



Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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"I am no bird;
and no net ensnares me:
I am a free human being with an
independent will."

- Charlotte Brontë, Jane Eyre



Sunday June 28, 2026

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****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!

BUCC T-Shirts and Swag DEADLINE- 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/>

TODAY - 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.

Community Meal- The next Community Meal will be held Sunday July 26 from 4pm to 6pm at the Wholeness Project located at 3389 Fulton Road Cleveland. We will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs and salads. We usually serve about 15-25 persons. Please look for the sign up link in July.

Attendance last Sunday, June 21, 2026 – Adults: 39; Kids: 12; Online: 9; Total: 60
Additional Views: 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following

Today 3:00 pm Sorella String Quartet
Tue. June 30 6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall)
Wed. July 1 11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation
Thur. July 2 7:00 pm – Study/Discussion Group

Volunteers:

	<u>June 28, 2026</u>	<u>July 5, 2026</u>
Early Usher:	Evie Novak	Jill Zedan
Late Usher:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Greeter:	Jeff Thompson	Volunteers Needed
Reader:	Jill Zedan	Volunteers Needed
Flowers:	Wes and Evie Novak	Volunteers Needed
Counters:	Sue Stenzel	Volunteers Needed
	Janet Renovetz	Volunteers Needed
A/V:	Aidan Cunningham	Aidan Cunningham
Snack:	Jenn Elting	Volunteers Needed
Set up:	Jenn Elting	Volunteers Needed
Clean Up:	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Communion Bread:	N/A	Gayle Colbert

Wes & Evie Novak purchased today's flowers from Three Girls Flower Farm in Seven Hills, owned by BUCC member Marla Corrado.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcoming God, open my hands, my table, and my life.

Prelude

Holy Spirit

arr. Bernadine Johnson

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 13)

One: We gather as a people to worship the Holy One who considers our cries and responds to our conditions.

Many: We gather even when wearied by the world because we trust in God's steadfast love.

One: Our souls may ask, "How long, Holy One?" Yet our hearts rejoice in your saving acts.

Many: We gather even when shaken and sorrowful because we hope in God's steadfast love.

One: We gather to sing to the Holy One who has been generous with us.

Many: Our worship and our work testifies to the goodness of the God who prevails. Let us worship the God of Life!

***Gathering Song**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love vs. 2-4

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***Prayer of Openness [Unison]**

God who provides, we acknowledge your presence that invites us to draw near to you. We glorify your name, for you, Holy and Righteous One, remain faithful to your creation. We open our hearts and minds to remember the testimonies of the past and to receive the truth revealed in your word for the present. May you delight in our praise as we honor you and encourage one another in the journey of faithful living. 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 10:40–42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Time with young worshipers

Music offering

Sermon

Before the Door Opens By Rev. Jeff Jackson

Hymn of Reflection

Gratitude

Verse 1

All my words fall short, I got nothing new. How could I express all my gratitude?

Verse 2

I could sing these songs as I often do, but every song must end and You never do

Chorus

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again. 'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah. And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king - except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah.

Verse 3

*I've got one response; I've got just one move. With my arms stretched wide I will worship You. **(chorus, bridge)***

Bridge

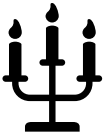
*Come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me. Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs. Get up and praise the Lord. **(2x, chorus)***

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

This Little Light of Mine

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Invitation to the Offering



Offering Music

Step By Step

*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 thanks

*Prayer of Dedication: [Unison]

Generous God, may the gifts we bring provide for our community and neighbors just as you provided a ram for Abraham. Bless our time, talent, and treasure for your glory and your kindom. 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.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja'. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' are written below the staff. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: A, E, A, D, Bm, E. The second staff is identical to the first, with the same melody and lyrics. Below the second staff, the following chords are indicated: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

*Benediction

Postlude

We Will Dance

arr. Larry Dalton

Let me offer small mercies that make belonging real.

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!