

January 17th, 2021

Second Sunday After Epiphany

**“If God gives you something you can do,
why in God’s name
wouldn’t you do it?”
–Stephen King**

Announcements

WELCOME to all guests or visitors worshiping with us today in this Zoom format! We are doing everything we can to keep the service open to all, yet secure. In the eventuality of a disruption of the service, we will email information on how to re-enter the service with a password.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN - We encourage you to share this service with your children, as well as take part in the virtual activities with Ms. Mindy at 9:30 (1/2 hour before every service). The link for this can be found in either the email you may have received, on our Facebook page, and/or on our church website: <https://brecksvilleucc.orghttps://brecksvilleucc.org/services/childrens-time-online/>

HUNGER MEAL: Our next hunger meal will be served on Sunday, January 24, at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. Due to the pandemic, this will be a “to go” meal, and we’ve been notified that the PRUMC kitchen will be available. A hot entrée was requested, so the usual mostaccioli will be prepared. The entrée and salad will be packaged in a “takeout” clam shell. These items will be bagged up with a banana, trail bar and bottled water, and distributed at the door. About 3 – 5 BUCC members should be enough to get everything done. If we arrive about 2:30, we should have everything done for serving at 5:00 PM. As the meal is being assembled, people can begin “peeling off” and going home as needed. Masks and gloves must be worn at all times. If you’re interested in volunteering, contact **Bob Chandler** at **330-416-5733(cell)** or rhandler@zoominternet.net.

FUND RAISER! We will be hosting a Fish Dinner on Friday, March 5th, 2021. This fundraiser will be presented with the help of the Tri-C Culinary Arts Department and Stone Soup. The students have been trained in the latest COVID-19 restaurant protocols, i.e., in addition to gloves, masks and social distancing, they’ve studied the new “no-touch” food safety guidelines and services. It will be served “carry out” style, and all proceeds will directly benefit the BUCC. Volunteers are needed to assist with planning, coordinating and distribution to customers on the day of the event. This dinner will be open to the public, and we hope for strong congregational support. If you’re interested in lending a helping hand, please call or text **Doug Fawcett** at **440-653-3572**. Thank you!

***We are an Open and Affirming
Congregation, welcoming all of God's
children.***

Whether you are single, married, divorced,
separated,
or partnered,
You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,
You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your gender identity or sexual
orientation,
You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your religious background, creed,
or spirituality,
You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your social or economic
circumstances,
You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your health conditions,
impairments, or mobility needs,
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!***

Announcements (continued)

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB – The Social Justice Book Club will continue to discuss the book *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*, by Bishop Michael Curry. The next Zoom meeting is on Thursday 1/21, at 7:00 pm. (Please use the same Zoom account as our Sunday service.) We will cover Chapters 2 (“Looking for God”) & 3 (“Making Do and Making New”). The discussion questions will be emailed to all, at the beginning of the week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Kate Klonowski** at keightykay@gmail.com or **216-534-3498** (text ok).

PASTOR SEARCH AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The PSNC is diligently making survey calls to everyone from the BUCC. If you have not been called yet, don’t worry – your input is essential, and no one will be “left behind”! The following are the members who are conducting the survey calls: Beth Rehling, Ben Rehling, Jon Thompson, Cliffs Cribbs, Joy Garapic, Sherrill Witt and Alan Klonowski. For more information, call **Sherrill Witt** at **216-244-6916**, or **Cliff Cribbs** at **216-970-6347**. Thank you in advance for your time and insights!

THE PASTOR IS IN – Pastor Allan is available every Tuesday, between 11 am and noon. You can contact him either by mail, email or phone - feel free to call either the church or his cell phone directly. You can also catch him online, by clicking on the same Zoom link that we use for Sunday services. He’d love to hear from you! Here’s his contact information:

- BUCC address: **23 Public Square, Brecksville OH 44141**
- Email: buccpastor@sbcglobal.net
- BUCC office phone: **(440) 526-4364**
- Pastor Allan’s cell phone: **(513) 417-1537**
- Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/4780705901>

WEEKLY COLLECTION is still happening! Please don’t forget to send in your pledges to the church by mail or (preferably) PayPal! Check out BrecksvilleUCC.org/giving for more info.

2021 PLEDGE COLLECTION ENVELOPES: The small collection envelopes for this year are available on the pew bench just inside the back doors. If you haven’t gotten yours yet, Joy has sent your envelopes for the first quarter in with your year-end statement. To pick up your envelopes, please call the church office to make arrangements for the doors to be unlocked. If you can't pick them up, notify **Anne** and she will mail them to you. The church office phone number is: **440-526-4364**, and **Anne’s email** is buccoh@sbcglobal.net.

COFFEE HOUR! After the service, we welcome all attendees to stay on Zoom to enjoy some time and fellowship with each other. Brew your favorite fairly-traded coffee or tea and a snack and catch up with friends!

*Many thanks for all the donations of time, money,
and talent that you provide to the Church!*

Gathering in God's Presence

Meditation: "Who is She? She is your power, your Feminine source. Big Mama. The Goddess. The Great Mystery. The web-weaver. The life force. The first time, the twentieth time you may not recognize Her. Or pretend not to hear. As She fills your body with ripples of terror and delight. But when She calls you will know you've been called. Then it is up to you to decide if you will answer."

–Lucy H. Pearce, Burning Woman

Prelude Music: *Listen, God Is Calling* Swahili hymn (Kenya) melody
DashGo and Concordia Publishing House
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okCtclj18us>

Call to Worship:

- ◆ Leader (Jill): "Will you come and follow me?" Jesus asks us all.
- ◆ People (Sue): **Why should we? What's it all about?**
- ◆ Leader: "Come and see", Jesus said. "Come and see!"
- ◆ People: **They came; they saw; they believed!**
- ◆ Leader: God is still speaking. God is still at work. Come and see! Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise: *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart* Messiter

1. Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;
Your festal banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!

REFRAIN: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

3. With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.

REFRAIN

4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as you go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:

REFRAIN

5. Praise God who rules all worlds, the risen Christ adore,
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God for evermore!

REFRAIN

(Edward H. Plumptre, 1865; alt.)

Prayer of Approach & Confession:

- ◆ **People (Sue):** What happens next? Is this our time to be with God? Let us draw near and find out! O God, this is my confession: I need your grace. I need your mercy. I need your power. The past has revealed my faults and my failings; the present is dissolving into chaos around me; the future will unfold in ways I cannot see. Let me follow you through the fog; let me be your disciple until I come out on the other side, and the Light shines on me forever. Let me wear your grace like a cloak and let me feel your forgiveness like an embrace of parental arms. What happens next? I do not know, but this I do know: I will follow You. Amen

Words of Assurance:

- ◆ **Leader (Jill):** John wrote: For God so loved the world, that God gave God's one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- ◆ **People (Sue):** God did not send God's Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Song of Praise:

Glory, glory, glory! Glory to God in the highest!
 Glory, glory, glory! Glory to God in the highest!
 And on earth be peace to all people, with whom God is pleased.
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Readings

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 *Called by God into fellowship*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings (continued)

Second Reading: John 1: 29-51

John directs his disciples to Jesus

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man.

Contemporary Reading:

From *My Utmost for His Highest*, by Oswald Chambers

"God did not direct God's call to Isaiah – Isaiah overheard God saying, '...who will go for Us?' The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear God's call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and exactly what I hear depends upon my spiritual attitude."

Musical Offering: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
 Old English folk tune (KINGSFOLD)
 Kate Klonowski, vocalist

Sermon: *Come and See!* Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection: *Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult* Jude

1. Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
 Day by day that voice still calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me."

2. As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
 Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
 Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

5. Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
 Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.
 (Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.)

The Church at Prayer

Lenore Harris, Susan Renovetz, David Pastor, Elizabeth Gadus, Phyllis Hassler, Joanne Cook, Sheila Day (friend of the Sniders), Joanne K. and Jim C. (friends of Ed & June Puwal), Max Roha, Betty Kaul, Justin Brownlow, Anna Mary Fisher, Bill Toneff, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick (niece of Kathy Smith), Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.

❖ **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.

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation:

- ◆ Leader (Jill): What will people see when they come to us? Will they see the love of Christ flowing from our midst? Let us give so the world will see what God is like, so that kindness will be our namesake. Let us present our gifts and offerings to God.

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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:

- ◆ People (Sue): May these gifts make a difference in people's lives so that people will say "Come and see what this church is doing! Come and see!" Amen



Holy Communion

- ❖ **The Invitation**
- ❖ **Prayer of Consecration**
- ❖ **Words of Institution**
- ❖ **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

- ◆ People (Jill): We have come to You in the bread and wine, O Jesus, and through the Spirit we have seen Your presence with us. We thank You that you are still in our midst, risen and active among us. Amen

Hymn of Departure: *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way*

Anon., adapt. Edward Miller

1. Teach me, O Lord, your holy way, and give me an obedient mind,
That in your service I may find my heart's delight from day to day.
2. Help me, O Savior, here to trace the sacred footsteps you have trod;
and fully trusting in my God, to grow in goodness, truth, and grace.
4. Bless me in every task I face, begun, continued, done for you;
Fulfill your will in all I do, and grant me your abundant grace.

(William Matson, 1866; alt.)

Going With God's Love

Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Circle of Community

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.

Chords: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A

❖ Benediction

Postlude: *God Whispered Your Name* August/S. Carter/M. Carter/Slater
 Keith Urban, vocalist
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jMvKEf7FBk>

Special Thanks:

January 17, 2021

Lay Reader Jill Zedan
Responder Sue Stenzel
CE Mindy Wade
Slide Runner Kate Klonowski
Zoom Host Jim Duffy

January 24, 2021

Lay Reader Janet Renovetz
Responder Sherrill Witt
CE Mindy Wade
Slide Runner Kate Klonowski
Zoom Host Sue Maier

HAVE A GOOD WEEK!