

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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MARCH 16, 2014 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Meditation Music

If God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son to help save it, what will you and I give to express our love for our home planet? What are we willing to give-up to help save it? What are we willing to take-on to help transform and renew it? This Lenten Season is a good time to think about these things!

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

New Born Again African-American spiritual
[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble, with Percussion Group]

“I found free grace and dying love,
I'm new-born again.
Been long time talking 'bout my trials here below.
Oh, there's free grace, free grace, free grace, sinner.
Oh, there's free grace, free grace,
I'm new-born again.”
From *Folk Songs of the American Negro (No. 1)*, 1907

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the love and life and self-giving sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

People: It's a time to remember that, in order to follow Christ, we too must die.

L: Through Christ, we die to the fears that keep us from loving.

P: Through Christ, we die to the stubbornness that keeps us from sharing.

L: Through Christ, we die to the desire to seek our own success, in disregard for the good of others.

P: Caring for one another, we find out what it means to truly live.

L: This is God's promise: that if we die with Christ, we will also rise with Christ to newness of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12

*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Compassionate Holy One, deliver us from complacency about our lives and our world. Warm our hearts with your love, so that we might truly care for the people of our community and beyond. Transform our caring into food for the hungry, healing for the sick, and hope for those who hunger and thirst for justice. May your loving Spirit be our guide and inspiration, today and every day; this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

***Song of Praise**

Gathered Here [sung twice]

Gath-ered here in the mystery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong
bod-y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

Time with Young Worshipers

The Old Testament	Genesis 28:10-17	Pew Bible, page 25
The New Testament	John 3:1-17	Pew Bible, page 93
Continuing Testament	from <i>The World You May Be Missing</i>	by John Killinger
Musical Offering	Renew Your People	Currie, arr. Debick
Sermon	<i>Up, Down, and All Around</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
Hymn of Reflection	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling [verse 1]	#43

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

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert, arr. Proulx

***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, Source of our lives and Giver of every good gift: accept these offerings that we present here today. May they serve as symbols of our love and commitment to you and to your saving work in this place and in our world. May they also be a sign of our willingness to give our whole hearts and lives in dedicated service to you and to your message of love and peace. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, the One who willingly laid down his life for us all. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

What a great mystery
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Bicol folk song

“So our hearts are lifted to the realm above us,
nourished and united by the precious bread and wine.
O, what sweet contentment knowing that you love us!
We thank you for this feast, this fellowship divine.”
Francisco F. Feliciano, Philippines (b. 1941)

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 Community

*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. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The first staff ends with a double bar line.

*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in E flat minor

Nikolayev

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

David Durkit and the Family of Bob Green, The Family of Michelle Rogers, The Family of Betty Batsch, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, 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, March 9, 2014 – Adults: 75 Kids: 12 Total: 87

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Bill & Sherrill Witt in appreciation for the incredible music that Dave Debick gives to us every week of the year.

A LONG-STANDING LENTEN TRADITION within the Christian Church is to “put away” hymns or verses that contain “Alleluia” - and to set a more reflective tone with our musical selections. The purpose of doing this is so that on Easter Sunday our “Alleluias” can ring-out with freshness and renewed 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.

DURING THE LENTEN SEASON Pastor Dave will be leading a Tuesday Evening Bible Study on the seven “I AM” statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John. These sessions will be held from 7:15- 8:30 pm. in Pilgrim Hall. Each of these statements can be studied on its own, so please feel free to attend any or all of these gatherings. Here's what we will be studying: I AM...

...The Good Shepherd - March 19th

...The Bread Of Life / ...The Vine - March 25th

...The Way, The Truth, and The Life / ...The Gate - April 1st

...The Resurrection and the Life - April 9th

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Sunday, March 30, 2014. The proceeds will be used for such things as disaster relief (like Hurricane Sandy, Japan nuclear reactor disaster), for food, water, and medical supplies for refugees worldwide, for housing and shelter worldwide, and for poverty and hunger relief everywhere. Through

our support, lives are transformed by support that provides this clean water, food, medicines, shelter, health care, education and disaster relief in the U. S. and Internationally.

CORNED BEEF POTLUCK.....is today!! Join us for a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage potluck after worship. Membership will be serving corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots.

NAOMI KLONOWSKI AND HER MOM will be shaving their heads **BALD** on March 16th for the St. Baldrick's Foundation to raise money for childhood cancer research! If you'd like to learn more or help us reach our goal by donating, please feel free to visit us on the web! <http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/663108/2014>
We'll also happily accept donations in person. Your tax deductible donation can be made out to St. Baldrick's. We'll also take cash...and hugs! If you'd like to cheer us on in person, the shaving will take place at New Heights Grill in Cleveland Heights on March 16th, time TBA. Thanks so much!

PILLAR DEADLINE for APRIL IS TODAY; please submit via email, any items you would like in the April Pillar. buccoh@sbcglobal.net

MARCH FOOD PANTRY Items are Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta.

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and members alike, to help us to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

THE READINGS

The Old Testament - Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-Sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you

and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

The New Testament - John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, I tell you, no one can see the Realm of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, I tell you, no one can enter the Realm of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that God gave God’s only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Continuing Testament - from *The World You May Be Missing* - by John Killinger [edited]

I have discovered that my ideas of reality are what I have been programmed to think of as reality, but that there are hundreds, thousands of ways of thinking of reality that are beyond my consciousness, my limited way of seeing the world. And if I am tolerant today of viewpoints different from my own - those of Muslims and Hindus, gays and lesbians,

minorities and immigrants, vegetarians and vegans - it's because I realize how completely I am at the mercy of my restricted vision of Life, how wrong I may be about things; not because of what I know but because of what I don't know. There are whole worlds out there that I am missing.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "You can't see the things I am trying to teach you from where you've been standing. You must be born again, this time from above." He said to the woman at the well, "If you only knew who is asking you for some water, you would be asking him for a drink, and he would give you *living* water of such fine essence that your soul would never thirst again." "If you only knew." That's the defining phrase, isn't it? If you could only see the other worlds, the other possibilities, you would enter another dimension and your life would be twice or three times or a hundred times as rich as it is now. "If you only knew." It is arrogant to refuse other worlds just because we don't already know them or haven't already seen them. It is arrogant and foolish, limiting and sad.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 3/16/2014	10 am 11:00 am	Worship Corned Beef/Cabbage Potluck
Monday 3/17/2014		HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!
Tuesday 3/18/2014	7:15-8:30	Adult Bible Study (Pilgrim Hall)
Wednesday 3/19/2014	6 am 5 pm 7 pm	Early Birds Recorder/Dulcimer Council (Pilgrim Hall)
Thursday 3/20/2014	1pm 5:30 pm 7 pm 8 pm	Bible Study Joyful Noise Seasonal Choir Choir
Sunday 3/23/2014	10 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Worship Coffee Hour Youth Percussion Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 16, 2014

Lay Reader: Kathy Pastor
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
**Ushers: David Ritchey, Sue Stenzel,
Val Duffy, Jim Duffy**
Acolyte: Naomi Klonowski
Peace Cndl: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Max Roha
Commons: Ann Kelly
Narthex: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Kathy Pastor
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow
**Counters: DonnWhyte, Dassie
Matsuoka**
Servers: Joanne Cook, Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: David & Kathy Pastor
Snacks: Kathy Smith & Anne Melfo
Snow Herder: Joe Wilson

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 23, 2014

Lay Reader: Max Roha
Head Usher: Evie Novak
**Ushers: George & Carole Snider,
David & Kathy Pastor**
Acolyte: Benjamin Rehling
Peace Cndl: Michalina Fawcett
Sound: Chad Sproul
Commons: Sue Stenzel
Narthex: Carole Snider
Flowers: Carole Snider
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Bruce McCain, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Chad Sproul & Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks: Ruthie Thorp, Diane Gressley
Snow Herder: Billy Harris

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANTUARY



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 - SUNDAY, APRIL 13

I Enclose \$10.00 _____ or other _____ for Easter Plants

In Memory _____ or Honor _____ or _____

Of _____

Your Name

I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter _____