



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!



TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday May 31, 2026

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

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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! Today after Church; Wednesday June 10th 1pm; Wednesday June 10th 6pm

Pride Events- Save the Dates- Saturday June 6- Cleveland Pride March. We are going to March with the group of local UCC churches.

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 or swag, 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 <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.

Sunday, June 28th at 3pm - Sorella String Quartet in the Sanctuary at Brecksville UCC We will welcome the quartet for a concert at 3pm and host a light reception afterward. If you are interested in helping with the event, please let Olivia know! We will need many hands to get the space ready, provide refreshments, and clean-up afterwards.

Summer Special Music- If you are moved to share your talents with the congregation during the summer months, please reach out to Olivia! All are welcome to share their musical gifts, playing an instrument, singing, or dancing.

Attendance last Sunday, May 24, 2026 – Adults: 33; Kids: 3; Online: 9; Total: 45
 Additional Views: 8

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following

Today	Missions Café – Wisdom Café
Mon. June 1	7:00 pm – Facilities Meeting
Tue. June 2	2:00 pm – Spiritual Life
	6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall)
	6:30 pm – Social Justice
Wed. June 3	11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation
Sat. June 6	Cleveland Pride March

Volunteers:

	<u>May 31, 2026</u>	<u>June 7, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Joe Wilson	Jill Zedan
Late Usher:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Greeter:	Jeff Thompson	Jeff Thompson
Reader:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Flowers:	Mindy Wade-Harris	Volunteers Needed
Counters:	Jan Renovetz	Volunteers Needed
	Sue Stenzel	Volunteers Needed
A/V:	Betsey Wilson	Fred Pedersen
Snack:	Jenn Elting	Carole Snider
Set up:	Carol Miller	Carole Snider
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Communion Bread:	N/A	Gayle Colbert

Flowers today are in memory of Bill (May 31) and Lenore's (May 30) birthday's and in honor of Lenore's birthday buddy Peg Duffy

-Miss Minday

Trinity Sunday

God, draw me into the love that makes community possible.

Prelude

Choral Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

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 Proverbs 8 and Psalms 8)

One: Holy, Embodied, and Present God, how majestic are your many names in all creation! In you we find direction, inspiration, and encouragement.

Many: Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

One: Creator, Christ, and Compassion, we turn to you in praise, prayer, and penitence to be made new, set free, and empowered.

Many: Does not love call and understanding raise her voice?

One: Source, Sustainer, and Spirit, your abiding presence gathers, connects, and strengthens us. You make us a community that participates in your kingdom.

Many: Does not truth call and understanding raise her voice?

***Hymn of Praise**

There is a Balm in Gilead

#553

***Prayer of Openness [Unison]**

Author, Word and Translator, we invite you to dwell with us, to form us, and to challenge us. Send a fresh wind to enliven our hearts, minds, and spirits to your word and your truth. Let our worship of you expand our hopes and our convictions and bring your glory. Make us instruments playing our part of the harmonious song of your love in the world. 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: Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are humans that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Second Reading: Howard Thurman, Excerpt from “The Sound of the Genuine,”
Baccalaureate Address, Spelman College, May 4, 1980**

The burden of what I have to say to you this afternoon is, “What is your name, who are you and can you find a way to hear the sound of the genuine in yourself?” There are so many noises going on inside of you, so many echoes of all sorts, so [much] internalizing of the rumble and the traffic, the confusions, the disorders by which your environment is peopled that I wonder if you can get still enough—not quiet enough—still enough to hear rumbling up from your unique and essential idiom the sound of the genuine in you. I don't know if you can. But this is your assignment....

There is something in every one of you that waits, listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself and if you cannot hear it, you will never find whatever it is for which you are searching.... You are the only you that has ever lived; your idiom is the only idiom of its kind in all the existences and if you cannot hear the sound of the genuine in you, you will all of your life, spend your days on the ends of strings that somebody else pulls....

Who are you? How does the sound of the genuine come through to you?... Don't be deceived and thrown off by all the noises that are a part even of your dreams, your ambitions... that you don't hear the sound of the genuine in you because that is the only true guide that you will ever have and if you don't have that you don't have a thing. You may be famous, you may be whatever the other ideals are which are a part of this generation but you know you don't have the foggiest notion of who you are, where you are going, what you want. Cultivate the discipline of listening to the sound of the genuine in yourself.

Time with young worshipers

Anthem

*Look at the World
True Colors*

*John Rutter
arr. Roger Emerson*

Hymn of Reflection

When in Our Music God is Glorified

#561

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

I Love to Tell the Story

*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]

God of wisdom and wonder,
your glory fills the earth,
and your song rises wherever your people gather.
We give thanks for the gifts that lift our hearts,
shape our praise, and help us hear your beauty among us.
Receive these offerings as an act of gratitude and trust.
Use them with wisdom and love,
that our life together may serve your world
and praise your holy name.
Amen.



***Choral Benediction**

An Irish Blessing

arr. James E. Moore

***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 has lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' with guitar chords A, E, A, D, Bm, and E above it. The second staff has the same lyrics and chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A below it.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Ancient of Days

Let me honor the image of God in every person I meet.