

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**PALM SUNDAY**

***“Crowds don’t think, they act!  
They don’t produce ideas,  
they produce actions!”***  
–Mehmet Murat ildan

**Announcements**

**WELCOME** to all guests or visitors worshiping 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.org/services/childrens-time-online/>**

**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 fair trade coffee or tea and a snack and catch up with friends!

**OCWM:** The next hunger meal is scheduled for Sunday, April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday) at Iglesia Emmanuel. As the church is still locked down, a “takeaway” menu is planned - sandwiches and sides will be packed into a plastic bag and distributed at the door. We plan to prepare 25 to 30 meals, and only two or three BUCC people will be needed to prepare and hand out the meal. The next hunger meal after that is scheduled for Sunday, August 22nd at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. The menu will be selected as the time gets nearer, as much will depend on what is happening with the coronavirus.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB:** We’re excited to announce our next book in the Social Justice Book Club series: ***Dear America, Notes of an Undocumented Citizen***, by Jose Antonio Vargas. We will begin on Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 pm, on the BUCC zoom. Please prepare by reading the Prologue, Note to Readers, and Part 1: “Lying” (pp. 1 - 43). The chapter sections within are very short and written in a narrative, autobiographical style. Warning: you may have hard time putting it down! Feel free to direct any questions to **Kate Klonowski** at **(216) 534-3498** or email **keightykay@gmail.com**. Discussion questions will be sent out to the congregation on April 1. All are very welcome!

***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** (continued)

**COVID VACCINE:** If you are eligible for a COVID vaccine and want to be vaccinated, but are struggling to secure an appointment (internet issues, trouble hearing, etc.), you can contact **Evie Novak** at **440-479-9743** for assistance. (If anyone is able to provide transportation to and from appointments, please reach out to Evie.)

**“CASTING CALL”:** The Stewardship committee is looking for anyone who wants to contribute a “Mission Moment Movie Minute” for our virtual church services. A 30-60 second video clip of anything related to mission, stewardship, giving or receiving. Make a quick video of something wonderful that someone has done for you or the community. Have your kids make a mini-movie of themselves helping a neighbor or picking up trash in the neighborhood. Or just tell us why you love the BUCC! Send it in to the church email (**buccoh@sbcglobal.net**), and we’ll put it in an upcoming virtual service – thanks in advance!

**DOUBLE CASH FOR RECYCLED PAPER!** Every Thursday morning, River Valley Recycling picks up our recycled paper and cardboard. On **Thursday, April 22nd**, they have offered to pay double for the contents! We’d like to make the most of this offer, and we need your help – please consider the following:

- Please save up your scraps & boxes.
- Please contact your friends & family to do the same.
- Please contact Jim Duffy at 216-644-2784 or [jmorganduffy@gmail.com](mailto:jmorganduffy@gmail.com), with any questions.

Every little bit counts, and thanks in advance for your help with filling up the bin during the week of the 22nd!

**THE PASTOR IS IN** – Pastor Allan is available every Tuesday, between 11am and noon. You can contact him either by mail, email or phone - feel free to call either the church or his cell phone directly. You can also catch him online, by clicking on the same Zoom link that we use for Sunday services. He’d love to hear from you! Here’s his contact information:

- BUCC address: **23 Public Square, Brecksville OH 44141**
- Email: **buccpastor@sbcglobal.net**
- BUCC office phone: **(440) 526-4364**
- Pastor Allan’s cell phone: **(513) 417-1537**
- Zoom link: **<https://zoom.us/j/4780705901>**

*Many thanks for your generous donations of time, money,  
and talent that you give to our Church!*

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

**Meditation:** *“The fact that everyone is doing something does not mean that’s the right thing.”* – Israelmore Ayivor, *101 Keys To Everyday Passion*

### **Prelude Music/Palm Procession:**

*Israel, Jerusalem, Palm Sunday Parade* Undated  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GeQIbNNyRQ>

### **Call to Worship:**

- ◆ Leader (Matt): Hosanna! Save us! Hosanna! Let the ancient cry go up once more.
- ◆ People (Sherrill): **The people rejoiced on the road to Jerusalem when Jesus came by. We rejoice in our homes as Jesus draws near to us in our worship.**
- ◆ Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
- ◆ People: **Blessed are those who cry out to him, for their voices will be heard. Hosanna!**
- ◆ Leader: Let us celebrate with palms the coming of Christ into our midst. Let us worship God!

### **Hymn of Praise: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

1. "Hosanna, loud hosanna," the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best..

2. From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state,  
and glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey's gait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song is ours.  
We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:  
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.  
Hosanna! In your presence forever we'll rejoice!"

(Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.)

## Prayer of Approach & Confession:

- ◆ People (Sherrill): We know, O God, that we are no less fickle than the crowds who cheered you on Sunday and crucified you on Friday. We have the best of intentions. We have the highest of hopes. But still we fall; still we stumble. We have to confess our own failings before you so that we can find forgiveness from you. We have to confess our own weaknesses to you, so that we can receive strength through you. Walk with us as we strive to live the new life you have promised. Amen

## Words of Assurance:

- ◆ Leader (Matt): Micah the prophet wrote, "Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession? You do not retain your anger forever, because you delight in showing clemency." Amen

## Song of Praise:

***Gathered Here*** (sung 2 times)

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,  
Gathered here in one strong body,  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,  
Spirit draw near.

## Readings

### First Reading:

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

*Psalms before Palms*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

## **Second Reading (read by Pastor Allan): Mark 11: 1-20** *From ahead to behind*

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers'." The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.

## **Contemporary Reading: "Leprechauns on TV", From *Rise Up and Salute the Sun: The Writings of Suzy Kassem*, by Suzy Kassem**

"People nowadays talk about the world's problems like they're reading lines off a teleprompter. They recite what they're told and echo it without thinking. It has become easier to divide people than to unify them, and to blind them than to give them vision. We are no longer unified like a bowl of Cheerios. Instead, we have become as segregated as a box of Lucky Charms. Every day we see the same leprechauns on TV acting like they're the experts of everything."

### **Musical Offering:**

***Shout, Sing, Celebrate!***

Raney

Presented by the Choir of Brecksville UCC, Palm Sunday, 2015

### **Sermon:**

***Going Before, Going After***

Pastor Allan Lane

## Hymn of Reflection: *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* Dykes

1. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! O Christ, with brave humility,  
On lowly colt, your road pursue, as palms and cloaks are spread for you.

2. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! As crowds of people come to see  
And shout hosannas, lifting high their praise for one about to die.

3. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Ride on in humble dignity;  
Behold the ones you came to save from senseless life and endless grave.

4. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! For you have set your people free  
And we, remembering all your pain, now meet again to hail your reign.

(Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Baylor, 1993)

## The Church at Prayer

Bill Toneff, Cindy Burton, Joe & Betsey Wilson and family, Ann Roha, Fred Pedersen, Ann Klonowski, Lenore Harris, David Pastor, Elizabeth Gadus, Phyllis Hassler, Joanne Cook, Sheila Day, Joanne K. and Jim C., Max Roha, Betty Kaul, Anna Mary Fisher, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), 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**

† **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 (Matt): The crowds offered praise, and they offered their voices. They offered what they had to the best of their ability. Let us also offer what we have to the best of our ability.

**[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):** Receive these gifts as we walk along our road of faith, as you received the praise of the people, as you walked along the road to Jerusalem. Walk with us along our road, and do not let us get too far ahead of you, or too far behind. Amen

## Hymn of Departure: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Teschner

1. All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;  
our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

2. O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,  
the one called "God's beloved," of flesh and yet divine,  
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

3. As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,  
whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.  
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
(Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century; transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.)

## Going With God's Love

### Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Circle of Community

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## † Benediction

**Postlude:**

**Gavotte**

**Saint-Saëns**

**Special Thanks:**

**March 28, 2021**

**Lay Reader** Matt Wolbert  
**Responder** Sherrill Witt  
**CE** Mindy Wade  
**Slide Runner** Kate Klonowski  
**Zoom Host** Heidi Spangler

**April 1, 2021 (Maundy Thursday)**

**Lay Reader** Bridget Sproul  
**Responder** Carol Miller  
**Slide Runner** Kate Klonowski  
**Zoom Host** Sue Maier

**April 4, 2021 (Easter)**

**Lay Reader** Jill Zedan  
**Responder** Janet Renovetz  
**CE** Mindy Wade  
**Slide Runner** Kate Klonowski  
**Zoom Host** David Pastor

