



# BRECKSVILLE

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# UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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*Loving, Serving and Accepting All People  
with God's Life-Changing Power*

*Gracious Holy One, we thank you that all people are invited to participate in the New Life which Jesus Christ embodies and reveals. On this Easter Day, renew our wonder and open our hearts to your loving and never-ending Presence among us. Amen.*



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**Sunday April 21, 2019 • 10:00 AM**

**Easter Sunday**

*Pastor*

• Rev David Shackle

*Director of Music*

• David Debick

*Financial Secretary*

• Joy Garapic

*Ministers*

All of our Members

*Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger*

## **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, bisexual, or pangender*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*If you are fully abled, 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!**



*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, please speak to our pastor.*

*Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed*

### **Office Hours:**

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:00 - 12:00**

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## April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

### **Meditation Music**

Divine Spirit of Love and Compassion, with the joyous good news of Christ's Resurrection, open our eyes, renew our spirits, and inspire our living. Guide us this day, and every day, so that we might help bring light where there is darkness and faithfully share your good news with all those we meet. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

Medley: You Come with Your Hands Filled with  
Flowers/Jesus Christ Is Risen Today      Giombini/Williams  
*[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble; Youth Percussion Group]*

"In your eyes I see joy overflowing.  
Tell me what you saw at the tomb, my friend.  
O, I saw that all death was defeated,  
that is what I saw there at the tomb, my friend.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
Marcello Giombini (1928-2003)

### **Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ**

#### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is Risen indeed!**

L: Let us praise the Redeeming One, who brings life out of death.

**P: Let us exalt in the Holy One, who brings hope out of despair.**

L: Let the earth break-forth with gladness!

**P: Let the heavens sing-out with joy!**

L: For on this day, Divine Grace has triumphed;

**P: On this day, Divine Love has prevailed!**

L: Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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

**Holy Source of New Beginnings, we give thanks that through Jesus Christ you turn our despair into hope, our sorrow into joy, our defeat into victory. As Christ burst forth from the tomb on that first Easter morning, may we also rise-up to new life today. May each of us awaken to new opportunities to love and serve you, through our love and service to others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen One who fills our lives and our world 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.

**The Old Testament**

Isaiah 25:1; 4-8

Pew Bible, page 652

**The New Testament**

Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible, page 90

**The Continuing Testament** by L. Susan Bond in *Lectionary Homiletics*

**Youth Anthem**

Medley: The Angel Rolled the Stone Away/  
Go and Tell Mary and Martha

[Joyful Noise Choir]

Traditional African-American spirituals

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Christ Is Risen Today!

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[Becky Anderson, Betsey Wilson, flute; Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, Pastor Dave, trumpet]

**Sermon**

*Living Christ, Living Faith*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

The Strife Is O'er  
[verse 1]

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***The Church at Prayer***

**Silent Meditation**

**Prayers of the Church**

## **The Prayer of Jesus**

*[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**

Lift Up, Lift Up Your Voices Now

Shackley

#### **\*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 joy we share our gifts. Amen.**

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

**Eternal and Gracious Holy One, we thank you that through Jesus Christ you give us the hope and promise of new and renewed life. With the joyous celebration of this Good News, may each of us be inspired to find new opportunities to love and serve you, by loving and serving others. Bless our lives, and bless these gifts, we pray in the name of our Risen Savior. Amen.**

### ***Holy Communion***

#### **Words of Institution**

#### **Prayer of Consecration**

#### **The Invitation**

#### **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

"Hear the bells ringing  
They're singing that you can be born again  
Hear the bells ringing  
They're singing Christ is risen from the dead"  
Annie Herring (b. 1945)

## The Blessing

### *Going with God's Love*

\* Hymn of Departure                      Yours Is the Glory                      #253

\*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 two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Halle, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja'. The top staff is the vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is the guitar accompaniment in treble clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated above and below the notes.

Chords: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

Lyrics: 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.

### \*Benediction

Postlude                      The Whole Bright World Rejoices Now                      17th century Germany

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

Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick, Niece of Kathy Smith, Pat Bailey, Fred Pesek, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, 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 April 14, 2019– Adults: 85 Kids: 16 Total: 101**

## **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.

**WE WELCOME 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 are also available from ushers for children.

**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.

**PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION** until April 29<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Leroy Ford will be filling-in for him. Please contact the Church Office [440-526-4364] if you have any pastoral needs or concerns this week.

**FREE CONCERT AT BUCC** - On Sunday May 5 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring **Quartet Riesling** from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The string ensemble will perform works by Haydn, Webern, and Dvořák. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the concert. Plan on joining us on May 5 for an outstanding program of chamber music. Bring a friend!

**BUCC OFFICE** Kindly let the Office if you are leaving/donating items to the Church. Please call either Pastor Dave, or Jeannette. We appreciate your thinking of the Church, but we will let you know if there is a need for your items. We have an **overabundance** of Home Medical Equipment, used Office Supplies, and many other things! Please call us at 440-526-4364. Thank you!

**LAST-MINUTE MART:** On Saturday, May 11th, 2019 from 10:00am - 3:00pm, BUCC is hosting our spring LAST-MINUTE MART in Pilgrim Hall, just in time for Mother's Day! This event is very special because Christian Education is joining forces with OCWM and the Communications & Outreach Ministry to raise funds for this year's Lenten Project to support refugee families in Cleveland. Our students will be selling handmade craft items to raise funds for these families. We are excited to welcome crafters, bakers, and vendors of all kinds (both parishioners and other community members) to join us! You may request a full 8' table for \$25, or half table/card table (~4') for \$15.

Please submit your request for a table to Heidi Spangler at [heidi@heidihoonthego.com](mailto:heidi@heidihoonthego.com). We are also requesting that each vender supply one item to donate to our raffle. Concessions will be available! ►

All table, concession profits and raffle proceeds will go to support our Lenten Project. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Klonowski at [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com) or 216-534-3498.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION DINNER SERIES:** On Tuesday, April 30th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm Christian Education and OCWM welcome you and our neighbors to join us for a FREE community dinner and a presentation by Camille R. Gill, Associate Director of Immigration Legal Services in the Migration and Refugee Services department of Catholic Charities. She will present "Immigration 101: Defining Terms and Discussing Current Issues." All are welcome! Childcare will be provided on-site. This topic has been scheduled to coincide with the continuation of our Lenten Project to support refugee families in Cleveland.

**THE FACILITIES MINISTRY** has determined that the sanctuary roof will need to be replaced this coming summer. The current roof is over 25 years old and has had minor repairs to prevent leaking and water damage. The Church Council has approved the roof project and a 'Fund the Roof Campaign' to help raise the necessary funds to pay for it. You should have received a letter about the roof, if not, please see a Facilities Member. Also, if you are not officially on our mailing list, we can give you a letter as well.

## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Isaiah 25:1; 4-8**

O Holy One, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.... You have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the cries of the oppressed aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Holy One will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; God will swallow up death forever. Then the Holy One will wipe away the tears from all faces, and God will take away from all the earth the disgrace of people, for the Holy One has spoken.

## **The New Testament** - Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest of them. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

## **The Continuing Testament** - by L. Susan Bond - in *Lectionary Homiletics* [edited]

The first witnesses found the empty tomb to be a total surprise. They went looking for death, expecting it, preparing for it, ready to ritually acknowledge it. They were ready for almost anything but what they found. "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" asked the dazzling strangers....We can ask ourselves the same question, every time we are tempted to relegate Jesus to some past history, every time we approach the Communion Table as if we were reenacting a funeral service for a poor departed friend. Why do we forget that Christ is risen, and have to be reminded again and again?

The two men in dazzling clothes scold the women, and suggest that they should have known better. Jesus had instructed them what to expect, so why were they so surprised that he was right? The two men made them remember Jesus' own words, and as the words came back to the women, they begin to believe. ►

They believed because of what they had been told. We are told the same thing over and over, by the Church, by the Scriptures, by creeds, by the words of Jesus himself: "Behold, I am with you always!" Always! Without fail, without exception, Risen and alive and actively working in the world.



### **2019 Easter Flower Dedications**

Anonymous

*In Appreciation of Pastor Dave Shackle.*

Julie Bernard &  
Linda Kriynovich

*In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.*

Marge Culver

*In Memory of Family and Friends lost but never forgotten.*

Jane & Cliff  
Cribbs

*In Memory of Loved Ones.*

Myra Logan –  
Fabian

*In Memory of Wayne Fabian.*

Dorothy Faust

*In Memory of my Parents, Clinton & Caroline Tallant.*

Joy Garapic

*In Memory of William Garapic, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather.*

Diane Gressley

*In Memory of my Parents, Evan & Emma.*

Betty Kaul

*In Memory of Jim Kaul.*

Dassie Matsuoka  
& Family

*In Memory of James Matsuoka.*

Carol Miller &  
Pat Rehm

*In Memory of Chase Dornan.  
For the Unetic Family.  
For the Miller & Rehm Family.*

Phyllis Molnar

*In Memory of Edward Molnar & parents George & Bertha  
Ulsenheiner.*

Bettina Ortiz

*“In Memory of Betty, Joseph & Timothy Ortiz; David S. King &  
Dennis M. Rini.”  
“In Honor of Daniel King, Rachel King & David Kubic, David Kubic,  
Grace & Julianne & Jenna Kubic; Stephanie Hough, Lyndsey &  
Bradley Joseph Hough.*

Fred A. Pesek

*In Memory of my Wife Connie.*

The Eric  
Rahnenfuehner  
Family

*In Memory of Jan Rahnenfuehner.*

David Ritchey

Max Roha

*In Memory of Mary, David & Lois.*

Kathy Smith

*In Celebration of my Family and my Church Family.*

The Stella  
Family

*In Memory of the Stella and Truex families - always remembered.*

Sherrill & Bill  
Witt

*In Memory of Shirley & Arch Duncan.  
In Honor of Pastor Dave Shackle.  
In Memory of the Witt & Bishop Families.  
In Honor of wonderful Church Family at BUCC.*

Jill Zedan

*In Honor of all the Marvelous people at BUCC.*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, April 21**                      **6:15 am**                      **Sunrise Service at  
Brecksville Cemetery**  
**10:00 am**                      **Easter Celebration**  
**11:00 am**                      **Coffee Hour**

**Monday, April 22**                      **\*Office Closed\***

**Thursday, April 25**                      **1:00 pm**                      **Bible Study**  
**4:30 pm**                      **NO Rec/Dul/Guitar**  
**5:30 pm**                      **Joyful Noise**  
**7:00 pm**                      **Choir**

**Sunday, April 28**                      **10:00 am**                      **Worship Celebration**  
**11:00 am**                      **Coffee Hour**  
**5:30 pm**                      **Youth Percussion**

### PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

APRIL 21, 2019

**Lay Reader:**                      **Matt Wolbert**  
**Head Usher:**                      **Jan Renovetz**  
**Ushers:**                      **Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Dave & Julie Bernard**

**Acolyte:**                      **Carrie Coyer-Westerberg**  
**Peace Candle:**                      **Amy Coyer-Westerberg**  
**Sound:**                      **Ben Tomlinson**  
**Comms Grtr:**                      **Lenore Harris**  
**Flowers:**                      **EASTER FLOWERS**  
**Nursery:**                      **Erin Tomlinson**  
**C.E Teacher:**                      **Kate Klonowski**  
**Counters:**                      **Marge Culver, Jon Thompson**  
**Servers:**                      **Cliff & Sue Stenzel**  
**Clean-Up:**                      **Jane & Cliff Cribbs**  
**Snacks:**                      **Diane Gressley, Sue Stenzel**  
**Snow Hrdr:**                      **Cliff Cribbs**

### PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

APRIL 28, 2019

**Lay Reader:**                      **Bettina Ortiz**  
**Head Usher:**                      **Jill Zedan**  
**Ushers:**                      **Bob & Caroline Chandler  
Matt Wolbert, Kate  
Klonowski**

**Acolyte:**                      **Ryan Stewart**  
**Peace Candle:**                      **Olivia Klonowski**  
**Sound:**                      **Kevin Smith**  
**Comms Grtr:**                      **Kathy Smith**  
**Flowers:**                      **Dorie Gabor**  
**Nursery:**                      **Jonathan Cook**  
**C.E. Teacher:**                      **Beth Rehling**  
**Counters:**                      **Dave Bernard, Carole Snider**  
**Servers:**                      **Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel**  
**Clean-Up:**                      **Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett**  
**Snacks:**                      **Kathleen Stewart, Gina Cook**  
**Snow Hrdr:**                      **Dan Stewart**