



Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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

"I love the Holy Spirit. She is like the wild child of the Trinity, anywhere and everywhere moving, calling forth, and stirring things up."

–Zaida Maldonado Pérez, *Latina Evangélicas: A Theological Survey from the Margins*



Sunday June 7th, 2020 • 10:00 AM

Trinity Sunday

Pastor

• Allan Lane

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.

Regardless of your race, creed, ethnicity or age,

You are welcome here.

Regardless of your gender identity or sexual orientation,

You are welcome here.

Regardless of your religious background or spirituality,

You are welcome here.

Regardless of your economic status,

You are welcome here.

If you have health conditions, impairments, or mobility needs,

You are welcome here.

***Whoever you may be, and wherever you are on life's journey,
we welcome you 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:

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June 7th, 2020 –Trinity Sunday

Meditation Music

“Jesus, properly understood as shalom, coming into the world from the shalom community of the Trinity, is the intention of God’s once-and-for-all mission. That is, the mission of birthing and restoring shalom to the world is in Christ, by Christ, and for the honor of Christ.”

–Randy Woodley, *Shalom and the Community of Creation: An Indigenous Vision*

Gathering in God’s Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude from "Holberg Suite"Grieg

Norwegian Chamber Orchestra

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: God the Parent says: if you follow my commandments, I will be your God and you will be my people.

People: We come to be the people of God.

Leader: God the Son says: if you open the door, I will come in and eat with you and you with me.

People: We open the door of our hearts to Christ.

Leader: God the Spirit says: if you ask me, I will speak for you.

People: With groans too deep for words, the Spirit intercedes for us. Let us worship our triune God, who leads us, loves us, and looks after us!

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Croft

1. Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.

4. Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

*** Prayer of Approach and Confession [Unison]**

O triune God, long ago Isaiah stood by your throne and saw the seraphs calling to each other in a vision, “Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, the whole earth is full of your glory.” Holy you are, O Lord our God, and mighty and glorious. We stand in awe before you, and with Isaiah we say, “Woe to me, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips.” As you did with Isaiah long ago, so do to us today, and touch our lips too with the sacred coal, which is Christ, and cleanse us also. Amen

Words of Assurance

Leader: The voice of the Lord spoke to Isaiah after the sacred coal had touched his lips, and said “Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” And then God asked, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

People: **With our sin and guilt taken away by Christ, we are free to respond to God’s call as Isaiah did, “Here I am! Send me!” Amen**

***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, for God loves us all.

The Old Testament

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Contemporary Reading

Miroslav Volf, *After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity*

The New Testament

Matthew 28: 16-20

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

O God in Heaven
[Dave Debick, baritone]

Maquiso

Sermon

Holy, Holy, Holy Trinity

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection

Creator God, Creating Still

Croft

1. Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed,
Create a new humanity to meet the present need.
2. Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace,
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.
3. Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day,
Empow'r us now to do your will. Correct us when we stray.
4. Great Triune God, for this new day we need your presence still.
Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will.
Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

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.**

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

God is the One in Three whose mutual love overflows into creation, whose presence is blessing, whose will is for grace. Let our love overflow into the world, to show God's presence with grace.

Offertory

***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]**

Receive these gifts, O God our Parent, and use them in the church which the Son has redeemed, to shower the world with love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

I Come with Joy

The Christian Harp, 1832

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

5. Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay,
And go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray.
Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

The Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

The bread is more than bread, the wine is more than wine, for in them we are touched by the very presence of God. We give you thanks and honor and praise, O Triune God, for your presence among us in the sacrament. Amen

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774

1. Holy God, we praise your name; Sovereign God, we bow before you;
All on earth your scepter claim, all the heavenly hosts adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.
2. Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs around are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with joys aflame: holy, holy is your name.
3. All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
Anon., German, c. 1774; transl. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853; alt.

*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

*Circle of Community - Caribbean melody

*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 "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on the top staff, and the accompaniment is on the bottom staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Benediction

Postlude

Litanies

Alain

Marie-Claire Alain, organ (sister of French composer Jehan Alain)

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Michelle – friend of Ed & June Puwal, Max Roha, Nancy Stella, Betty Kaul, Don Seager, Justin Brownlow, Anna Mary Fisher, Bill Toneff, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick (Niece of Kathy Smith), Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Dottie Faust, “Edna House”, Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping with us today.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM - If you would like to share your musical gifts with the congregation over the summer months, please let Dave D know you're interested, and he will get you signed up. High school students are welcome to participate. We will continue prerecording our musical offerings as long as we're worshipping together via Zoom. If you sign up to sing or play your instrument, social distancing and face mask guidelines will be followed during recording per Gov. DeWine's recommendations. Dave can help you choose music and rehearse with you before recording. Feel free to contact him with any questions.

HELLO TO ALL. With the corona virus pandemic in force, I haven't been able to visit my usual hospice patients, and I have been sending cards once a week for them to enjoy.

I have enough cards already made to send one more time so I am asking if any of you would like to make a donation of “used” cards for me to send.

I take the front of card off, repurpose it onto some card stock I have on hand and write a message on the back. I get a list of names from Heartland Hospice and I send them out. It's not quite the same as a visitation but I hope it brings a bit of joy to the patients since no visitors are allowed at this time.

If you have any I can put to good use, just give me a call and I will be happy to stop by and pick them up hanging on your front door. Thanks for helping in this ministry.

Jan Renovetz, 330-467-9357 (landline with ans machine) or cell 330-671-2322

Readings

The Old Testament - Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots^[a] on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph^[b] touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Contemporary Reading - –Miroslav Volf, *After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity*

“Because the Christian God is not a lonely God, but rather a communion of three persons, faith leads human beings into the divine communion.

One cannot, however, have a self-enclosed communion with the Triune God- a "foursome," as it were-- for the Christian God is not a private deity. Communion with this God is at once also communion with those others who have entrusted themselves in faith to the same God. Hence one and the same act of faith places a person into a new relationship both with God and with all others who stand in communion with God.”

The New Testament - Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”^[a]

JUNE 7, 2020

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan
Responder: Leroy Ford

JUNE 14, 2020

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Responder: Bridget Sproul

