

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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APRIL 12, 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Meditation Music

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise!
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise!
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by God’s liberating deed.
Now the Christ with us abiding, to eternal life shall lead!” Amen.
[Christopher Wordsworth]

Gathering in God’s Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Easter Medley: We Live by Faith and Not by Sight/
Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice
[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble]

McFarland/
Haweis

“We may not touch Christ’s hands and side,
nor follow where Christ trod;
but in confessing we rejoice:
our Savior and our God!”
Henry Alford, 1844

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day that our Creator has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: The Life of the Eternal Spirit bursts-forth all around us;

P: In flowers and buds, in smiles and hugs, we discover the Divine Presence.

L: The Holy One is with us!

P: The Sacred One sustains us!

L: Like a loving Mother and Father,

P: Our Holy Creator holds us close.

L: The assurance of Divine Love is imprinted within our hearts!

All: The Light of Divine Grace restores and refreshes us all!

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, Source of Life, we praise you that you have not abandoned us to the fearful forces of sin, death and despair, but have raised us up anew. In our time of worship, and throughout all our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. Strengthen and inspire us as individuals and as a community of faith, that we might know the power of the Resurrection in our daily living, through Jesus Christ, the Risen One. 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 Old Testament

Psalm 118:14-24

Pew Bible, page 565

The New Testament

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible, page 115

The Continuing Testament

from *Marks of Faith*

by Kate Huey

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

Attr. E.K. Dare

Sermon

*If You Think **That's** Weird....*

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Now the Green Blade Rises

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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

Be Not Afraid

Berthier

**"Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!"
Taizé Community, 1998**

***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 love we share our gifts. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Gracious Giver of Life, as Jesus Christ offered himself for us, so we offer ourselves with these gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Thank you for calling us to carry forward the loving work that Jesus began. By the power of his Resurrection, create in us renewed hearts and lives, so that we might continue to serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

Acolyte

WITH LOVE TO THE BUCC FROM THE CSB! It is with much Easter joy that the Community of St. Bridget, an inclusive Catholic community, expresses much gratitude to you for your open and generous sharing of the Paschal mysteries with us. Our shared Holy Week celebrations were especially meaningful to us precisely because they were shared. This sort of cooperation demands extra effort that some folks may not be aware of, but the generosity of a few makes for a deeper experience for all. Thank you!

May Easter blessings rain upon you throughout this holy season!

In Gratitude, Mary Collingwood and Ann Klonowski and the Community of St. Bridget

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are ready to be picked up in the Commons area.

WOMEN UNITED Is having their next Meeting is April 15th in the Parlor at 11:30 A.M. The speaker, David Gabor, will demonstrate spinning yarn on both the drop spindle and the spinning wheel to make knitting yarn. Bring a sandwich and a friend. Coffee and tea are provided

THIS IS IT! THIS IS THE DAY! Please join us downstairs after the church service. We, the quilt committee members, will have our table set-up with some fabric quilt samples we have created. We have crafted these to open conversations about the proposed bicentennial quilt and to give church members some ideas about crafting their own squares. Absolutely NO STRESS. We'll be there to answer questions, to hand out the fabric squares and to listen to your suggestions.

MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION on Sunday, May 10th, 2015, we will be collecting donations for Womankind, an organization who provides comprehensive prenatal care to pregnant women in need. Your family can pick up a baby bottle in the narthex to take home and collect loose change (or a check would be lovely!) Your financial donations go a long way!

Other "wish list" items include:

Helpful donation items in high demand include: Office Max/Giant Eagle/Sam's Club gift cards; Diapers-all sizes; Baby Wipes; Similac Advance with Iron (this type of formula only please); "Forever" postage stamps; baby clothes; maternity clothes and furniture (no toys, please!). Womankind provides all of their services at no cost. Thank you so much for your generosity! If you have any questions, concerns or need to arrange a large pickup, please contact Kate Klonowski at 216-534-3498 or keightykay@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name.

Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

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.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 118:14-24

The Divine Creator - my strength and my power - has also become my saving help. There are glad songs of victory in the dwelling places of the righteous: "The right hand of the Holy One does valiantly; the right hand of the Everlasting One is exalted; the right hand of the Gracious One is triumphant."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Holy One. The Holy One has tested me severely, but did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to my Savior. This is the gate of the Holy One; those who act justly shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the doing the Divine Source of all good things; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that our God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The New Testament - John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities. Yet Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Holy One has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed One of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Continuing Testament - from *Marks of Faith* - by Kate Huey [edited]

Whatever overwhelms us, God comes to us in the midst of our fear and says, "Peace be with you." Whatever doubts churn in our minds, whatever sins trouble our conscience, whatever pain and worry bind us up, whatever walls we have put up or doors we have locked securely, God comes to us and says, "Peace be with you." Whatever hunger and need we feel deep in our souls, God calls us to the Table, feeds us well, and sends us out into the world to be justice and peace, light and hope for the world. We can do it, if we keep our eyes open, our minds limber, and our hearts soft and willing to love. As God sent Jesus, God sends us, too, into the world that God loves.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 12	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour/Quilt Showing *Bicentennial Meeting*
Tuesday, April 14	10-11:30 am	CWRU
Wednesday, April 15	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
Thursday, March 16	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, April 19	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour *Hunger Meal*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 12, 2015

Lay Reader: Tia Began
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: Tina Ortiz, Heidi Spangler
Fred Pesek, Bruce McCain
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Cndl: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Mike Westerberg
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr: Dorie Gabor
Flowers: Carole Snider
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Bruce McCain
Servers: Sue Stenzel & Joanne Cook
Clean-Up: Jon Thompson, Jill Zedan
Snacks: Marla Corrado, Marilyn Wrights
Snow Herder: David Pastor

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 19, 2015

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Kathy Smith
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard
Kathy & David Pastor
Acolyte: Ben Rehling
Peace Cndl: Indira Bigelow
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Narthex Grtr: Jill Zedan
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Peg Duffy
Counters: Sue Stenzel, Jim Duffy
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean-Up: Jon Thompson, Jill Zedan
Snacks: Anne Melfo, Betsey Wilson
Snow Herder: Billy Harris

Easter Flower Dedications



- Anonymous*** ***In Memory of those Lost but Never Forgotten.***
- The Andersons*** ***In Honor of our Parents and Grandparents,
Lenore & Bill Harris, and Barbara & Walter Anderson.***
- Julie Bernard
& Linda Kriynovich*** ***In Memory of Tony & Julie Gorenc.***
- Jane & Cliff
Cribbs*** ***In Honor of Loved Ones.***
- Dorothy Faust*** ***In Memory of her Parents, Clinton & Caroline Tallant.***
- Anna Mary Fisher*** ***In Memory of Loved Ones.***
- Shelly Forbes*** ***In Memory of Grandparents, Mildred & Elmer
Wright, and Parents Lucille & Benjamin Forbes.***
- Joy Garapic*** ***In Memory of William Garapic, Loving Husband, Father and
Grandfather.***
- Phyllis Molnar*** ***In Memory of Parents Bertha & George Ulsenheimer.
Husband Edward Molnar.***
- Dassie Matsuoka
& Daughters*** ***In Memory of James Matsuoka.***
- Tina Ortiz*** ***In Memory of Joseph, Betty & Timothy Ortiz.***

- Tina Ortiz** ***In Honor of my Children, Rachel Kubic & Dan King,
My Grandchildren, Stephanie King, Grace, Juli, and Jenna
Kubic, and my Great-Grandchildren Lyndsey & Bradly.***
- Max Roha** ***In Memory of David J. Roha, Mary Roha, and Lois Wallin.***
- Miriam L.
Rosewicz** ***In Memory of Loved Ones.***
- George & Carole
Snider** ***In Memory of our Parents, Mahala & George Snider and
Betty & Bert Weale.***
- Vicki Szabo** ***In Memory of Victor Szabo.***
- Jon K. Thompson** ***Jesus Christ is Risen!***
- Bill & Ann Toneff** ***In Memory of Vera & Milan Toneff, and Elizabeth
And CC Thorton.***
- Bill & Ann Toneff** ***In Memory of Thelma & Norman Ellsworth, Elsie
& Dwight Loughborough.***
- G & Jan
Wardlaw** ***In Memory of Hubert G. Wardlaw, Sr. & Ed Wishcamper.***
- G & Jan
Wardlaw** ***In Honor of Matt Wardlaw, Annie Zaleski, Mike, Melanie,
Evan, and Julie Merritt, and Michelle Fung.***
- Donn Whyte** ***In Memory of Wayne Whyte.***
- Joe, Betsey, &
Drew Wilson** ***In Memory of Norinne F. Brownlow, and John M.
Brownlow, Sr.***
- Sherill & Bill Witt** ***In Memory of William & Mary Witt.
In Honor & Memory of Arch & Shirley Duncan.
In Memory of Dennis Thompson.***