



## **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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# OCTOBER 19, 2014 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Meditation Music

Divine Source of all that is, beyond time and space, present in the eternal Now - be our comfort and guide as we ponder the mysteries of Life. Help us to see and to trust that wherever we journey, your Sacred and Supporting Presence is always there to meet us. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

What God does, is well done; verse 1

Walther

“What God does, is well done,  
God's will remains righteous;  
however God begins my affairs,  
I will silently keep to the Almighty.  
The Sovereign One is my God,  
who in need knows well how to sustain me;  
therefore I let God alone rule.”  
Samuel Rodigast, 1674

### **\* Call to Worship** [from *Psalm 24*]

L: The earth is God's, and all that is within it;

P: **The world, and all who live therein.**

L: For the Creator founded it on the seas,

P: **And established it on the rivers.**

L: Lift up you heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

P: **That the Ruler of Glory may come in.**

L: Who is this Ruler of Glory?

**All: It is the God of Hosts - the One God, Almighty!**

### **\* Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12

### **\* Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

**Strong, yet Gentle Holy One: all sorts of things happen to us every day that can make us laugh or cry; hope or despair; feel strong or feel afraid. We know that Life is about change, but sometimes the changes are so overwhelming and confusing that it's hard to feel Your Steady Strength and Guiding Presence among us. Remind us today that you are always there - beside us, around us, and**

within us. And may this knowledge fill us with tremendous confidence, comfort, and peace. 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 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.

**New Testament Letter**

Romans 13:8-14

Pew Bible, page 162

**The New Testament Gospel**

Matthew 22:15-22

Pew Bible, page 24

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Sarah Laughed*

by Sarah Dylan Breuer

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Shout to the North

Smith

[Pastor *Dave Shackle*, trumpet]

**Sermon**

*Please Pardon the Tacky Intro...*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

#563

***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**

Fabordon

Cabezón (Spain)

**\* Offertory Hymn**

**Our lives are good, not much we lack;  
Some of our gifts we now give back.  
We seek to help, to clothe, to feed,  
To hold the hands of those in need. Amen.**

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

**Gracious and Caring Holy One, you have created us all in your image and proclaimed that each of us is precious in your sight. Bless these gifts that we offer, that they might reflect our love for you and for your entire creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, one who perfectly reflects the fullness of your compassion and grace. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**The Blessing**

**Communion Music**

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord

Hampton

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

**\* Hymn of Departure**

Now Is the Time Approaching

#609

## 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 **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah.** 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 a musical score for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' Above the first staff, the chords are: A, E, A, D, Bm, E. Above the second staff, the chords are: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

What God does, is well done; verse 2

Walther

“What God does, is well done,  
I will cling to this.

Along the harsh path,  
trouble, death and misery may drive me.

Yet God will, just like a parent,  
hold me in loving arms:  
therefore I let God alone rule.”

Samuel Rodigast, 1674

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Harris, Vicki Szabo & Family, the Family of Ruth Thorp, Doris Schmid, Don & Eleanor Kusa, Lee Sanderson, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, 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, October 12, 2014 – Adults: 125 Kids: 19 Total: 144

## **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 Coffee Hour.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY** Mac & Marianne Hoppel - Honoring all the Children of the World.

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED** Today we will receive the offering for Neighbors In Need. And what is the need? Education for women and girls, American Indian Ministries, Justice and Witness Ministries, advocacy efforts, antipoverty activities, antiviolence efforts, antidiscrimination efforts, and many other local and worldwide issues. Hopefully, our offering will be supportive of these and other efforts.

**FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE**, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

**A HUGE AND HEARTY "THANK YOU"** to all the members and friends of BUCC who celebrated with me our 10 years of mutual ministry. Your wonderful gifts of a beautiful wooden music box and a [far from empty!] leather wallet are greatly appreciated. I will remember and treasure your kind and gracious words of affirmation for many years to come. [God willing, many of those years will be lived-out as Pastor of this amazing Family of Faith!]

**QUARTERLY STATEMENTS** please pick up your Quarterly Statement in the Commons area.

**ST. MATTHEWS SOUP SUPPER**, Saturday, October 25, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Come and taste a variety of soups, breads, and desserts to help us raise funds to support Episcopal schools in El Salvador. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$8 for Children 12 and under. Call Gretchen at 440-526-9769 for reservations. Tickets will also be available at the door.

**THE FINAL NUMBERS ARE IN!** Our last month's special offering for direct assistance to regions where the Ebola epidemic is rapidly spreading, was \$967. This was sent to the UCC's Disaster Ministries, and added with other "One Great Hour of Sharing" funds to purchase items as ordinary as rubber gloves, disinfectant, and plastic sheeting. Thanks to your generous giving, these simple items will literally help save lives. **ALSO...**BUCC walkers and sponsors raised \$1,006 through our Community CROP Walk - half of which goes to

local area food-banks, and half to efficient and effective programs that provide food and clean drinking water to impoverished areas around the world. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

**ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY** and representatives from Communications and Outreach, Facilities, Christian Education and Stewardship Ministries will be available in Pilgrim Hall for a question and answer session. Please take this opportunity to talk with these representatives about their ministry. It is our hope that each of you will find valuable information to help you decide where you might share your time and talent in 2015. Other ministries will present their information on 11/2 and 11/9.

**MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY** will be taking reservations for a tour of Lake View Cemetery on Sunday, November 2. Lolly the Trolley will pick us up from our parking lot at 1:00 PM for a trip to this Cleveland jewel. The \$17.00 fee for the trip will be collected in advance. The trolley seats 35 folks so make sure you reserve your spot early. Expected return will be 4:30 PM.

**MARY NEEDS HELP--**Most of you have already met Mary D'Agostino (she sits with Jane Cribbs in church). Transportation has become a problem for her lately, since she has had an increase in doctor appointments. She is working with the City of Broadview Hts. to arrange help from them, but does have personal needs for transportation as well as medical. If you think you'd like to help her with this, her contact info is in the new directory. She'd love to hear from you!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** As you will note, this month we are singing our offering song with new words to the same tune. Our Spiritual Life Ministry Team realized that the words we have been singing say little about our giving. It was decided to try to change this. Now we would like your contributions for additional options. You don't need to be a trained musician nor an accomplished poet. The differing outlooks of our youth, our golden-agers, and those in between will add the spice of variety. Just put your feelings into wording that reflects your own expressions of our Sunday morning offering. They could be suitable for any time of year, or they might be seasonal [Christmas, Easter, Spring, Fall, etc.] Have fun verbalizing you thoughts, rearranging them, playing with various word options, and finally arriving at your expression of thanks. Please submit your ideas [or questions] to Pastor Dave or Dave Debick, who will share them with our Spiritual Life Ministry members. And, voila, you will have found new words of praise that will add depth to our BUCC worship experience! Our thanks to Max Roha for coming up with this idea, and offering us this month's Offertory Hymn!



**THIS AFTERNOON AT 4:00**, BUCC will host the **Case Concert Choir**, comprised of students from Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Music. Under the direction of Dr. Matthew Garrett, the fifty-member ensemble will present a program titled "A Life in Music," which follows our life journey from the celebration of birth, through the wonderment of childhood, into the ups and downs of adulthood, to an ultimate declaration of the will to live! The eclectic program includes works by several contemporary composers, as well as two traditional African songs. A free-will offering will be received, and a light meal will be served following the program. We hope you can join us for this unique choral presentation. Bring a friend!

**PARKING FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S CONCERT:** Because we are expecting a large audience for this afternoon's program, all who are able are requested to park in Central School's lot, so that our guests can park closer to the church. Thanks in advance for your hospitality!

**WOMEN UNITED** - Wednesday October 22, Tour of United Church of Christ Downtown Cleveland Headquarters. We will meet in the Church Parking lot at 10:00 AM to carpool - 11:00 AM tour and 12:00 PM Service in their Chapel, lunch at the Gateway Restaurant at 12:30 PM. We will order off the menu at each person's cost. If you have not registered and wish to attend call Dorie Gabor at 440-237-9447. All are welcome.

**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**.

**BUCC ONLINE CALENDAR** Please be sure to check day to day meeting schedules, events, and doings at BUCC at [www.BrecksvilleUcc.org](http://www.BrecksvilleUcc.org). Updates are made frequently.

**OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY** Canned Soup, Bakes Beans, Chilli, etc.

## ***THE READINGS***

### **The New Testament Letter - Romans 13:7-10**

*Saint Paul writes, Pay to all what is due them - taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet" - and any other commandment - are summed up in this word,*

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the Law.

### **The New Testament Gospel - Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their cunning malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they handed him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were dumbfounded; and they left him and went away.

### **The Continuing Testament** - from *Sarah Laughed* - by Sarah Dylan Breuer [edited]

When Jesus asks the Pharisees and Herodians who are questioning him, to produce a coin, they do so immediately. In other words, these guys carried a graven image of Caesar into God’s Temple! And these are the people who were going to teach Jesus about devotion to God, rather than selling out to Caesar? Until that moment when the coin is handed to him, Jesus was on the horns of a dilemma. Had he said that paying taxes to Caesar was wrong, he would be provoking the Romans to take immediate action against him. Had he said that paying taxes to Rome was right, his questioners were ready to accuse him of disloyalty to Israel.

But Jesus tripped them up beyond any hope of recovery, by showing that they were bearing proclamations of Caesar’s lordship into the very Temple of the God they claimed to be serving. Jesus has won the argument; he could now go home in peace, having avoided that difficult question entirely. But he doesn’t. Having already silenced his critics, Jesus answers the question anyway, saying, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s; and give to God what is God’s.”

So exactly what in this world is God’s? As Psalm 24:1 puts it: “The earth is God’s and all that is in it; the world, and all those who dwell therein.” If we really take seriously the claim that God is the rightful Sovereign of the earth, and all that is within it, then over what is Caesar a rightful lord? Nothing. Nada..Zip. Zero. No earthly ruler or government “owns” anything. Because in the final analysis, what belongs to God is *everything!*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 10/19/2014</b>	10 am	Worship Service/NIN Offering
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	4 pm	Case Concert
<b>Mon 10/20/2014</b>	7 pm	Leadership Development
<b>Tues 10/21/2014</b>	10 am	CWRU
	7 pm	OCWM
<b>Wed 10/22/2014</b>	6 am	Early Birds
	10 am	Women United - Trip to UCC Headquarters
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
<b>Thurs 10/23/2014</b>	1pm	Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Crafters for Christ
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8 pm	Choir
<b>Sat 10/25/2014</b>	6:30 pm	Game Night
<b>Sunday 10/26/2014</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour & “Ministries Fair”
	6 pm	Confirmation Class

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**OCTOBER 19, 2014**

**Lay Reader:** Evie Novak  
**Head Usher:** Bridget Sproul  
**Ushers:** David & Kathy Pastor  
Heidi Spangler, Tina Ortiz  
**Acolyte:** Lindsey Maier  
**Peace Cndl:** Evan Merritt  
**Sound:** Kevin Smith  
**Coms Grtr:** George Snider  
**Nartx Grtr:** Max Roha  
**Flowers:** Jan Renovetz  
**Nursery:** Valerie Duffy  
**Counters:** Stu Bailey, Donn Whyte  
**Servers:** Joy Garapic, Dottie Farwell  
**Clean-Up:** Kathy & David Pastor  
**Snacks:** Jon Thompson, Anne Melfo

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**OCTOBER 26, 2014**

**Lay Reader:** Max Roha  
**Head Usher:** Evie Novak  
**Ushers:** Chad Sproul, George Snider  
Linda Kriynovich, Beth Rehling  
**Acolyte:** Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
**Peace Cdle:** Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
**Sound:** David Pastor  
**Comns Grtr:** Stu Bailey  
**Narthex Grtr:** Fred Pesek  
**Flowers:** Dot Bailey  
**Nursery:** Marla Corrado  
**Counters:** Dassie Matsuoka, Mac Hoppel  
**Servers:** Caroline Chandler, Carole Snider  
**Clean-Up:** Jan Renovetz, Bob Chandler  
**Snacks:** Lenore Harris, Marianne Hoppel