

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:

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APRIL 13, 2014 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Meditation Music

Divine Source of love and mercy, may we have the courage to speak truth to those in power who seek personal gain at the expense of others. Keep us steady in the face of challenging times and circumstances. May Jesus' remarkable example encourage and sustain us. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

***Processional Gospel**

L: When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a donkey that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'The teacher has need of it.' "

P: So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them.

L: Then they brought the donkey to Jesus; and after throwing their garments on it, they set Jesus upon it.

P: As he rode along, most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

L: As he approached the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

All: "Hosanna to the Heir of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!"

L: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, order your followers to stop."

P: But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these people were silent, the stones themselves would shout out."

L: This is the Good News for today!

All: Thanks be to God!

***Processional of Palms**

King of Kings

Batya/Conty; verses Debick

[Choirs sing Refrain; everyone sings Refrain;
after each verse is sung, everyone sings Refrain.]

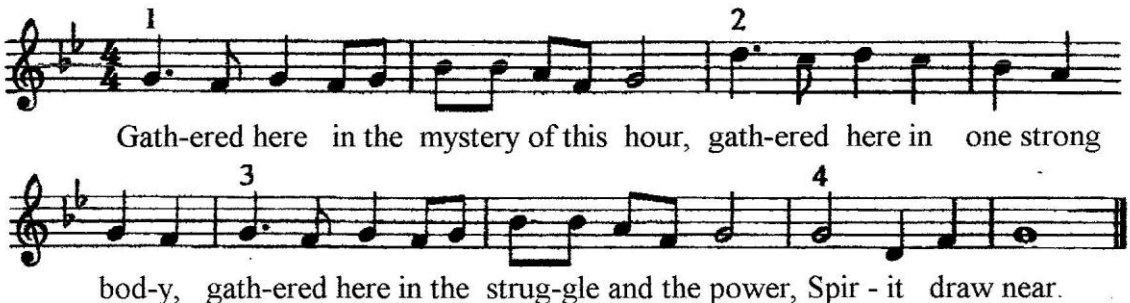
Bearing the Light of Peace
Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Prayer of Invocation** [unison]

Gracious Holy One, just as Jesus was joyfully greeted as he entered Jerusalem, may we too welcome him into our hearts and lives today. Grant that we may open ourselves to hear the Good News of peace, welcome, and grace that Jesus brought as your Messenger and Prophet. This we pray in the name of the One who comes to serve and to save. Amen.

***Song of Praise**

Gathered Here [sung twice]



The musical notation is written on two staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Gath-ered here in the mystery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong bod-y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near." The first staff contains the first two phrases, with a '1' above the first measure and a '2' above the eighth measure. The second staff contains the remaining two phrases, with a '3' above the first measure and a '4' above the eighth measure.

The Old Testament	Isaiah 50:4-9	Pew Bible, page 681
The New Testament	Matthew 27:11-31	Pew Bible, page 32
The Continuing Testament	by Carl Gregg	in <i>Patheos</i>

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering	Make Way <i>[Pastor Dave Shackle, trumpet; Percussion Group]</i>	Nagy
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Sermon	...Out Like a Lamb	Pastor Dave Shackle
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Hymn of Reflection	Ride On! Ride On in Majesty	#215
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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	Festival Sanctus	Leavitt
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Translation: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

***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]**

Compassionate Holy One, in the shadow of the Cross we stand in humble awe. As we remember Jesus Christ gracious giving of himself for our sakes, we are overwhelmed. Grant that we may faithfully follow his example and fully give ourselves to your mission of reconciliation, justice, and peace. We pray that you would bless our gifts and bless us, that both gift and giver may be used in your service and in service to others. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

#213

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

*** Circle of Community**

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Hear our Prayer, O God.** After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.*



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our prayer, O God; in -
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Festival March

Rowley

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jim & Betty Kaul, Ruth Thorpe, David Durkit and the Family of Bob Green, Doug Lightbody, 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, April 6, 2014 – Adults: 101 Kids: 17 Total: 118

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.

A LONG-STANDING LENTEN TRADITION within the Christian Church is to “put away” hymns or verses that contain “Alleluia” - and to set a more reflective tone with our musical selections. The purpose of doing this is so that on Easter Sunday our “Alleluias” can ring-out with freshness and renewed vigor, as we hail the Risen Christ. This is why we are using a different “Song of Praise” and concluding hymn for the benediction today.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER EVENTS

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Holy Communion - 6:30 pm

Tenebrae Service of Shadows - 7:30 pm

April 20 - Easter Sunrise/Communion Service - Brecksville/Highland Cemetery - 6:00 am

Easter Sunday Celebration - 10:00 am

FOR THIS YEAR'S MAUNDY THURSDAY Soup Supper, we are asking those whose last name begin with the letter M through Z to bring a small loaf of bread to share, if they can.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS Please pick up your Quarterly Statement to help save the cost of mailing.

FREE CONCERT On Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m., Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring virtuoso **violinist Jinjoo Cho**. Ms. Cho, a recent performance graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, has won numerous international violin competitions, and has performed with The Cleveland Orchestra, several Canadian symphony orchestras, Seoul Philharmonic, Kalamazoo Symphony, Louisville Orchestra and CityMusic Cleveland.

Pianist Hyunsoo Kim will accompany Ms. Cho. He recently completed his Artist Diploma at CIM, and has performed with the University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra, the Newark Symphony Orchestra and numerous community orchestras in the Delaware region. Repertoire on the May 4 program will include works by Mozart, Paganini, Prokofiev and Waxman. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the concert. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us May 4 to hear these outstanding young musicians.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: Summer and vacation time is coming. If you know that you will be out of town in the coming months please let me know either at my phone 440-526-9714 or by e-mail (chandler9143@roadrunner.com). Thank You, Caroline Chandler.

THE PEACE CANDLE is placed up front every Sunday to remind us of Jesus' teachings on peace and peacemakers. We pray that peace between nations, within our country, community, families, and ourselves will become a priority for all.

APRIL FOOD PANTRY Items are Rice & Tuna.

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

THE READINGS

The Old Testament - Isaiah 50:4-9

The Holy One has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning God wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Holy One has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Holy One helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; the One who exonerates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Holy One who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The New Testament - Matthew 27:11-31

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

The Continuing Testament - by Carl Gregg - in *Patheos* [edited]

We find Jesus making broad, increasingly public and controversial demonstrations in the big city of Jerusalem in the middle of Passover, in contrast to merely making controversial teachings in the small towns and villages around Galilee. I do not think that Jesus wanted

to die, but his passion for justice and his anger at injustice - a passion and anger he inherited from the Hebrew prophets - led him to take increasingly large risks to show the contrast between the status quo (where Herod was king) and the kingdom of God. These risks led directly to Jesus' death.

This is not to say that following Jesus necessarily means we will die a tragic death. There are those like St. Francis of Assisi, Clarence Jordan, and Dorothy Day who followed Jesus in radical, controversial ways and died of old age. But there are also those like Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Gandhi who, like Jesus, were killed when they risked following Jesus' way.

Theologian John Mabry wrote: "Rosa Parks is an imitator of Christ, not because she suffered for taking her stand (or keeping her seat), but because she had the courage to believe in her own dignity and fought for it in spite of the conflict that resulted. Nelson Mandela is an imitator of Christ, not because he suffered in prison, but because he held out for peace and justice, and led a nation to resurrection. In each case it is not the suffering that is redemptive, but the courage to pursue justice in the face of pain and evil."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 4/13/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday 4/15/2014	10-11:30 am	CWRU – Parlor *PILLAR DEADLINE*
Wednesday 4/16/201	6 am	Early Birds
	5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday 4/17/2014		*Maundy Thursday*
	1pm	Bible Study
	6 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7 pm	Holy Communion
	7:30 pm	Tenebrae Service
Saturday 4/19/2014	10 am	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 4/20/2014	6 am	*Sunrise Service* Highland Cemetery
	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour

HAPPY EASTER!

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 13, 2014

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Pat Bailey & Sue Maier
Acolyte: Lindsey Maier
Peace Cndl: Carli Began
Sound: Dave Bernard
Commons: Caroline Chandler
Narthex: Marge Culver
Flowers: PALMS
Nursery: Kara Rees
Counters: David Pastor & Donn Whyte
Servers: Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Mary Ann Hoppel & Pat
Bailey
Snow Herder: Dan Stewart

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 20, 2014 EASTER SUNDAY

Lay Reader: David Ritchey
Head Usher: Max Roha
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard, Jim
Duffy & Val Duffy
Acolyte: Ben Davis
Peace Cndl: Lily Hunt
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Commons: Chad Sproul
Narthex: Dottie Farwell
Flowers: EASTER FLOWERS
Nursery: Kate Klonowski
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Nancy
Stella
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean Up: Bridget Sproul & Jill Zedan
Snacks: Max Roha & Jane Cribbs
Snow Herder: Bob Chandler