

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are male, female, or transgender,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,

Or a life-long member of the UCC,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

You Are Welcome Here!

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!

WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.

✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the
Word to Young Worshipers.

✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary.

Pillows for your back support are also available.

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00

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FEBRUARY 16, 2014 – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Meditation Music

Our Loving Creator and Redeemer, you break down our defenses, seeking us and pursuing us, no matter how often we turn away from you. Regardless of what difficulties we have been through, you truly understand us and care for us. Help us, in turn, to be present for others without judgment; and to be faithful witnesses to your abundant compassion and grace. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude

Dvořák

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: Come, let us gather in the awareness of Divine love.

P: The love which gives us life and brings us to this time and place.

L: Let us gather in the confidence and hope that God brings us,

P: Knowing that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

L: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

P: Because we are welcomed, we too can welcome others.

L: Let us rejoice in God's marvelous grace among us!

All: Let us offer to God our worship and praise!

*** Hymn of Praise**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

#27

*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Creator of our world, ourselves, and all that exists - we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself fully in the person of Jesus Christ, who fully shared his life with others. Help us to follow Christ's example and be fully present with and for one another today, and in all our days to come. Amen.

* **The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

Time with Young Worshipers

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Leader: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism bears witness to the Divine Love and Grace that is extended to each of us at every stage of our lives.

People: Today we celebrate God's love for Mia, and offer ourselves as instruments of that love in her life.

L: Saint Paul writes, "All of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into Christ's death.

P: We were buried therefore with Christ, by baptism, into death.

L: So that as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of God,

All: We too might walk in newness of life!"

L: Holy Baptism is the Sacrament through which we are united with Jesus Christ, and given a role in Christ's ministry of welcome and grace. Baptism is the visible sign of an invisible event: the reconciliation of people to God. It represents the death of a self-serving life, and the rising to a life of self-giving devotion and praise. It also confirms the pouring-out of the Holy Spirit upon God's people.

P: Out of the Water of Holy Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiveness and grace as members of the One Body of Christ.

Promises of the Baptized, and the Family of Faith.

Pastor: Mia, do you desire to be baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? If so, answer "I do."

Pastor: Will you strive to resist the power of evil, and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ? If so, answer "I will."

Pastor: Will you seek to know and follow the compassionate way Jesus Christ? If so,

Answer "I will."

Pastor: Do you promise to grow in the Christian Faith, to be a faithful member of the Church - by celebrating Christ's presence here, and by furthering Christ's mission in the world? If so, answer "I do with the help of God."

The Congregational Promise

Pastor: Members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ: Are you prepared to welcome, encourage and pray for Mia as she grows in faith among us?

People: We promise her our love, our support and our care, as she lives and grows among us as a follower of Jesus Christ.

The Baptism and Welcoming

The Old Testament	from Psalm 119	Pew Bible, page 566
The New Testament	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Pew Bible, page 167
The Continuing Testament	by Dwight Peterson	in <i>WorkingPreacher</i>
Musical Offering	The God of Second Chances	Haas, arr. Debick
Sermon	<i>Get It Together, and Grow Up!</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
Hymn of Reflection	Spirit of the Living God	#283

The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer *[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's Theological understanding]*

...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.

Organ Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

***The 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]**

Great and loving Holy One, we are thankful that you have created us all in your image and proclaimed that each of us is precious in your sight. Bless these gifts that we offer, that our giving may help your Church proclaim the Good News of justice and peace throughout the world. This we pray in the name of Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Communion Music

What Is This Place

17th century Dutch hymn

“And we accept bread at God’s table,
broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living,
we are each other’s bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive
what we need to increase:
God’s justice and God’s peace.”
Huub Oosterhuis (b. 1933)

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[verse 1]

#80

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

Circle of Fellowship

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** (3 times) **Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it through once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.

Musical notation for the hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". The music is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff shows the melody with lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." and chords A, E, A, D, Bm, E. The second staff shows the melody with lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." and chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Let's Work Together
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Canned Heat

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Michelle Rogers, The Family of Betty Batsch, Doug Lightbody, Bill & Ann Toneff, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, , people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, February 9, 2014 –Adults: 73 Kids: 11 Total: 84

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for refreshments and conversation.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett in Thanksgiving for the gift of our children, Victor & Michelina, in their Birthday month!

TODAY OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately after worship. Please plan to attend, as we will finalize our 2014 budget and our list of Church Council and Ministry Team members.

FREE CONCERT TODAY: This afternoon at 4:00 p.m., BUCC will host the **Third Rail Wind Trio** from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The ensemble will perform works by Mozart, Lutoslawski, Haydn, Simon, Hutchinson and Villa-Lobos. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. We hope you can join us later today to enjoy this highly-recommended student ensemble.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and I are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have! - Marge Culver

BOWLING PARTY Join us at Northwood Lanes next Sunday, February 23 at 1:00 PM for our Annual Bowling Party. This has always been a fun activity for all ages. Two games and shoes will be \$6. Pizza and Pop will be provided. Bumper lanes available for our youth.

KENT STATE FASHION MUSEUM...Our road trip from January has been Rescheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2014. We will carpool after Church and a quick Lunch. Please sign up so we are able to determine how many drivers will be needed.

FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

THE BLESSINGS JAR is for your use to drop in a note and/or money in response to a special blessing you have received during the week. We would like to recognize your blessing in the Pillar if you wish.

FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY/CRAFT CUPBOARD items are school supplies.

FOOD PANTRY items of need *are always*: canned fruit and vegetables, juice, cereal (hot or cold), Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Toilet Paper, Soap, Toothpaste/Brushes, all Toiletry products. Please, leave your donations in the basket outside of the office door. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Please mark your envelope "Food Pantry."

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the weekly bulletin and in the monthly Pillar.

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

THE READINGS

The Old Testament - from Psalm 119

Happy are those whose way is pure, who follow the path of the Holy One. Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek the Holy One with their whole heart. You have commanded your ordinances to be kept diligently - O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping them! Then I shall not be put to shame, keeping my eyes set on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart; when I learn your righteous decrees, I will observe your statutes. With my whole heart I will seek you; I will treasure your word in my heart. With my lips I will declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I will delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not showing spiritual immaturity?

Who then is Apollos? Who is Paul? Merely servants through whom you came to believe, as the Holy One allotted to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Continuing Testament - by Dwight Peterson - in *WorkingPreacher*

Most of us who have been around churches for any amount of time, know that Christians can get on one another's nerves. At times such tension might seem harmless; but more often than not, tensions in a church can be quite harmful, both to the people involved and to the Gospel Message. In *First Corinthians* Saint Paul appeals to the church's members to be in agreement, for there not to be divisions. Paul follows this appeal to unity by noting his knowledge of divisions at Corinth. He points out that division in the Church isn't merely a matter of people not getting along. It also threatens our ability to credibly bear witness to the Good News of Christ's compassion and grace.

Throughout *First Corinthians*, Paul addresses the problem of divisions in the Church. He laments that Holy Communion, the meal that is supposed to emphasize the unity of the Church, has been turned into a showcase for disunity.... Later, he paints his famous picture of the Church as the Body of Christ, which emphasizes that all the different parts of the Church must work together and mutually honor each other if the body is to be healthy. Strife and stress are not healthy for a body; and they're certainly not healthy for the Body of Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 2/16/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Congregational Meeting
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
	4 pm	FREE CONCERT – Third Rail Wind Trio
Monday 2/17/2014		PRESIDENT’S DAY
Tuesday 2/18/2014	10-11:30am	CWRU Parlor
Wednesday 2/19/2014	6 am	Early Birds
	5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday 2/20/2014	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday 2/23/2014	10 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	1 pm	Bowling Party – Northwood Lanes

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 16, 2014

Lay Reader: Kathy Smith
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
**Ushers: Spencer Whyte, Drew
Wilson, Kathy Pastor,
Betsey Wilson**
Acolyte: Ben Rehling
Peace Cndl: Carli Began
Sound: David Bernard
Commons: Carole Snider
Narthex: Sue Stenzel
Flowers: Ruth Thorpe
Nursery: Val Duffy
Counters: Bruce McCain, Carole Snider
Servers: Joanne Cook, Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: David & Kathy Pastor
Snacks: Jane Cribbs & Anne Melfo
Snow Herder: Jim Demko

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 23, 2014

Lay Reader: David Pastor
Head Usher: Bob Candler
**Ushers: Kate Klonowski, Matt
Wolbert, Joanne Cook,
Jane Cribbs**
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Cndl: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Val Duffy
Commons: Cliff Cribbs
Narthex: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Mac Hoppel, Donn Whyte
Servers: George & Carole Snider
**Clean Up: Jan Renovetz & Jon
Thompson**
Snacks: Sue Stenzel, Diane Gressley
Snow Hrdr: Cliff Cribbs