



# 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 21, 2026**

**Happy Father's Day**

*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!***

**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/>

**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.

**Leadership Survey**– Council members, department chairs, ministry and committee members, and others involved in the congregation's shared leadership, please make sure you complete the leadership retreat survey received via email.

Attendance last Sunday, June 14, 2026 – Adults: 37; Kids: 4; Online: 8; Total: 49  
Additional Views: 21

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

Tue. June 23                    6:00 pm – AA "Love & Tolerance" (Pilgrim Hall)  
Wed. June 24                    11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation  
Thur. June 25                    7:00 pm – Study/Discussion Group  
Sat. June 27                    Noon – BBH Pride

**Volunteers:**

	<b><u>June 21, 2026</u></b>	<b><u>June 28, 2026</u></b>
Early Usher:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Late Usher:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Greeter:	Lori Molesky	Jeff Thompson
Reader:	Diane Gressley	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Counters:	Sue Stenzel	Sue Stenzel
A/V:	Janet Renovetz	Janet Renovetz
Snack:	Jim Duffy	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Set up:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Jenn Elting
Clean Up:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Jenn Elting
Communion Bread:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
	N/A	N/A

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*God of truth, quiet my fear and strengthen my courage.*

## Prelude

*Here I Am to Worship*

*arr. Larry Dalton*

## 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 86)

One: The Holy One is great and does marvelous things. Delight in God!

**Many: The Holy One gladdens the soul. We lift them up!**

One: In the day of trouble, we call on Comforter and Protector, Counselor and Provider, Companion and Peace.

**Many: The Holy One soothes the soul. We call upon their name!**

One: The Gracious and Eternal God gives ear to our prayers and listens to our cries.

**Many: The Holy One hears the soul. We turn to our God in hope and faith!**

## \*Gathering Song

*Here I Am to Worship*

### **Verse 1**

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You

### **Chorus**

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God and You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

### **Verse 2**

King of all days oh so highly exalted; glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created; all for love's sake became poor. **(chorus, bridge)**

### **Bridge**

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. **(chorus)**

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

**Merciful and Compassionate God, we come into your presence. Be near to us as we draw closer to you. Be near to us even when we have doubts, have given up hope, and have been overwhelmed by our fears. Be near to us as we sing, pray, give, and receive. We praise you for your goodness and worship you for who you are.**

**\*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: Psalm 146:3-9**

Do not put your trust in princes,  
in human beings, who cannot save.  
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.  
Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.  
He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—  
he remains faithful forever.  
He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets prisoners free,  
the Lord gives sight to the blind,  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord loves the righteous.  
The Lord watches over the foreigner  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

## **Second Reading: Genesis 21:8-21**

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.

So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."

The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.

As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.

Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."

Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow.

He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

## **Time with young worshippers**

### **Music offering**

Where Can I turn For Peace arr. Susan W. Henry  
Erin Tomlinson, flute

**Sermon**

By Rev. Jeff Jackson

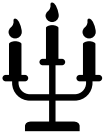
**Hymn of Reflection**

We Shall Overcome vs. 1, 3, 4

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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, 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.**

**Hymn of Intention**

○ Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder vs. 1, 3, 4

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**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Music**

This Is My Father's World

arr. Faye López



**\*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, thank you for the privilege of giving. Bless these gifts and those who give. Enable us to trust and participate in your abundance. Extend wisdom and discernment as we allocate these offerings. Expand our reach and impact for your kindom and glory. Amen.

**\*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, 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**

Good Good Father

arr. Bernadine Johnson

*Let me speak truth without cruelty and practice love without fear.*