



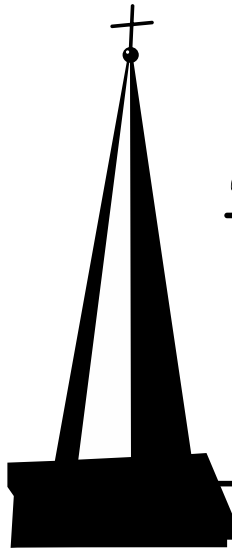
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Loving, Serving and Accepting All People
with God's Life-Changing Power*

Divine Source of Joy and Celebration, we pray that we may be tuned into the call of your Spirit, which beckons to us in so many different ways. May each of us find our particular calling, and may we all work together to carry out your acts of justice, compassion, and peace. Amen



Brecksville United Church of Christ

CELEBRATING
200
YEARS

Enter, Rejoice & Come In!

Sunday February 7, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Last Sunday After Epiphany

Pastor

• Rev David Shackle

Director of Music

• David Debick

Financial Secretary

• Joy Garapic

Ministers

All of our Members

Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger

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 7, 2016 –LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Meditation Music

Gracious and Loving Holy One, inspire us to be your faithful people in our world today. Enliven our hearts and spirits, so that we might joyfully praise and serve you - by gladly serving our sisters and brothers in need. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

American folk song

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship** [from *Psalms* 149]

Leader: Praise the Holy One! Sing-out to God with a new song!

People: Sing God's praises in the assembly of the faithful!

L: Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

P: Let all God's children rejoice in their Creator!

L: Let them praise God's name with dancing,

P: Making melody to the Holy One with harp and tambourine!

L: For The Holy One takes pleasure in the people's delight;

P: The Compassionate One joyfully raises-up the lowly!

L: Let the faithful rejoice in God's glorious ways;

All: Let all God's people sing for joy!

***Hymn of Praise**

O When the Saints Go Marching In

1. O when the Saints go marching in,
When the Saints go marching in.
Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in.

2. O when the sun begins to shine,
When the sun begins to shine.
Lord, I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine.

3. O when the air is pure and clean...

4. O when our leaders work for peace...

5. O when we join our hands as one...

6. O on that hallelujah day...

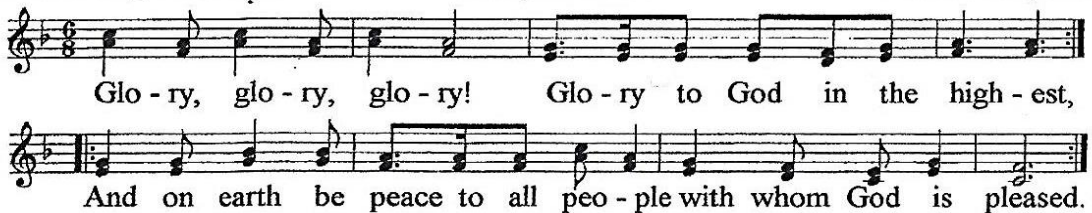
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Living and Loving Holy One, we praise you for your awesome compassion and power! Be with us now as we worship, and throughout our days as we share the challenges of living our Faith. By your Holy Spirit, turn our fear into courage and our confusion into confidence. Speak to us through your Word and fill us with your grace, so that we may joyfully do your loving will. 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.

The Old Testament

II Samuel 6:5; 14-22

Pew Bible, page 280

The New Testament

Matthew 11:16-19; 28-30

Pew Bible, page 11

The Continuing Testament from *Lay Down Your Burden*

by Alan Brehm

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

He' a Mighty Good Leader

African-American Spiritual

Sermon

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! [3x's]
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
2. Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine! [3x's]
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
3. Don't you try and blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine! [3x's]
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
4. All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine! [3x's]
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
5. Everywhere the Spirit leads, I'm gonna let it shine! [3x's]
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
6. Every day and every way, I'm gonna let it shine! [3x's]
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine! [repeat verse 1]

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

What a Wonderful World

Weiss/Thiele

*** Offertory Hymn**

**Winter has come, it's taken hold.
The days are short, the nights are cold.
The poor need food and help and heat.
We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a
purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see and to embrace new
possibilities. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our restricted thinking,
bringing help to others and glory to your name. This we pray in the name of Jesus
Christ, our Hope and our Joy! Amen.**

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

1. Let us break bread together on our knees....
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees....
3. Let us give thanks together on our knees....
4. Let us praise God together on our knees....

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O God have mercy on me.

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure Every Time I Feel the Spirit #282

*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 **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah.** 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*

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 is for the vocal line, and the second is for the piano accompaniment. Chords are indicated above and below the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Benediction

Postlude Down by the Riverside African-American spiritual

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

John King, Ann Toneff, Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, 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, January 31, 2016, – Adults: 79 Kids: 9 Total: 88

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 our Coffee Hour.

WE WELCOME 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 are also available from ushers for children.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Joy Garapic in Memory of William Garapic.

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

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL THIS MORNING for the outstanding music provided by the following instrumentalists: trombonist Steve Ostrow, clarinetist Eric Seddon, Steve Kraus on banjo, Mark Mazak on tuba, and Pastor Dave on trumpet. Please extend your thanks to them at the potluck following service.

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally contemplate the journey of Jesus - from the mountaintop experience of the Transfiguration, through the valley of the shadow of Good Friday, to the glorious Good News of Easter. We will begin our Lenten Journey with our annual Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall, followed by a brief service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. All are invited to come and to bring a friend! Those whose last name begins with a letter from A through K are asked to bring a loaf of bread to share. [The L through Z's will be asked to bring bread to our Maundy Thursday supper on March 24th.]

SEASONAL CHOIR will begin rehearsing for Holy Week this Thursday from 7-8 p.m. If you enjoy singing in a group setting but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a great opportunity for music, fellowship, and spiritual preparation for Holy Week, which is scheduled for March 20-27.

AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, our free concert on April 10 will feature the Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Chorus, directed by Joy Parker. Our choir will join the community chorus for a handful of pieces during the concert. All are welcome to participate in this event - including regular and seasonal choir singers, BUCC members and friends, and high school students. Weekly rehearsals start on Monday March 7 from 7-8 p.m. at Brecksville United Methodist Church across the square. Dave D. will be recording practice CDs to help with the learning process. Contact Dave if you'd like a copy of music and CD.

DIRECTORY UPDATES We are planning on putting an updated copy of our Church Directory together in February.

If you have had a change, or we currently do not have your address, phone number, or email address, please let us know.

If we are missing your Birthday, also please let us know. Please email your updates to buccoh@sbcglobal.net.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

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*.

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

The Readings

The Old Testament - II Samuel 6:5; 14-22

David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Holy One with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.... David was girded with a linen loincloth. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the Ark of the Covenant with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the Ark of the Covenant came into the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Holy One; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the Ark and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Holy One. When he had finished, he blessed the people in the name of the Holy One, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women. Then all the people went back to their homes.

David returned to bless his household. But Michal came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself before the eyes of his maids like some vulgar, ill-bred commoner might shamelessly uncover himself!" David said to Michal, "It was before the Holy One, who chose me in place of your father and all his household, to appoint me as prince over Israel that I have danced. I will make myself even more undignified than this, and I will be humbled in my own eyes; but by the maids of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor!"

The New Testament - Matthew 11:16-19; 28-30

Jesus says, "To what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John the Baptist came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Continuing Testament - from *Lay Down Your Burden* - by Alan Brehm [edited]

When we make religion a matter of following rigid rules, we essentially make ourselves the measure of all things spiritual. That's an incredible burden to bear. It's bad enough when we define religion by rigid rules; but when we make ourselves the measure of godliness, that's a heavy burden indeed. Jesus announces that he comes to set people free from their burdens. He comes to free the people who, no matter how hard they try, can never live-up to the rigid requirements of the religious perfectionists. The rule-makers went around declaring everybody but themselves impure and unclean. But what gets hidden in all of this is that those who make themselves the arbiters of holiness carry an incredible burden themselves. Beneath the facade of “holier than thou” lurks the nagging doubt as to whether they themselves have carried out the rules perfectly.

There are other burdens that keep us from the freedom that God intends for us all. Fear is a terrible burden that keeps us locked in a prison cell, where our only companion is that which we fear the most. Anger is a burden that most of us never learn is normally a response to being hurt. Anger keeps us miserable and stuck in a place where we re-live that hurt - over and over again. Pride is certainly a burden, and often our preferred form of perfectionism. But the nagging insecurity - that we're never good enough - is always around. Wisdom teaches us that the burdens we carry only trap us in prisons of our own making. The only way to live - to truly live - is to let go of the illusion of control and to actually let *God* be God!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 7	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Mardi Gras Potluck
Tues., Feb. 9	10:00am	CWRU
	10:30 am	Cookbook
Wed., Feb. 10	Ash Wednesday	
	6:00 am	Early Birds
	6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Communion
Thurs., Feb 11	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, Feb. 14	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Stewardship
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Matt Wolbert, George Snider
Vicki Szabo, Diane Gressley
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Lenore Harris
Flowers: Kathy Pastor
Nursery: Gina Cook
Counters: Nancy Stella, Carole Snider
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Marge Culver
Clean Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks: Marla Corrado, Annie Demko
Snow Herder: Joe Wilson

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Lay Reader: Ed Lusk
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Linda Kriynovich, Jim Duffy
Wes Novak, Sue Maier
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Evie Novak
Narthex Grtr: George Snider
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: David Pastor, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Carole Snider, Joanne Cook
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Gina Cook, Tia Began
Snow Herder: Jim Demko