



# 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*

“For every  
goodbye,  
God also  
provides  
a hello.”

—Donna Gable Hatch



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**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 • 10:00 AM**

***Pastor***

• Allan Lane

***Director of  
Music***

• David Debick

***Financial  
Secretary***

• Joy Garapic

***Office Manager***

• Anne Melfo

***Ministers – All of Our Members***

## **Affirmation of Welcome**

***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!***



- *Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave - if you are interested in learning more about our church, please feel free to speak to our pastor.*
- *Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use.*

**Office Hours:**

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**Please submit your announcements by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!**

## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany** **January 30th, 2022**

### **Meditation Music**

*“Every meeting led to a parting, and so it would, as long as life was mortal. In every meeting there was some of the sorrow of parting, but in every parting, there was some of the joy of meeting as well.” –Cassandra Clare, **Clockwork Princess***



### **Gathering in God's Presence** *(Please Stand as you are able.)*

**Prelude**

*Sing to God and Bless God's Name*

Marshall

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

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

Leader: It is the Lord's Day, the day on which Jesus rose from the dead. From the earliest times, Jesus' disciples have met together on Sunday to worship and to remember this wonderful thing that God has done for us.

**People: From the time of Moses, God has called a community into being to be the people of God. Though the leaders come and go, the community continues in faithfulness.**

Leader: Before God's face, the generations rise and fall, but God is ever constant in mercy and steadfast love. Let us take our place in the parade of generations before God, to offer the worship and praise that God deserves.

**People: God is worthy of praise and worship for all that is past, and for all that is to come. Now, in this present moment, let us offer God our praise. Come, let us worship God!**



# ***God Is Still Speaking***

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

**First Lesson (read by Pastor Allan) 1 Corinthians 13:1-13** *Love as the Christian Way*

**Second Lesson (read by Pastor Allan) Luke 4:14-30** *Jesus in Nazareth*

**Contemporary Lesson** "Farewell" by R. M. Ballantyne

**Musical Offering:**

***Shout to the Lord***

Zschech

Craig Ramsey, vocal and guitar

*My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;  
all of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.*

*Refrain: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King!*

*Mountains bow down and seas will roar at the sound of Your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;  
nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech

**Sermon**

***Jesus in Nazareth***

Pastor Allan Lane

**Hymn of Reflection:**

***Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers***

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1. Thank our God for sisters, brothers, one by grace, in harmony,  
Joining heart to heart with others, making strong community.  
With the cross of Christ our standard, let us sing as with one voice,  
Glory, glory, yours the promise: we who are the church rejoice.
2. Praise to God for congregations, keeping faith with Christ as guide;  
Many tongues of many nations, song and service unified.  
Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol, when our song is raised as one.  
Glory, glory, yours the power, as in heaven your will be done.
3. Holy is your name forever! Heal divisions that remain;  
Bless the church's new endeavors; make our witness one again.  
One in Christ and in Christ's gospel, make us one we now implore.  
Glory, glory, yours the glory, then and now and evermore.

(Music: Melody from *The Christian Lyre*, 1831; words: Roger Powell, 1948; alt.)

# ***The Church at Prayer***

Sue Renovetz, Bill Toneff, Rose Kaval, Pat Rehm, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, Fred Pesek, George Snider, Lenore Harris, Tina Ortiz, Phyllis Hassler, Terry Heiman, Joanne K., Dassie Matsuoka, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Jim C., Betty Kaul, Anna Mary Fisher, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Jon Thompson, Kathy Smith, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), “Edna House”, 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: Jesus began his ministry by proclaiming that he would be good news to the poor. As his people, let us continue to make his proclamation true by presenting our gifts and offerings to God. Let our church be good news to the poor.

### **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 joy we share our gifts. Amen**

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

**We present these gifts to you, O God, as we try to walk in the way of Christian love. We ask you to receive them as tokens of the willingness of our hearts to be the people of the Christ in the world. Amen**

## Going with God's Love

### \* Hymn of Departure: *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

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1. O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand  
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,  
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.
2. Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,  
we bear Christ's own impression, the sign of second birth:  
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,  
by grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.
3. Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,  
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,  
There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin  
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.
4. This is the moment glorious when Christ who once was dead  
shall lead the church victorious, their champion and their head.  
The Sovereign of creation a new dominion brings,  
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

(Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864; words: Timothy Tingfang Lew, 1933; alt.; transl.: Frank W. Price, 1953; alt.)

### Carrying the Light of Christ into the World – Acolyte

Musical score for the hymn "Carrying the Light of Christ into the World" by Acolyte. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above and below the notes. The lyrics are: 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. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.  
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

### † Benediction

## **Living Water Association, Ohio North East, UCC**

### **Liturgy of Farewell and Celebration of Ministry**

**Church Representative:** Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born and baptized. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one other. Loved one and friends come to the end of their lives. Others move into our community and church life. Still others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences and new opportunities. Today we recognize one such time, a time of ending and new beginning, a time of farewell with our Interim Transitional Pastor, the Rev. Allan Lane whose time with us comes to a close.

**Association Representative:** On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, you the members of Brecksville UCC, in covenant with the Living Water Association, United Church of Christ welcomed Rev. Allan Lane as your interim pastor who walked with you and led you through a time of transition and prepared you to call your new settled pastor, the Rev. John King. After 28 months, with grateful hearts Brecksville UCC and Living Water Association express deep gratitude for his service wishing him blessings and peace as we part ways.

**Departing Pastor:** I feel honored to have served you during a season of Brecksville United Church of Christ's mission and ministry. Thank you BUCC members and friends for your care, your friendship and partnership in ministry. We shared a season of our life journey and our hearts together. We experienced God's grace and love together. Thanks be to God for what has been and for this moment! As we part ways, I thank God for the love, the joy, the celebrations, and the accomplishments we shared and I offer to God all the hurtful thoughts, words and actions, as well as disappointments. I am confident that God has transformed our brokenness into healing, transformation and learning. God transforms us still.

**Church Representative:** Do you members and friends of Brecksville UCC release Pastor Allan Lane from the duties of Interim Pastor and Teacher? If so please say – "We do."

**\*Congregation: We do.**

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## Liturgy of Farewell and Celebration of Ministry (continued)

**Church Representative:** Do you, Pastor Allan, offer your encouragement for the continued ministry and mission of Brecksville UCC and your blessing on Brecksville UCC in its relationship with its new settled pastor John King?  
If so please say – “I do.”

**Allan:** I do.

**Association Minister:** On behalf of the Living Water Association of the Ohio Conference United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken, words of thankfulness and release. The member churches of our Association and Conference hold each of you in prayer. We promise our love, support and care to you in this time of transition.

**Association Minister:** Let us pray: Loving God, we thank you for our life together as your people in this community of faith. We thank you for times remembered and for moments shared in worship, learning, meetings and service. We thank you for each gift shared, for each heart changed, each mind transformed, for each hand that touches another in love and care.

We especially thank you for Allan and his service here in Brecksville, UCC. We pray that he will be aware of your Spirit’s guidance as he moves, and that the members of the Brecksville UCC, will trust the future to your care. Guide and encourage us all as we walk into our endings and beginnings, so we may continue to walk as your people of rebirth and resurrection in the world. Amen.

**Postlude**

***God Be with You***

Tomer



***Dedicated to Reverend Allan Lane, as he finishes his time with us as interim pastor of Brecksville UCC. May God bless Allan, his wife Kate, and their children Noah, Emily and Adam, with much success and happiness in all their future endeavors.***



## Readings

### **First Lesson (read by Pastor Allan)**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**      *Love as the Christian Way*

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

### **Second Lesson (read by Pastor Allan)**

**Luke 4:14-30**      *Jesus in Nazareth*

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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## Readings

### Second Lesson (continued)

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

### Contemporary Lesson

“Farewell” by R. M. Ballantyne

To part is the lot of all humankind. The world is a scene of constant leave-taking, and the hands that grasp in cordial greeting today, are doomed ere long to unite for the last time, when the quivering lips pronounce the word – “Farewell.”



# Special Thanks:

## JANUARY 30, 2022

**Head Usher:** Evie Novak  
**Ushers:** Evelyn Seager  
Heidi Spangler

**Lay Reader:** Jon Thompson

**Greeter:** Sue Stenzel

**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Dorie Gabor

**Acolyte:** *Volunteer Needed*

**Peace Candle:** *Volunteer Needed*

**A/V Team:** Jim Duffy

**Flowers:** Dorie Gabor

**Snack:** Dorie Gabor  
Heidi Spangler

**Set Up/Serve:** Sue Maier  
*Volunteer Needed*

**Clean Up:** Peg Duffy  
Dorie Gabor

**Snow Herder:** *Volunteer Needed*

## FEBRUARY 6, 2022

**Head Usher:** Sue Maier

**Ushers:** Evelyn Seager  
Heidi Spangler

**Lay Reader:** Jim Duffy

**Greeter:** Peg Duffy

**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Sue Stenzel

**Acolyte:** *Volunteer Needed*

**Peace Candle:** *Volunteer Needed*

**A/V Team:** Betsey Wilson

**Flowers:** Tia Began

**Snack:** Evie Novak  
*Volunteer Needed*

**Set Up/Serve:** *Volunteer Needed*  
*Volunteer Needed*

**Clean Up:** *Volunteer Needed*  
*Volunteer Needed*

**Snow Herder:** *Volunteer Needed*