



# 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*

*Gracious Holy One, as we seek to faithfully follow Jesus' path to the Cross, we pray for the courage to believe that his sacrificial love - and our own - truly makes a difference in this world. Help us today - and every day - to hold true to this conviction, and to continue in Christ's compassionate steps. Amen.*



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**Sunday April 14, 2019 • 10:00 AM**  
**Palm Sunday**

*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, bisexual, or pangender*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*If you are fully abled, 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!**



*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, please speak to our pastor.*

*Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed*

### **Office Hours:**

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

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

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## April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday

### **Meditation Music**

Divine Source of Life and Love, we give thanks that the ending of the Holy Week story is not Death, but Life. Yet we still pause this day to reflect on the impending death of Jesus Christ, that we might celebrate more fully the New Life offered to us through his gracious love. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Processional Gospel**

Leader: 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.' "

**People: 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**

**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 centuries ago, may we also 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.**

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**The Old Testament**

Isaiah 61:1-8

Pew Bible, page 691

**The New Testament**

from the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John

Pew Bible, page 109

**The Continuing Testament - *Affirmation of the Spirit's Work Among Us***

## Service of Confirmation

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we are all welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. These young people have found nurture and support in the Brecksville United Church of Christ Family of Faith. They have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their relationship with Jesus Christ and with the members of Christ's Church. Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit!"

Pastor to the Confirmands: When you were baptized, you parents, God-parents, and congregational family made certain promises on your behalf. They pledged to the Holy One, and to one another, that they would raise you in the compassionate way of Jesus Christ. They also pledged to encourage you to resist wrongdoing, and to help you to become faithful members of the Church. They promised to model Christ's Love in your lives, and to offer you the on-going nurture of a loving Faith Community. Church members witnessing your Baptism prayed for you and for your family, and offered to encourage you as you grew together in faith.

Now that you are older and have learned more about the Church and the loving and gracious way of Jesus Christ, I ask that you now claim the Gift of your Baptism, and affirm your desire to continue this journey of personal growth and faith

Pastor: As a baptized member of the Church, do you intend to continue to live-out your faith in Jesus, and in his message of inclusive love? If so, answer "I do."

Pastor: Will you continue to strive to show Christ's compassion and care to all those you encounter? If so, answer "I will with the help of God."

Pastor: Do you promise to grow together in the Christian Faith, to be responsible members 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: will you continue to encourage, uplift and pray for these individuals as they grow in faith among us?

**People: We promise them our love, our support and our care, as they live and grow among us.**

### **The Laying on of Hands and Blessing**

\_\_\_\_\_, may the Holy One who gave you Life, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit - to strengthen your faith, to guide your steps, to grant you wisdom, and to keep you ever secure in the compassionate care of Jesus Christ. Amen.



## ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

The Invitation

Offertory

On That Day When He Rode into Jerusalem

Beall

\* 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 Source of Life bless us now and the gifts that we bring. May your redeeming word of hope be spoken through us and through our gifts, in this place and throughout our world. Grant that the fire of your Spirit may warm our hearts and radiate out from us as deeds of love and service. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

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

\* Hymn of Departure

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

#216

\* Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

\* Circle of Community

Hear Our Prayer, O God - sung twice

*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, and the bass line is on a bass 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."

\*Benediction

Postlude

Marche

Prokofieff

## **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR**

Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick, Niece of Kathy Smith, Pat Bailey, Fred Pesek, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, “Edna House”, Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, 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 April 7, 2019– Adults: 78 Kids: 14 Total: 92**

## **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.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS, Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, Ben Davis, Michelina Fawcett [Melfo], and Ben Rehling.** We are proud of their dedicated efforts to learn more about the Church and the Christian Faith. We are truly blessed to have them, and many other wonderful young people, among us!

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

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

7:00 - Hand Washing Ritual and Holy Communion

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** - 6:15 am - Easter Sunrise Service and Holy Communion at the

Brecksville/Highland Cemetery [Highland Drive, just South of Rte. 82 - park at the water tower]

10:00 a.m.- Easter Festival Celebration

**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.

**THE BUCC LIBRARY** invites you to take a look at the books for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter displayed on the top shelf of the red book cart, along with some of our new books. Children's books for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are included among the children's books on the lowest shelf of the red book cart.

**FREE CONCERT** - On Sunday May 5 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring **Quartet Riesling** from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The ensemble will perform works by Haydn, Webern, and Dvořák. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the concert. Plan to join us on May 5 for an outstanding program of chamber music.

**BUCC OFFICE** Kindly let the Office if you are leaving/donating items to the Church. Please call either Pastor Dave, or Jeannette. We appreciate your thinking of the Church, but we will let you know if there is a need for your items. We have an **overabundance** of Home Medical Equipment, used Office Supplies, and many other things! We are running out of room! Please call us at 440-526-4364. Thank you!

**LAST-MINUTE MART:** On Saturday, May 11th, 2019 from 10:00am - 3:00pm, BUCC is hosting our spring LAST-MINUTE MART in Pilgrim Hall, just in time for Mother's Day! This event is very special because Christian Education is joining forces with OCWM and the Communications & Outreach Ministry to raise funds for this year's Lenten Project to support refugee families in Cleveland. Our students will be selling handmade craft items to raise funds for these families. We are excited to welcome crafters, bakers, and vendors of all kinds (both parishioners and other community members) to join us! You may request a full 8' table for \$25, or half table/card table (~4') for \$15.

Please submit your request for a table to Heidi Spangler at [heidi@heidihoonthego.com](mailto:heidi@heidihoonthego.com). We are also requesting that each vender supply one item to donate to our raffle. Concessions will be available! All table, concession profits and raffle proceeds will go to support our Lenten Project. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Klonowski at [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com) or 216-534-3498.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION DINNER SERIES:** On Tuesday, April 30th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm Christian Education and OCWM welcome you and our neighbors to join us for a FREE community dinner and a presentation by Camille R. Gill, Associate Director of Immigration Legal Services in the Migration and Refugee Services department of Catholic Charities. She will present "Immigration 101: Defining Terms and Discussing Current Issues." All are welcome! Childcare will be provided on-site. This topic has been scheduled to coincide with the continuation of our Lenten Project to support refugee families in Cleveland.

**THE FACILITIES MINISTRY** has determined that the sanctuary roof will need to be replaced this coming summer. The current roof is over 25 years old and has had minor repairs to prevent leaking and water damage. The Church Council has approved the roof project and a 'Fund the Roof Campaign' to help raise the necessary funds to pay for it. You should have received a letter about the roof, if not, please see a Facilities Member. Also, if you are not officially on our mailing list, we can give you a letter as well.

**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 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.

**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.

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

**HAVING TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF THE SERVICE?** Please talk to any usher about the Williams Sound - Personal PA Receiver, available for your use. These simple-to-use units can help improve your worship experience, by amplify those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

**BUCC HAS THE LATEST**, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc. Just plug in one of our head phones, your favorite Walkman head phones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service. ►

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of your hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

**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 Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

**EASTER FLOWER DEADLINE IS TODAY.** If you would like to make a dedication, please fill out the back and turn it and your payment into Joy Garapic.

**THE MAY 2019 PILLAR** will be going to press tomorrow April 15, 2019. Please send in your articles for inclusion, and also please mark the main office calendar with your meetings, and events. Thank you!

## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Isaiah 61:1-8**

The spirit of the Holy One is upon me, because the Holy One has anointed me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of Divine Favor, and the day of retribution of our God. To comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion. To give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Holy One, to display Divine glory.

They shall build-up the ancient ruins, they shall raise-up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Holy One, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Holy One love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their compensation, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

### **The New Testament Reading - from the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John**

*Jesus says*, I am the true vine, and my Heavenly Parent is the vine grower, who removes every branch that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit is pruned, to make it bear more fruit. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.... If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Heavenly Parent is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Holy One has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept the Holy One's commandments and abide in that love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Divine Source. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last....I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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|---------------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Sunday, April 14</b>   | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Worship/Confirmation Service</b>            |
|                           | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                             |
|                           | <b>5:30 pm</b>  | <b>Youth Percussion</b>                        |
|                           | <b>6:00 pm</b>  | <b>Youth Ministry</b>                          |
| <b>Thursday, April 18</b> | <b>1:00 pm</b>  | <b>Bible Study</b>                             |
|                           | <b>4:30 pm</b>  | <b>Rec/Dul/Guitar</b>                          |
|                           | <b>5:30 pm</b>  | <b>Joyful Noise</b>                            |
|                           | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | <b>Soup/Supper</b>                             |
|                           | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Maundy Thursday/Holy Holy Communion</b>     |
| <b>Sunday, April 21</b>   | <b>6:15 am</b>  | <b>Sunrise Service at Brecksville Cemetery</b> |
|                           | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Easter Celebration</b>                      |
|                           | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                             |

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**APRIL 14, 2019**

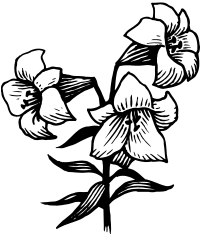
Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs  
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel  
Ushers: George & Carole Snider  
David Ritchey, Kim Wallis  
Acolyte: Grace Hunt  
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul  
Flowers: PALMS  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
C.E Teacher: Gina Cook  
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Jim Duffy  
Servers: Julie Bernard, Joan Cook  
Clean-Up: Jim & Peg Duffy  
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Susan Snyder  
Snow Hrdr: Dave Bernard

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**APRIL 21, 2019**

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy  
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz  
Ushers: Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Dave & Julie Bernard  
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
Sound: Ben Tomlinson  
Comns Grtr: Lenore Harris  
Flowers: EASTER FLOWERS  
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson  
C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski  
Counters: Marge Culver, Jon Thompson  
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Snacks: Diane Gressley, Sue Stenzel  
Snow Hrdr: Cliff Cribbs

**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 – \*\*TODAY, APRIL 14, 2019\*\***

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***I Enclose \$12.00\_\_\_\_\_ for an Easter Plant***

***In Memory of\_\_\_\_\_***

***In Honor of\_\_\_\_\_***

***Other\_\_\_\_\_***

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***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\_\_\_\_\_***