



# BRECKSVILLE

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## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of Surprising Grace, embolden us in ministries that convey care, connectedness, and unity. Help us to be open to opportunities that engage us in actions of long-standing tradition, as well as risk-taking newness. And help us to recognize that by ministering to those around us, we also minister to you.

### **Fifth Sunday In**

# LENT

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**Sunday March 13, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Fifth Sunday In Lent**

*Pastor*

• Rev David Shackle

*Director of Music*   *Financial Secretary*   *Ministers*

• David Debick   • Joy Garapic   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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## MARCH 13, 2016 –FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### **Meditation Music**

Gracious Holy One, perhaps of all people of any time, we have the least excuses for not knowing about and caring for our neighbor in need. Along with all this knowledge we also know that we live in the wealthiest countries in the richest time in history. Give us the courage and tenacity to engage in the hard, complex, and ongoing conversations we need to have as communities of Faith. Help us to respond with wisdom, compassion, and generosity, as you always do with us. Amen.

### ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Said Judas to Mary

Carter

"Said Judas to Mary,  
'Now what will you do  
with your ointment so rich and so rare?'  
'I'll pour it all over the feet of the Christ,  
and I'll wipe it away with my hair,' she said,  
'I'll wipe it away with my hair.'"  
Sydney Carter, 1964; alt.

**Bearing the Light of Peace  
Bearing the Life of Christ**

### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Divine Source of Mercy, Strength, and Peace,

**People: We bring ourselves to you this day.**

L: We bring all that we value;

**P: We bring all that we love.**

L: We bring our hopes and our fears;

**P: We bring our faith and our prayers.**

L: Gather us together in your grace,

**All: And guide us in your loving ways!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

Creator God, Creating Still

#278

**\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, we thank you that in your love for this world, you have shown us how to live as your faithful people. Thank you for the example that Jesus Christ has set for us, and for his willingness to walk the Way of the Cross. (cont'd)**

Teach us how to give of ourselves in love for you, and in service to one another. Inspire us to take our part in your work of lifting the oppressed, binding the brokenhearted, and drawing all people into a community of compassion and grace. Amen.

\*Song of Praise

[Gathered Here #742 sung twice]

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 Old Testament

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Pew Bible, page 171

The New Testament

John 12:1-8

Pew Bible, page 106

The Continuing Testament

by Jirair Tashjian

in *The Voice*

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

To You

Zschech

Sermon

*Let's Show Some Respect!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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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

More Love to You, O Christ

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"In all I say and do,  
more love, O Christ, to you,  
more love to you, more love to you."  
Elizabeth P. Prentiss, c. 1856; alt.

#### \* Offertory Hymn

**We now are in the time of Lent,  
To learn again what Jesus meant.  
His life and message are so great,  
We send these gifts to celebrate! Amen!**

#### \* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]

**Gracious Holy One, Source of our lives and Giver of every good gift: accept these offerings that we present to you today. May they serve as symbols of our love and commitment to you, and to your saving work in this place and in this world. May they also be a sign of our willingness to give our whole lives in dedicated service to you and to your message of love and peace. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who gave himself for us all. Amen.**

### ***Going with God's Love***

#### \* Hymn of Departure

We Love Your Realm, O God

#312

#### \* Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

#### \* Circle of Community [Hear Our Prayer, O God - #769 - sung 2X's]

*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*



### \*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue

Scarlatti

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lenore Harris, Caroline Chandler, 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, March 6, 2016 – Adults: 75 Kids: 16 Total: 91

## ***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

**OGHS** – Great needs call for sharing! **TODAY**, we will take up our **One Great Hour of Sharing** collection. This Offering goes toward emergency relief, including help for refugees. Let us give from the abundance of the blessings we have received.

**EASTER FLOWERS** the last day for ordering Easter Flowers is **TODAY**. If you are interested in making a Dedication, please fill out the order form in the back of the Bulletin, and return with payment to the Financial Office.

**OUR LENTEN STUDY** concludes this Tuesday from 7:15-8:30 pm in the Parlor. Each week's session highlights a significant era of the Church's development, and we also explore how that historical period might correspond to a particular stage of our own lives and faith. This week's study is "Back To The Future – From Doubts to Dreams." Join us!

## **HOLY WEEK/EASTER OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCC:**

March 20<sup>th</sup> - 10 am - Palm Sunday Procession of Palms and reading of the Passion Story

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Maunday Thursday Soup Supper at 6:30. 7:00 Celebration of Christ's Last Supper and reenacting Christ's example washing his disciple's feet.

March 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm. Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary, hosted by the Community of St. Bridget.

March 26<sup>th</sup> - Holy Saturday - Saint Bridget Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary [The Community of Saint Bridget is the group that holds Mass here on Saturdays, led by Ann Klonowski and Mary Collingwood.]

March 27<sup>th</sup> - Easter morning Sunrise Service at 7:00 at Highland Cemetery.

Easter Celebration Service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary.

**MORE NEW OFFERTORY WORDS!** The verse we sing as our offerings are being brought forward were written by Bill Toneff, specifically for Lent. We could still use your contributions for additional options! You don't need to be a trained musician nor an accomplished poet. Just express your own feelings about giving, and giving thanks to God. They could be suitable for any time of year, or they might be seasonal [Christmas, Easter, Spring, Fall, etc.] Please submit your ideas [or questions] to Pastor Dave or Dave Debick, who will share them with our Spiritual Life Ministry members.

**A LONG-STANDING LENTEN TRADITION** within the Christian Church is to "put away" hymns or verses which contain "Alleluias", and to set a more reflective tone with our musical selections. The purpose of this is so that on Easter Sunday, our "Alleluias" and praise can ring-out with renewed freshness and 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.

**WOMEN UNITED** will meet Wednesday, March 16 at 11:30 a.m. We will be doing a repeat of the sandwich making for St. Herman's that we did in 2015. There will be lots of fellowship as we put together sandwiches with a bit of chatter in between. We will meet in Pilgrim Hall.

**THE BUCC LIBRARY** invites you to take a look at the Lent, Holy Week, and Easter books near the copies of Still Speaking Magazine on the top shelf of the red book cart. Books for adults on other subjects are on the middle shelf, and children's Lent, Holy Week, and Easter books are on the lowest shelf. The books on the cart have all been cataloged, so please use the card in the pocket in the back of the book to sign out the books you borrow.

**ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10 AT 4:00 PM**, Brecksville UCC will host the **Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Chorus**, directed by Joy Parker. The free concert will feature settings of early American hymns, folk tunes and spirituals along with several secular pieces. The program was chosen to help us celebrate our bicentennial year as a congregation. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the concert. Plan on joining us April 10 for an inspiring program of choral music.

**PHOTOS WANTED!** Please take photos of **ALL** events this year so we might add them to the new pictorial directory this fall, ie. Ministry meetings, event set-up/tear down, donation delivery, hospital visits (with permission), choir practices, Sunday School classes, you get the idea! Post them on our Facebook page, email to [BetseyWilson10@gmail.com](mailto:BetseyWilson10@gmail.com) or leave hard copies in the office Attn: Bicentennial Ministry. Thank you!

**BUCC POLO SHIRTS** We are now taking orders for the BUCC polo shirts and t-shirts with our 200 year anniversary logo. These high quality polo shirts are gray with an embroidered red, white and black BUCC logo. Sizes S-XL are \$25.00. 2XL and larger are \$27.00. Gray, logo screened t-shirts sizes S-XL are \$15.00 with an additional \$2.00 for larger sizes. Children's t-shirts are also available. Samples will be available for you to see and try on during coffee hour. A representative of the bicentennial committee will be available during coffee hour to take your order.

## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 15:7-11**

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Holy One is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," [when all debts are wiped clean] and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing. Your neighbor might cry to the Holy One against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Holy One will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

## **The New Testament - John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, to the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.

The house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples [the one who was about to betray him], said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

[He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the disciples' funds and used to steal from them.] Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor with you to help, but you will not always have me."

## **The Continuing Testament - by Jirair Tashjian - in *The Voice* [edited]**

In the midst of the ugly schemes that are being plotted, Mary's anointing of Jesus offers a beautiful demonstration of gratitude, love, and devotion. The death of Jesus will not be in vain. There will be those who will love and believe in Jesus even when all of the political and religious powers of the day are at work against him. What Mary does provides an interpretive key by which the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus should be understood. This Jesus who takes the role of a slave and washes the disciples' feet is the one who has had his feet anointed by Mary in recognition of his Messiahship.

The stark contrast between Mary's demonstration of love and the Sanhedrin plot to kill Jesus is matched by another contrast, namely, that of Mary and Judas. Judas is upset that the costly perfume has been wasted rather than being sold and the money given to the poor. John comments that Judas was not concerned for the poor but that he was a thief and used to steal what was put into the common purse. By portraying Judas as a greedy thief, John contrasts him with Mary's extravagant gesture. Judas is after money for himself or his cause. Mary gives away her precious possession with total abandon.

It is clear that according to John, Jesus interprets Mary's action as anticipatory of his death and burial. In the final analysis, does it really matter what she intended her action to represent, as long as it came from a heart overflowing with love and adoration? In the midst of the ugliness and hostility plotted against Jesus by the powers that be, common folk like Mary show hospitality to him and recognize him as Messiah. Apparently Mary isn't guided by the decisions of religious authorities. She has experienced the love of Jesus and in response, is reciprocating that love.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, March 13</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service/ <b>OGHS Offering</b>
	11:00 am	Corned Beef Luncheon
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
<b>Tues., March 15</b>	7:15 pm	Lenten Study - Parlor
<b>Wed., March 16</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
	7:00 pm	Bicentennial Ministry
<b>Thurs., March 17</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, March 20</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service/Palm Sunday
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MARCH 13, 2016**

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Ed Lusk, Tina Ortiz  
Dan Stewart, Diane Gressley  
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Kevin Smith  
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley  
Narthex Grtr: Jon Thompson  
Flowers: Tina Ortiz  
Nursery: Gina Cook  
Counters: Donn Whyte, Marge Culver  
Servers: Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Clean-Up: Dave & Kathy Pastor  
Snacks: Diane Gressley, David Ritchey  
Snow Herder: Billy Harris

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MARCH 20, 2016**

Lay Reader: David Ritchey  
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz  
Ushers: George & Carole Snider  
Joe & Betsey Wilson  
Acolyte: Carli Began  
Peace Candle: Lucy Brown  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver  
Narthex Grtr: Sue Stenzel  
Flowers: *PALMS*  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Jon Thompson  
Servers: Darlene Kelly, Michele Namitka  
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Snacks: Heidi Spangler, Sue Maier  
Snow Herder: Chad Sproul

**CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY**



*Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Easter with those who are ill or shut-in, or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office*

**DEADLINE – SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016**

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***I Enclose \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ or other \_\_\_\_\_ for Easter Plants***

***In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_***  
***In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ or Other \_\_\_\_\_***

***Your Name***

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***I will keep the Flowers \_\_\_\_\_***

***I will NOT keep Flowers \_\_\_\_\_***

***I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter \_\_\_\_\_***