



# Brecksville

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## 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!



**Sunday June 7, 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! Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1pm; Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**BBH Pride Saturday June 27** -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 30<sup>th</sup> <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 Today.

**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

The Sorella Quartet is a Cleveland-based string ensemble. Alongside their passion for classical chamber music repertoire, the Sorella Quartet aims to celebrate compositions from living composers and music from outside the traditional canon. The quartet was inspired by the personal bonds that form when working closely together on music, taking their name from the Italian word for "sister." 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 21, 2026 – Adults: 43; Kids: 2; Online: 5; Total: 50  
Additional Views: 4

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following

Tue. June 9                    6:00 pm – AA "Love & Tolerance" (Pilgrim Hall)  
Wed. June 10                11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation  
   1:00 pm – Missions Café  
   6:00 pm—Missions Café  
   7:00 pm – Council

### Volunteers:

	<u>June 7, 2026</u>	<u>June 14, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Jill Zedan	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Late Usher:	Annette Pedersen	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Greeter:	Jeff Thompson	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Reader:	Sherrill Witt	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Sherrill Witt	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Counters:	Sue Stenzel	Sue Stenzel
	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
A/V:	Fred Pedersen	David Pastor
Snack:	Carole Snider	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Set up:	Carole Snider	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Clean Up:	Sue Stenzel	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Communion Bread:	Gayle Colbert	N/A

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Holy One, be with us in every stage of the journey.*

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship and Bringing of the Light**     *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew**

**That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.**

**\*Call to Prayer** (inspired by Psalm 33)

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**Many: The Voice created the heavens and the earth. Praise God with loud shouts!**

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**Many: Let our voices ring and sing a new song. Let us turn toward the Creator in awe.**

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**Many: Happy are the people who seek God's counsel, who seek God's heart, and who seek God's kingdom. Rejoice in the Holy One!**

**\*Gathering Song**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**#31**

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

**Wonderful God, we delight in your presence. We find shelter in your abiding and enduring love. You humble us, Holy Love, by gathering us as a people. Thank you for being our Companion and Guide on this journey. Receive our songs, prayers, and openness. Nourish us from the fountain of your word and the hospitality of your table. May we find hope and inspiration, courage and direction, community and resolve as we worship you. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Grace**

**\*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.**

**First Reading: "Prophecy," a poem by the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray**

I sing of a new American  
Separate from all others,  
Yet enlarged and diminished by all others.  
I am the child of kings and serfs, freemen and slaves,  
Having neither superiors nor inferiors,  
Progeny of all colors, all cultures, all systems, all beliefs.  
I have been enslaved, yet my spirit is unbound.  
I have been cast aside, but I sparkle in the darkness.  
I have been slain but live on in the rivers of history.  
I seek no conquest, no wealth, no power, no revenge;  
I seek only discovery  
Of the illimitable heights and depths of my own being.

**Second Reading: Genesis 12:1-9**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.  
I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."  
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.  
Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,  
Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.  
Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord.

And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

### **Time with young worshipers**

#### **Sermon**

*Un-staging Expectations by Rev. Jeff Jackson*

#### **Hymn of Reflection**

*Great Is Your Faithfulness*

**#423**

### **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.**

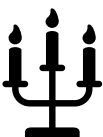
#### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Offering Music**

#### **\*Offering Response**

*Give Thanks*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son  
And now let the weak say I am strong; Let the poor say I am rich; Because of  
what the Lord has done for us; Give thank**



**\*Prayer of Dedication: [Unison]**

**Holy One, as we worship you through our giving, we dedicate these gifts to the work of your kingdom come and our hope that your will be done in our community and world. Amen.**

**Communion Invitation**

ALL are welcome to receive communion. No exceptions.

**Communion Hymn**

Let us Break Bread Together

**#330**

Let us break bread together on our knees. (2x)

**Refrain:** When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. (2x) **(Refrain)**

Let us praise God together on our knees. (2x) **(Refrain)**

*During the hymn, please come forward up the center aisle to gather a piece of bread and a cup and return to your seats via the outer aisles.*

*We will partake each together as directed. A gluten-free loaf is being used for communion today.*

**Invitation to Share the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion [Unison]**

**Holy God, for this bread and cup, for grace received and room made, we give you thanks. Keep us available to your life, ready to release what has grown too heavy, to bless what is beginning, and to follow where you still call. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Departure**

I'm Pressing on the Upward Way vs. 1,2, 4

**#442**

**\*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 chords A, E, A, D, Bm, E above it. The second staff has the same lyrics and chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A above it.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Let me go where mercy disrupts judgment and restores dignity.*