Sherrill Witt	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz	Mindy Wade-Harris
Counters:	Jan Renovetz	Jan Renovetz
A/V:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Snack:	Sherrill Witt	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Set up:	Sherrill Witt	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Clean Up:	Sherrill Witt	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Communion Bread:	N/A	N/A

Flowers today are in memory of our daughter, Sue, who died a year ago on 5/29/25,  
 -Dan and Jan Renovetz.

# Pentecost Sunday

*Holy Spirit, breathe through me with courage, tenderness, and truth.*

## Prelude

*Breathe with Breathe on Me Breathe of God* arr. Alex-Zsolt

## Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship and Bringing of the Light

*Enter, Rejoice, and Come In vs. 1-2*

**#73**

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

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

**Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song.**

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

### \*Call to Prayer (inspired by Psalm 104)

One: How manifold are the works of the Holy One! In wisdom, God has made them all; the earth is full of God's creatures.

**Many: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the Creator rejoice in God's works!**

One: How beautiful are the works of the Holy One! In love, God has formed them all; the earth is full of God's beloved.

**Many: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to our God while I have being.**

One: How wonderful are the works of the Holy One! In peace and hope, God has renewed them all; the earth is full of God's redeemed.

**Many: May our meditation be pleasing to Spirit, Rejoice in the Holy One!**

### \*Hymn of Praise

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

**#282**

**\*Prayer of Openness [Unison]**

**Living Water, quench our thirst. Fill us from the wellspring of your love. Refresh us in the unending flow of your grace. Immerse us in the vastness of your kindom like drops in the ocean. We live in awe of your majesty and in humility at your presence among us. Revive us again as on the Day of Pentecost and drench your church in resurrection power. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Grace**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

One: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you!

**Many : And also with you!**

**\*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: Romans 8:14-17**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

**Time with young worshipers**

**Anthem**

*Come Build a Church*

*Ken Medema*

**Sermon**

*God Speaks in More than One Voice By Rev. Jeff Jackson*

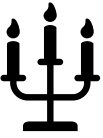
**Hymn of Reflection**

*Come, Share the Spirit*

**#62**

## **Prayers of the Church**

### **In our Prayers**



Jon Thompson, Marilyn Pay, Tina Ortiz, Cindy Burton, Jan Wardlaw, Kathleen Stewart, Kathy Repko, Chad Sproul, Dot Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Kathy Ford, Gabe Tassone, Carolyn Chandler, Allison Colbert, Gayle Colbert, Thea Cunningham, Tony Cunningham, Pat Rehm, "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**

*Simple Gifts*

*arr. Cindy Berry*



#### **\*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]**

**Spirit, receive these gifts for the mutual flourishing of all the creatures of earth and the benefit of your kindom. Sustain us as caretakers, prosper our work, and stir the gifts in us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Departure**

*Send Down the Fire*

**Refrain:** Send down the fire of your justice, send down the rains of your love;  
Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people, and we shall be  
people of God.

Call us to be your compassion, Teach us the song of your love; Give us hearts  
that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us ring with the song of your love.

**(refrain)**

Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace; Give us hearts  
that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us walk in the way of your peace.

**(refrain)**

Call us to answer oppression, Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us righteous  
souls, 'Til your justice rolls, Make us burn with the fire of your truth. **(refrain)**

Call us to witness your Kingdom, Give us the presence of Christ; May your holy  
light keep us shining bright, Ever shine with the presence of Christ. **(refrain)**

**\*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 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 written in a simple, rhythmic style. The second staff is a guitar accompaniment, with chords indicated above the notes. The chords are: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*Let me follow your Spirit across every border love asks me to cross.*

## 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!