

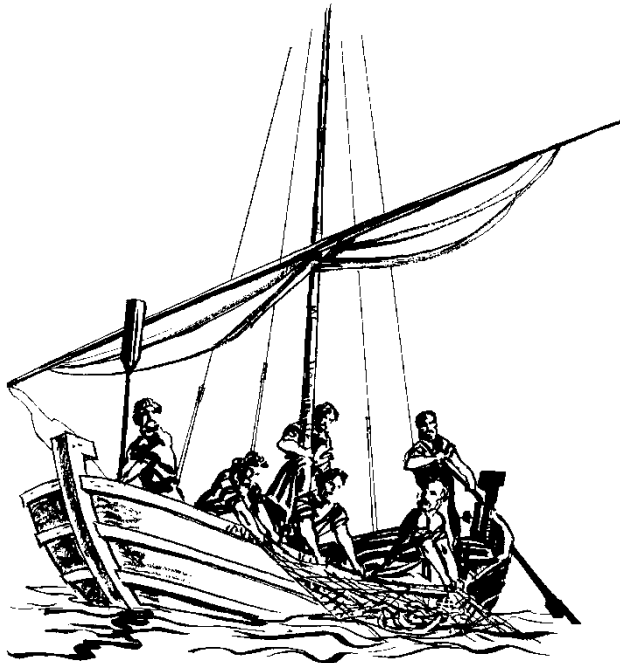
# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

May we meet you, O Christ, in the ebb and flow of our lives. May we hear you in one another's words. May we turn to you as we seek one another's help. May we journey with you as we travel Life's road with our sisters and brothers. May your Spirit's Presence within us all, keep us mindful of our Divine connectedness. Amen.



***“Cast The Net On The Right Side Of The Boat...”  
(John 21:6)***

**Sunday April 10, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Third Sunday Of Easter**

*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**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

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## APRIL 10, 2016 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### **Meditation Music**

Ever present Holy One, on our own we can stray from the bonds of love and become harmful to those around us. When we lose our way, help us to listen for your voice that we may gain a new perspective to guide us as we seek to serve you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

To Be Your Presence

Stanford

"We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
and in this mission we, the church rejoice, alleluia!"  
Delores Dufner, b. 1939

### **Bearing the Light of Peace**

### **Bearing the Light of Christ**

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

Leader: This is a day to celebrate new life!

**People: To open our eyes to the beauty of creation!**

L: To open our ears to the sounds of this world!

**P: To open our hearts to the people all around us!**

L: This is a day of gladness and joy!

**P: We give thanks for Jesus, who welcomes us all!**

L: We give thanks to the Spirit who brings us new life!

**All: We give thanks to the Holy One - who loves us, restores us, and fills our hearts with joy!**

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

Now the Green Blade Rises

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#### **\* Prayer of Invocation [unison]**

**Eternal Holy One, we seek your presence here today. Fill us with a sense of your Being; move us with the power of your Spirit; touch us with faith, hope and love. Come to us and be with us, that we may worship you in this place, and then be prepared to serve you in this world. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. 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 image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**The Old Testament**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 735

**The New Testament**

John 21:1-17

Pew Bible, page 115

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Do You Love Me?*

by David Sellery

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Feed My Sheep

Tipton

**Sermon**

*Don't Quit Your Day Job*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

God Our Author and Creator

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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

Hallelujah  
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Maraire (Zimbabwe)

### \*Offertory Hymn

We bring our gifts because we care,  
They are a part of what we share.  
Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts.  
With hearts of love we share our gifts. Amen.

### \* Prayer of Dedication [unison]

All good gifts around us come from you, O Holy One. You have given us life and new life in Christ. May our giving be acceptable in your sight, and may our gifts and our lives be used to serve you and to serve others. We pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us all. Amen.

## Going with God's Love

### \* Hymn of Departure

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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### \*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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' The first staff includes chord markings: A, E, A, D, Bm, E. The second staff includes chord markings: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A. The music concludes with a double bar line.

### \*Benediction

**Postlude**

Surrexit Christus                      Berthier (Taizé Community)  
*Translation: Christ Is Risen!*

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Jan Rahnenfuehrer, Dorie Gabor, Jim Kaul, William Zmich (Marla Corrado Father), Lenore Harris, 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, April 3, 2016 – Adults: 89 Kids: 18 Total: 107

***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.

**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.

**“THIS WINTER HAS BEEN THE WARMEST EVER MEASURED ON OUR PLANET.** That’s our sign of the times, a reminder that we’ve set enormous forces in motion. The only way to slow them down is to keep coal and oil and gas where God put it - safely underground. And instead to make use of the energy God sends straight at us every day from the sun and wind.” - Bill McKibben, founder of the global climate movement 350.org

**WOMEN UNITED** will be meeting Wednesday, April 20 in Pilgrim Hall. Bill Toneff will be sharing his slides from his years of Bird Watching. Open to all. Bring a sandwich, Coffee & Tea will be provided

**THIS AFTERNOON** 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. 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 later today for an inspiring program of choral music!

**SPRING CLEAN-UP** is planned for Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 AM. Please join the Facilities Committee to help get the church grounds looking beautiful for the Spring season. Dave Bernard will have a sign-up sheet today at coffee hour. Rain/snow date will be Saturday, April 30.

**FINANCE** in March a check for \$1,304 was sent to the Western Reserve Association of the UCC for One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering goes toward emergency relief, including help for refugees. Last year's offering was \$1,057. Thank you for increasing the amount given to this important fund!

**A CHECK** in the amount of \$1,148.72 was sent to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which has taken over Brookside Food Center. \$703 of that amount was money collected by the children in Sunday School.

**"QUARTERLY STATEMENTS** are ready to be picked up in the Commons."

**SCHEDULING** Caroline Chandler and Dottie Farwell will be resuming the Monthly Participants List starting in May.

## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Holy One, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, a covenant that they broke, though I was like a faithful spouse to them. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Holy One: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Holy One," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

## The New Testament - John 21:1-17

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Galilee; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They said to him, "We'll go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples didn't know that it was Jesus. He said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.

But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

## **The Continuing Testament** - from *Do You Love Me?* - by David Sellery [edited]

Back when the going got tough, Peter had denied Jesus three times. Now Jesus gives him three chances to make amends. The symmetry of Peter's denials and subsequent affirmations of faith is striking. The exchange between Jesus and Peter is a masterpiece of economical communication. Jesus succinctly poses the irreducible question that frames the relationship between God and humanity: "Do you love me?" Before we can address the question, we must consider: What does loving God mean? Who benefits if and when we love God? All creation benefits from our love of God; but we benefit the most. Loving God produces what economists would call a Virtuous Circle: a beneficial chain of events that reinforce each other, in a closed cycle that continuously strengthens each, and consequently the chain itself. The Virtuous Circle of Love breaks the Vicious Circle of self-absorption, pride and the pathologies of vice that feed on it.

In this dialog, Peter responds with heartfelt protestations of love ["You know that I love you!"]; while Jesus serenely poses both questions and answers ["Then feed my sheep!"]. Jesus is not looking for lip-service. The Good Shepherd tells Peter: Feed my sheep. Tend my lambs. This Easter Jesus asks again: Do you love me? He's not looking for artful expressions of devotion. He wants our love to answer him - not our words - but in kindness, in caring, in generosity, in patience, in forgiveness, in feeding the hungry, in tending the hurting, and in rescuing the lost.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, April 10</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	4:00 pm	BBH Community Chorus Concert
<b>Wed., April 13</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	7:00 pm	Council
<b>Thurs., April 14</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, April 17</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 – 6:00 pm	Hunger Meal PRUMC

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

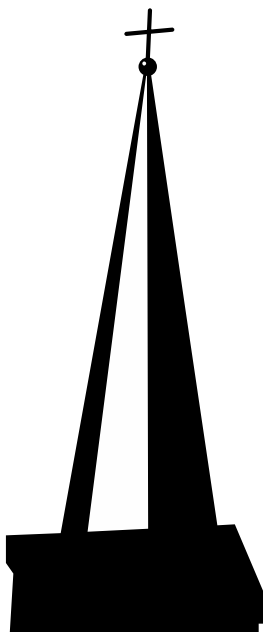
**APRIL 10, 2016**

Lay Reader: David Ritchey  
Head Usher: Kathy Smith  
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard  
Fred Pesek, Joanne Cook  
Acolyte: Grace Hunt  
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt  
Sound: Doug Fawcett  
Comns Grtr: Cliff Cribbs  
Narthex Grtr: George Snider  
Flowers: Carole Snider  
Nursery: Gina Cook  
Counters: Donn Whyte, Sue Stenzel  
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell  
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Tia Began  
Snow Herder: Joe Wilson

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**APRIL 17, 2016**

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson  
Head Usher: Evie Novak  
Ushers: Bridget & Chad Sproul  
Wes Novak, Beth Rehling  
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Max Roha  
Comns Grtr: Matt Wolbert  
Narthex Grtr: Joanne Cook  
Flowers: Julie Bernard  
Nursery: Jon Cook  
Counters: Nancy Stella, Kathy Pastor  
Servers: Marge Culver, Dorie Gabor  
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Snacks: Annie Demko, Rob Grow



*Brecksville United Church of Christ*

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Enter, Rejoice & Come In!