

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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JANUARY 19, 2014 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Meditation Music

Ever present God, too often we have eyes only for the wrongs in our world. May we also have eyes and ears to perceive the many ways you are at work in the hearts and minds of your people. Then may we bear witness to your love and power, through our faithful living. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Look to Christ

Haas

[Assisted by Percussion Group]

“Look to Christ to be your light;
Follow, follow.

Leave behind your former self and live.

Don't look back, don't be afraid;

Follow, follow.

Come to Christ, walk with Christ, and live.”

David Haas, b. 1957

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: This morning God calls us to move beyond the familiar, the usual, the comfortable;

P: We are called to look inward to what is lies dormant, hidden, and undeveloped.

L: Today, we are invited to look for the potential, the possible, the wonderful;

P: We are called to embrace the Holy, and to be embraced by the Holy One in return.

L: Let us open our eyes to the signs of the Divine Life and Love which are all around us;

P: Let us open our ears to the God's call to be a new and renewed people.

L: In this time of worship, let us seek together the power of God's transforming grace,

All: So that we might share that power and grace with others, wherever we may go!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Living God

#8

*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we encounter you in places we might not expect, and in people we would never imagine. Sometimes we see you clearly and sometimes we pass by without seeing you at all. Open our eyes to see you here and now, to see you among the people in this congregation and among the strangers we meet outside these doors. And open our mouths to speak and sing and shout the Good News of your ever-present love! 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 G major, 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 Isaiah 49:1-6 Pew Bible, page 679
The New Testament John 1:35-51 Pew Bible, page 92
The Continuing Testament from *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*
by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Time with Young Worshipers

Youth Anthem Nzamuranza/O Jesus Christ Trad. Mozambican
[Joyful Noise Choir]

Translation: O Jesus Christ, God's holy Son, God's Chosen One,
faithful yesterday, today and forever.
Day by day, I want to journey with Jesus.
Hallelujah, day by day I want to journey with Jesus.
Traditional Mozambican, English trans. Andrew Donaldson

Musical Offering We Are Called to Follow Jesus Strathdee

Sermon *Now That's Remarkable!* Pastor Dave Shackles

Hymn of Reflection God our Author and Creator #530

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

All to Thee

Baker

"All to thee, I give my all to thee,
all to thee, thine only will I be;
all to thee, O Christ of Calvary,
my prayer shall ever be, my all to thee."
Richard D. Baker, 1966

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Gracious God, may the Light of your Love shine in and through us today. Bless these gifts, that they might be used to further Your work in this community and

in our world. Bless us as we seek to give of ourselves in serving You, by serving others. We ask in the name of the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Ricercare

A. Gabrieli

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#82

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

Circle of Fellowship

*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 through once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.*

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.

***Commission and Benediction**

Postlude

Praise the Lord!

Johnson

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Family of Todd Scarce, The Family of Vonda Ward, The Family of Nancy Foose, Doug Lightbody, Bill & Ann Toneff, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, Effie Pappas, Betty Batsch, people who are unemployed and under employed.

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

Attendance Sunday, January 12, 2014 –Adults: 80 Kids: 16 Total: 96

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 refreshments and conversation.

THE INTERMEDIATE KIDS' RELIGION ROOM could use a **CD PLAYER** for religious music CD's. Please let Tia Began know if you would have an extra radio that plays CDs that you could donate to the classroom. We are also in need of: kid friendly magazines for cut-up, solid-ish color fabric material, and clear storage containers with lids, especially shoe box sized. Thanks for thinking of us!

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.

RECORDING OF SUNDAY WORSHIP has resumed - now on audio CDs using newly installed sound equipment. If you missed a service or just want to hear again a sermon, an anthem or whatever, please check with the church office to borrow the CD.

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.

FOOD PANTRY items of need are always: canned fruit and vegetables, juice, cereal (hot or cold), Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Toilet Paper, Soap, Toothpaste/Brushes, all Toiletry products. Please, leave your donations in the basket outside of the office door. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Please mark your envelope "Food Pantry."

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the weekly bulletin and in the monthly Pillar.

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 READINGS

The Old Testament - Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Holy One called me before I was born, and named me while I was in my mother's womb. God made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of God's hand I was hidden. God made me a polished arrow, hidden away in God's quiver. And the Holy One said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Holy One, and my reward with my God."

The Holy One formed me in the womb to be God's servant, to bring Jacob back to God, and that Israel might be gathered together. I am honored in the sight of the Holy One, and my God has become my strength saying, "It is too small a thing that you should be my

servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

The New Testament - John 1:35-51

The next day John [the Baptist] again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Behold, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated, Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Continuing Testament

from *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

More and more I feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than have the people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the

tireless efforts of [people] willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1/19/2014	10 am	Worship Service
	11am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Monday 1/20/2014		MLK Day
Tuesday 1/21/2014	10-11:30am	CWRU Parlor
Wednesday 1/22/2014	6 am	Early Birds
Thursday 1/23/2014	1pm	Bible Study
	4:30 pm	C4C
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday 1/26/2014	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Trip to Kent State

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 19, 2014

Lay Reader: Ruth Morris
Head Usher: Diane Gressley
Ushers: Jim & Val Duffy,
Julie & Dave Bernard
Acolyte: Courtni Began
Peace Cndl: Garrett Demko
Sound: Mike Westerberg
Commons: Marge Culver
Narthex: Jan Renovetz
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Jan Renovetz, David Pastor
Servers: Caroline Chandler, Chad Sproul,
Dottie Farwell
Clean Up: Bob Chandler, Lynne Struck
Snacks: Mary Ann Hoppel, Jill Zedan
Snw Hrdr: Wes Novak

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 26, 2014

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson
Head Usher: Evie Novak
Ushers: Sam Koch, Spencer Whyte,
Kathy & David Pastor
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Cndl: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Dave Bernard
Commons: George Snider
Narthex: Cliff Cribbs
Flowers: Carole Snider
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow
Counters: Mac Hoppel, Carole Snider
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Jill Zedan
Clean Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Marge Culver, Susan Snyder
Snow Herder: Dan Stewart

MISSION MOMENT

CHURCH UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

For many United Church of Christ congregations, ecumenism is not primarily a grand universal plan for Christian unity, worthy as that objective may be. Rather, it is a ministry of caring, lived out every day in cooperation with other congregations in their own communities.

In Duluth, Minnesota, ecumenism is called the Gabriel Project, a joint ministry to the needy in the East Hillside neighborhood, a lower-income section of the city. Peace United Church of Christ was one of the founders of this consortium, which includes other Protestant as well as Catholic and Jewish congregations.

The deaths of undocumented immigrants in the merciless heat of the southern Arizona desert galvanized Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Sahuarita to join Humane Borders, a coalition of church people who build and maintain water stations along the trails and pathways the migrants traverse.

California United Church of Christ in California, Missouri, has always taken a leading role in the town's Ministerial Alliance. Local churches cooperate in providing emergency assistance for poor families and transients passing through the area. Volunteers from several churches serve in the food pantry and the clothing ministry, started in particular to meet the needs of disadvantaged school children.

The Afghanistan Project in Lenox, Massachusetts began when the outreach committee of the Church on the Hill UCC "wanted to do something that mattered." They agreed that rebuilding an Afghan village was most urgent, and enlisted other churches in town to join them in a fund-raising and educational effort that reached its goal in two years.

On this Ecumenical Sunday, we recognize all the communities across the United States where church unity in service is a daily reality.