



## **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 26, 2014 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **Meditation Music**

Gracious Holy One, when we consider our troubled world, with so much past pain and so much current damage, it is easy to despair. Yet Scripture reminds us that in the beginning you declared that the whole Creation was “very good!” And in Jesus Christ you remind us that you do not give up on your people or your planet. May these reminders give us hope and courage to work with you and with one another to help heal and restore the earth. Amen.

## ***Gathering in God’s Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

Let Us Come to Worship God Trad. Taiwanese melody  
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

“Let us come to worship God, bless the holy name;  
enter God’s house with thanks and reverence,  
for the Lord is good, God’s love endures forever.”  
I-to Loh (b. 1936)

### **\* Call to Worship** [from *Psalm* 90]

L: O Holy One, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**P: From everlasting to everlasting you are our God.**

L: You turn us back to dust, and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

**P: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.**

L: We are like the grass that flourishes in the morning,

**P: And in the evening fades and withers.**

L: Therefore, teach us to appreciate our days,

**P: That we may gain a wise heart.**

L: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

**All: So that we may rejoice and be glad in all our days!**

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

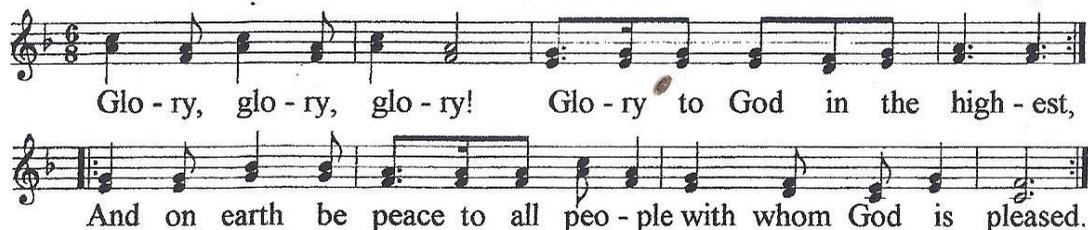
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### **\* Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

**Gracious Holy One, you call us to love you with our whole being, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. By your Spirit’s power and guidance, teach us**

how to heal those who are hurting, and to bring light and life where there is darkness and loss. Use us as willing instruments of your grace and peace, so that all people may come to know you, love you and serve you with joy! 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.

<b>The Old Testament</b>	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Pew Bible, page 163
<b>The New Testament</b>	Matthew 22: 34-46	Pew Bible, page 25
<b>The Continuing Testament</b>	by Prince Raney Rivers	in <i>Good Preacher</i>

<b>Youth Anthem</b>	You Shall Love Our God [Joyful Noise Choir]	Sandberg
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**Time with Young Worshipers**

<b>Musical Offering</b>	Ubi Caritas	Duruflé
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Translation: Where there is charity and love, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us honor and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

(Text from ancient antiphon for washing of feet on Maundy Thursday)

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>You Shall...Because ...You'll <u>Want</u> To!</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
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<b>Hymn of Reflection</b>	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	#23
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# ***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**

Andante allegro

Scarlatti

### **\* 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]

**Faithful Holy One, your love comes to us not only in word, but also through the actions and the person of Jesus Christ. Through our own actions and through our gifts, may people see evidence of the authentic and gracious love which we claim and proclaim. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

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

### **\* Parting Hymn**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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## **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 treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. Chords are indicated above the staff: A, E, A, D, Bm, E. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the same lyrics. Chords are indicated below the staff: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A. The piece ends with a double bar line.

### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

The God of Heaven

Sinclair

“The God of heaven is present on earth  
in word and silence and sharing,  
in face of doubt, in depth of faith,  
in signs of love and caring.”

John L. Bell (b. 1949) & Graham Maule (b. 1958)

### 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 19, 2014 – Adults: 78 Kids: 12 Total: 90

### **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 Marge Culver in Celebration of all the Delightfully Energetic Children in our Church!

**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.

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

**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!

**PLEASE BE SURE** to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your dates and 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 Old Testament - Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

Now this is the commandment - the statutes and the ordinances - that the Holy One charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may reverence your God all the days of your life, and keep all God's decrees and commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Holy One, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Holy One is our God, the Holy One alone. You shall love the Holy One, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **The New Testament - Matthew 22:34-46**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus replied, "You shall love the Holy One, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How it is then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be David's son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

**The Continuing Testament** - by Prince Raney Rivers - in *Good Preacher* [edited]

In the age of social media, the greatest compliment you can pay to someone is to “like” their profile or their status update. Liking God is not enough. God is not interested in superficial relationships. God wants total devotion, a complete surrender of one’s mind, will, and desires. Loving God involves action and ethics, which is why Jesus adds a second commandment to complete the first: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Loving God is not sentimental. Loving God is compassionate action toward neighbors and strangers.

Since we take care of our own needs, loving God means taking care of others’ needs. Since we are concerned about caring for the members of our church, loving God means offering care to those beyond the parochial borders of our sanctuary. When we invite others to love God as Jesus commands, we must point to concrete, tangible ways where this vision of love can be expressed. We must show them what the love of God truly looks like.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 10/26/2014</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour & “Ministries Fair”
	6 pm	Confirmation
<b>Tues 10/28/2014</b>	10 am	CWRU
<b>Wed 10/29/2014</b>	6 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
<b>Thurs 10/30/2014</b>	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8 pm	Choir
<b>Sat 11/1/2014</b>	8:30-11:30	Fall Clean-Up
<b>Sunday 11/2/2014</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour & “Ministries Fair”
	1 pm	Lakeview Cemetery Trip
	5:30	Youth Percussion
	6 pm	Youth Ministry

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**OCTOBER 26, 2014**

**Lay Reader: Stu Bailey**  
**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**  
**Comms Grtr: Stu Bailey**  
**Nrthx 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**

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2014**

**Lay Reader: David Ritchey**  
**Head Usher: Jan Renovetz**  
**Ushers: Dave & Jule Bernard**  
**Bob & Caroline Chandler**  
**Acolyte: Courtni Began**  
**Peace Cndl: Carli Began**  
**Sound: Mike Westerbrg**  
**Comms Grtr: Carole Snider**  
**Nrthx Grtr: Dorie Gabor**  
**Flowers: Tina Ortiz**  
**Nursery: Gina Cook**  
**Counters: Nancy Stella, Kathy Lander**  
**Server: Joanne Cook, Dorie Gabor**  
**Clean Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul**  
**Snacks: Sue Maier & Melissa Lund**

*"I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people. Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters." -Joel 2:28*

When David Christian was a young professor at Macquarie University in Sydney, he grew frustrated by the rigid categories and divisions in scholarship. Teaching a class in Russian history, he wanted to examine his subjects from a number of unconventional angles.

For example, when he looked at the 19th century, he realized that on average, 40 percent of Russia's revenues came from vodka sales. In a New York Times article, he explained, "So what I realized is that if Russians stopped drinking vodka, you can't pay for the army, and the superpower collapses. Here's a modern government building its power by selling a mind-altering substance. I was looking at it at the fiscal level, at the treasury level — but also in the village and also in the tavern." You couldn't look at that from only one angle. Everything was connected.

Could he apply this "everything-is-connected" idea to an even larger scale? This prompted him to ask himself, "Could I teach a course not of Russia but of humanity?" That question drove him back in time to the Big Bang and a wildly popular "History of Everything" course that debuted in 1989. His lectures then spread through the Internet to a broad audience of learners.

One avid, long-distance student was Bill Gates, who watched the lectures from his treadmill. Gates was so inspired that they are now using the Big History Project with high school students.

Don't be afraid to think big. You never know who will be affected by your big idea.

### **Prayer**

**Expand my dreams and ideas, God, and let the limits of my small thinking fall away. Amen.**