



# 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 14, 2026**

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

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• Olivia Tassone

**\*\*LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST\*\***

- 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!***

**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/>

**Scoop, Sprinkle & Smile** -Ice cream tastes better with friends! After worship **TODAY** 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, June 7, 2026 – Adults: 38; Kids: 4; Total: 42  
Additional Views: 2

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

Today Ice Cream Social  
Tue. June 16 6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall)  
7:30 pm – Communication & Outreach  
Wed. June 17 11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation  
Thur. June 18 10:30 am – Called to Care  
Fri. June 19 6:30 pm – Brecksville Squares

**Volunteers:**

	<u><b>June 14, 2026</b></u>	<u><b>June 21, 2026</b></u>
Early Usher:	Joe Wilson	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Late Usher:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Greeter:	Sherrill Witt	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Reader:	Jill Zedan	Diane Gressley
Flowers:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Sue Stenzel
Counters:	Sue Stenzel	Sue Stenzel
	Janet Renovetz	Janet Renovetz
A/V:	David Pastor	Jim Duffy
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

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Compassionate Christ, help me notice the weary, wounded, and overlooked.*

**Prelude**

*Wonderful Peace*

*arr. Mark Hayes*

### **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 116)

One: We call on the Holy One as long as we live! What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

**Many: With love and laughter, we praise the Holy One!**

One: What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

**Many: Lifting the cup of salvation and offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving, we praise the Holy One!**

One: What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

**Many: With the fruit of our worship and the fruit of our lives, we praise the Holy One!**

**\*Gathering Song**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

**Chorus**

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul; Worship His holy name; Sing like never before  
O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

**Verse 1**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again;  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me; Let me be singing when the  
evening comes **(chorus)**

**Verse 2**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger; Your name is great and Your heart is  
kind; For all Your goodness I will keep on singing; Ten thousand reasons for my  
heart to find **(chorus 2x)**

**Verse 3**

And on that day when my strength is failing; The end draws near and my time has  
come; Still my soul will sing Your praise unending; Ten thousand years and then  
forevermore **(chorus 2x, tag)**

**Tag**

Worship Your holy name; Lord I'll worship Your holy name **(ending)**

**Ending**

Sing like never before O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name; Worship Your holy  
name; Worship Your holy name

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

**God who calls us, we are here, here to serve, and here to worship. We are  
here to sing and to pray, to let the word resound in us and the community to  
envelop us. We are here, O God, to know you and be known by you. We enter  
with thanksgiving and praise. We enter in safety of love and hope of peace.  
Holy One, we respond to your call. We are here. 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!**

**\*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: Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the



**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**

Thy Word



**\*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]**

**Faithful God, thank you for the gifts we receive and that we give. Bless them so that needs will be met, your beloved will experience communal embrace, and you will be honored and glorified. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Departure**

We Are Marching in the Light of God

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**\*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.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Let me meet weariness with care and suffering with solidarity.*