

# November 1st, 2020

## All Souls' Day

***“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”***

**–Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa**

***We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.***

Whether you are single, married, divorced, separated,  
or partnered,

***You Are Welcome Here!***

Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,

***You Are Welcome Here!***

Whatever your gender identity or sexual orientation,

***You Are Welcome Here!***

Whatever your religious background, creed, or spirituality,

***You Are Welcome Here!***

Whatever your social or economic circumstances,

***You Are Welcome Here!***

Whatever your health conditions, impairments, or mobility needs,

***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!***

## **Announcements**

**WELCOME** to all guests or visitors worshipping with us today in this Zoom format! We are doing everything we can to keep the service open to all, yet secure. In the eventuality of a disruption of the service, we will email information on how to re-enter the service with a password.

**FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN** - We encourage you to share this service with your children, as well as take part in the virtual activities with Ms. Mindy at 9:30 (1/2 hour before every service). The link for this can be found in the email you may have received, on our Facebook page and/or on our church website: <https://brecksvilleucc.orghttps://brecksvilleucc.org/services/childrens-time-online/>

## Announcements (continued)

**HUNGER MEAL (OCWM)** – This afternoon, the BUCC will participate in the Hunger Meal at Iglesia Emmanuel on W. 41st St. in Cleveland. Because of the pandemic, the meal will be served in a “take away” fashion. The menu will be sandwiches, bananas, trail bars and bottled water. The sandwiches will be made at home, and everything will be in a plastic bag, for attendees to pick up when they arrive. Serving begins at about 3:30 pm – the attendance at hunger meals has decreased as of late, so we will plan to make meals for 30 people. **MANY THANKS** to Bob and Caroline Chandler for volunteering to do all the prep and distribution for this hunger meal, and enabling our church to continue as an active, loving presence in the Cleveland community!

**ALL SOULS’ MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Spiritual Life has planned a memorial service to honor those loved ones who have passed away this year. This service will take place virtually on the evening of All Souls day, which is tomorrow, November 2, at 7:00 PM. You can access it via Zoom by dialing 1-929-205-6099 and using ID# 478 070 5901, or you can use this link (the same as for Sunday Services):  
<https://zoom.us/j/4780705901>.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Please look in the mail for your annual pledge card, to designate your financial contribution towards the works of the Brecksville United Church of Christ. The members of the Stewardship committee are asking everyone to seriously consider the words in our Moderator’s letter. During November Sunday services, we look forward to hearing reflections from members of our congregation on the theme of “Three Great Loves” as follows:

- “Love of Children” - Lindsey Maier
- “Love of Neighbor” - Pat Rehm
- “Love of Creation” - Kathy Pastor
- *Love in Action* - Kate Klownowski

Thanks for supporting BUCC’s ministries!

**LITTLE FREE ANTI-RACIST LIBRARY** -- The LFAL and BUCC were highlighted in November’s issue of the Brecksville Magazine! If you missed it, you can find it online at:  
<http://www.scriptype.com/2020/10/19/november-2020-brecksville-magazine/>

The new library’s inventory is still sparse, so if you’re able to donate a book (or more!), please consider it. You can do so through Gina, online via Amazon, or just drop one directly into the mailbox (please alert Gina so she can ID and add the book to her catalog). The wish list can be found on amazon.com - you can either search the wish list for “Anti-racist Free Little Library of Brecksville”, or access it through this link: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/36F1K25B5001N?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/36F1K25B5001N?ref_=wl_share)

Gina is happy to answer any questions you may have - please feel free to contact her at [ginamthomas@gmail.com](mailto:ginamthomas@gmail.com).

## Announcements (continued)

**THE MITTEN TREE RETURNS!** Beginning Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Mitten Tree will be set up in the lower lobby of the church (inside the back door). It would be wonderful if its magical branches could be replenished again this year for our neighbors in need! You are welcome to bring in any new/gently-used (or newly-created!) hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, which will find new homes when we provide hunger meals. The back doors will be open during regular church hours, for those who are able to deliver their items. If you have a contribution but are unable to stop by the church, please reach out to Kate Klonowski at (216) 534-3498 or [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com), to arrange for a pickup.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB** - An OCWM/CE joint venture, the book club has selected its next book on the theme of environmental stewardship. We will be reading *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming* by David Wallace-Wells. The first meeting will be Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 pm on Zoom (the same codes we use for church services). We will be discussing all of Part 1: "Cascades". Please feel free to contact Kate Klonowski at (216) 534-3498 or [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com) with any questions!

**AUTUMN MUSIC INVITATION\*** - Because of ongoing precautions due to COVID-19, our choirs and instrumental groups will continue to refrain from rehearsing and presenting music. Therefore, the opportunity for volunteers to sing or play instruments for our musical offerings remains available! If you'd like to share your musical gifts with the congregation during our on-line services, please let Dave D. know -- he is glad to help you find music and rehearse before recording. Dave can be reached either by email at [buccmusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buccmusic@sbcglobal.net), or by phone at 216-408-7949. High school students are welcome to participate!

**\*NOTE: Social distancing is practiced and masks are worn during these rehearsal/recording sessions.**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Christian Education is checking in to see who would be interested in a virtual Adult Bible Study while the church building remains closed (or even after reopening)! Please weigh in with your responses here: <https://rb.gv/ywjarw> - type this web address in the top bar of your internet browser, fill out the response form, and your answers will be automatically sent to Kate! If you have any questions, please reach out to CE Chair Kate Klonowski at (216) 534-3498 or [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com).

**BUCC MASKS** - If you would like your very own "still speaking" mask, please contact Kate Klonowski at 216-534-3498 or email at [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com) and she will mail or deliver (contact-free) one to you! Suggested donation \$10 (proceeds go toward the BUCC general fund).

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** is still happening! Please don't forget to send in your pledges to the church by mail or (preferably) PayPal! Check out [BrecksvilleUCC.org/giving](https://BrecksvilleUCC.org/giving) for more info.

## Announcements (continued)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you would like to be the Zoom Host or the Slide Runner, (both very easy and done from the comfort of your own home!), please reach out to Heidi Spangler at heidi@heidihoonthego.com. We'd love to teach you.

**COFFEE HOUR!** After the service, we welcome all attendees to stay on Zoom to enjoy some time and fellowship with each other. Brew your favorite fairly-traded coffee or tea and a snack and catch up with friends!

*Many thanks for all the donations of time, money,  
and talent that you provide to the Church!*

## Gathering in God's Presence

### **Meditation:**

"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see."

–President John F. Kennedy

**Prelude Music:** *"Prélude" to Te Deum Laudamus* Charpentier

*(translation: O God, We Praise You)*

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Orchestra, Sir Neville Marriner, conductor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vf6jBP4YXwo>

### **Call to Worship:**

- ◆ Leader (Sue): Before you, O God, the generations rise and fall. You call us as children, you call us as adults, you call us as those laden with the wisdom of the years, to come to you.
- ◆ **People (Sherrill): From age to age you are the same, O God, faithful to every generation.**
- ◆ Leader: You set us in the midst of time, to hold the things of this world for a little while, until we pass them back to you and on to another.
- ◆ **People: We are but stewards of the world as we pass through it. We have received a rich legacy from the generations which have gone before; let us prepare a rich legacy for the generations that will come after.**
- ◆ Leader: May all generations praise God's name Let us worship together!

**Hymn of Praise:      *O Savior, for the Saints*                      Walter**

1. O Savior, for the saints who strove in you to live,  
Who followed you without complaint, our grateful hymn receive.

2. O Savior, for the saints who strove in you to die,  
Who loved and served without restraint, accept our thankful cry.

3. They all in life and death, with you, O Christ, in view,  
Learned from the Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

4. For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew  
That we, like them, in holiness may live and die in you.

(Richard Mant, 1837; alt.)

**Prayer of Approach & Confession:** (based on Psalm 90)

- ◆ **People (Sherrill):** When the Prodigal left, he was a headstrong and willful child, full of himself and his own plans, certain of his rightness and his parent's wrongness, determined to go his own way. We recognize the type. Sometimes we embody the type. We are your children, O God, headstrong and willful sometimes, but yours nonetheless. Like the father in the parable, like mothers around the world, forgive us when we return to you, chastened and penitent. Help us to grow into the full stature of your grace. Receive us with open arms and a loving embrace, as the parable proclaims. We ask it in Jesus' name.

**Words of Assurance:**

- ◆ **Leader (Sue):** In his first letter, the Apostle John wrote: "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with our Parent God - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."
- ◆ **People (Sherrill):** John continued: "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." Amen

**Song of Praise:**

Glory, glory, glory! Glory to God in the highest!  
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And on earth be peace to all people, with whom God is pleased.  
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## **New Members:**

### **Rose and Vincent Kaval Join the Church**

Members of this church shall be persons who affirm publicly with God and with one another, the following covenant:

- Believing in God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior, we dedicate ourselves and our Church to the service of God's realm.
- Depending as our forebears in the faith upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us in truth, we covenant with God and one another to worship, work and serve together, that we may express through our church and our lives the love and faith of Jesus Christ.

## **Readings**

### **Epistle Lesson - 1 John 4:7**

### *Loving One Another*

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

### **Gospel - Matthew 19: 13-14**

### *Jesus Blesses the Little Children*

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

### **Contemporary Lesson (3 Parts)**

"Grown men can learn from very little children, for the hearts of the little children are pure. Therefore, the Great Spirit may show to them many things which older people miss."

**-- Black Elk, 1863-1950**

How often have I found myself amazed at the simple wisdom of children? Children have a profoundly different perspective on how they see the world – if only we could see the world through their eyes! Jesus tells us in our sacred texts (**Matthew 18.3**) that we must become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven.

**"The Love of Children"**

by Lindsey Maier

**Musical Offering:**      ***O Salutaris Hostia***      Ešenvalds  
The Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge  
Hannah Partridge, Rachel Ambrose Evans, soloists  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blUTC7zzzRI>

**Sermon:**      ***Stewardship As A Gift To Children***      Pastor Allan Lane

**Hymn of Reflection**      **Jesus Loves Me**      **Bradbury**

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

**REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me! (3x) The Bible tells me so.**

2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

**REFRAIN**

3. Jesus loves me! Still today, walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

**REFRAIN**

(Verse 1: Anna B. Warner, 1860; verses 2-3: David Rutherford McGuire, 1971)

## **The Church at Prayer**

Dot and Stu Bailey and family, the family and friends of Phyllis Molnar, David Pastor, Elizabeth Gadus, Phyllis Hassler, Joanne Cook, Sheila Day (friend of the Sniders), Joanne K. and Jim C. (friends of Ed & June Puwal), Max Roha, Nancy Stella, Betty Kaul, Justin Brownlow, Anna Mary Fisher, Bill Toneff, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick (niece of Kathy Smith), Stan McCain, 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.*

**Silent Meditation**

**Prayers of the Church**

## **The Church at Prayer** (continued)

**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:**

- ◆ Leader (Sue): All that we have is a gift from you, O God, a sacred trust that passes through our hands. May these offerings we return to you today be from hearts committed to good stewardship of all you have given us. Let us present our offerings to God.

**[BrecksvilleUCC.org/giving](http://BrecksvilleUCC.org/giving)**

### **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:**

- ◆ People (Sherrill): **This is our heart, our love, our hope, and the future of our church, a gift for today, and a down payment for a generation yet to come. Receive these gifts from your people, O God, Giver of All. Amen**



## Holy Communion

**Communion Hymn:**      *Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts*      Baker

1. Jesus, the joy of loving hearts, fount of our lives, and light of all:  
From every bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
2. Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you plead with all to call on you;  
To those still seeking, you are good; to those who find you, life is new.
3. We taste of you, the living bread, and long to feast upon you still;  
We drink of you, the fountainhead; our thirsty souls from you we fill.  
(Attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150; transl. Ray Palmer, 1858; alt.)

- ◆ **The Thanksgiving**
- ◆ **Words of Institution**
- ◆ **Prayer of Consecration**
- ◆ **The Invitation**
- ◆ **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**People (Sherrill):** Your promise is to us and to our children, O Jesus, that you will be with us to the very end of the age. We thank you for your presence here today through the power of the Spirit in the bread and the wine. Amen



**Hymn of Departure: *Forward through the Ages***

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; alt.

Sullivan

1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
 move the faithful spirits at the call divine;  
 Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,  
 manifold in service, one the sure reward.

**REFRAIN: Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
 Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

2. Wide grows God's dominion, reign of love and peace;  
 for it we must labor, till all strivings cease.  
 Prophets have proclaimed it, teachers testified,  
 poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died. **REFRAIN**

3. Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;  
 in each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.  
 Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,  
 move we on together to the shining goal. **REFRAIN**  
 (Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1908; alt.)

**Going With God's Love****Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World:**

Circle of Community

The musical score is written for a treble clef instrument in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has a melody with lyrics underneath. The second staff has a similar melody with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in both staves.

Chord symbols for the first staff: A, E, A, D, Bm, E.

Chord symbols for the second staff: A, C7, F7m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

Lyrics for the first staff: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Lyrics for the second staff: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

