

April 4th, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY

“Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing.”

–Frederick Buechner

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/>

OCWM: The next hunger meal is scheduled for TODAY, 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. If you’re interested in getting involved, contact **Bob Chandler** at **330-416-4764**, or **Chad Sproul** at **(C) 216-375-8517**. 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! If you did not receive the email with the discussion questions, contact **Kate Klonowski** at **(216) 534-3498** or email keightykay@gmail.com. All are very welcome!

COVID VACCINE: If you are eligible for a COVID vaccine and want to be vaccinated, but are struggling to secure an appointment, you can contact **Evie Novak** at **440-479-9743**, **Nancy Stella** at **440-724-3101**, and **Kim Wallis** at **440-655-7267** for assistance.

***We are an Open and Affirming
Congregation, welcoming all of God's
children.***
Whether you are single, married, divorced,
separated,
or partnered,
ou 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)

“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, 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!

STILL SPEAKING EVENTS*: Weather permitting, we are going to begin having the parking lot meetings at the church again. The first one will be Tuesday, April 20th at 10am, and the second will be Thursday, April 22 at 5pm. This is a chance for members and guests to safely share time together (and the perfect time to bring your paper and cardboard for the recycling drive!).

***NOTE:** All are welcome to join us and follow the guidelines below for a safe but enjoyable event:

- Masks are required for participation.
- Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket for seating.
- You may bring a beverage or snack, but please no sharing with other households.
- Restrooms will not be available and the BUCC building will be closed.
- Please enjoy each other’s company but remain 6 feet apart.
- Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

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>



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of time, money, and talent!*



Gathering in God's Presence

Meditation: *"Keep the Feast of the Resurrection. Be a Peter or a John; hasten to the Sepulcher, running together, running against one another, vying in the noble race. And even if you are beaten in speed, win the victory of zeal; not looking into the tomb only, but going right in."* –St. Gregory of Nazianzus

Prelude: **O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing** 17th century French
Presented in 2015 by the Brecksville UCC Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar Ensemble;
Becky Anderson & Erin Tomlinson, flute; Youth Percussion Group

*O sons and daughters, let us sing
the flower of heaven, alive as spring,
o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!*
Jean Tisserand (d. 1494); transl. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Call to Worship:

- Leader (Jill): Let the Easter cry go out: "Christ is risen!" And let the people respond:
- **People (Janet): "He is risen indeed!"**
- Leader: The tomb is empty. If you are looking for Christ at the tomb, he is not there!
- **People: No, Christ is not there in the tomb because he is here with us, risen and alive and with his people forever!**
- Leader: Thanks be to God for the good news of Jesus' resurrection! Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise: **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today** Recorded at BUCC on Easter 2017

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!
2. Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia! God has opened paradise, Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
(Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.)

Prayer of Approach & Confession:

People (Janet): The cross stands as a stark reminder of the sin in our lives. If we say we have no sin, then we deceive only ourselves, as the Apostle John said, “and the truth is not in us.” Let us then not be self-deceived, O God, but let us openly confess our sinfulness before you. Let the truth of our sinfulness be matched by the truth of Christ’s resurrection so that we might receive the mercy and grace that are ours in Christ. Amen

Words of Assurance:

- **Leader (Jill):** Paul wrote to the Romans: “The death Christ died, he died to sin, once and for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you must also consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”
- **People (Janet):** Paul also said, “If we have been united with Christ in a death like his through baptism, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his!” Thanks be to God! Amen

Song of Praise:

Glory, glory, glory! Glory to God in the highest!
 Glory, glory, glory! Glory to God in the highest!
 And on earth be peace to all people, with whom God is pleased.
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Readings

First Reading: **1 Corinthians 15: 1-11** *Paul retells the Resurrection*

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Second Reading (Pastor Allan): Mark 16: 1-8 *Mark messes up the ending*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, He is 'going ahead of you into Galilee'. There you will see him, just as he told you." Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Third Reading: Mark 16: 9-20 *An attempt to fix it up*

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Musical Offering:

He Is Not Here!

Nagy

Presented at BUCC on Easter 2015; Becky Anderson & Betsey Wilson, flute; Dave Shackle, trumpet; Youth Percussion Group with Bob Chandler, Donn Whyte, & Jim Demko

Sermon:

The Unfinished Ending

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection: **The Strife Is O'er** Palestrina; arr. Monk

REFRAIN: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia! (go to v. 2)
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy out-burst. Alleluia! (to verse 3)
3. The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! (to verse 4)
4. Christ, by your wounds on Calvary from death's dread sting your servants free,
That we may live eternally. Alleluia! (to **REFRAIN**)

The Church at Prayer

David Pastor, Bill Toneff, Lenore Harris, Cindy Burton, Joe & Betsey Wilson and family, Ann Roha, Fred Pedersen, Ann Klonowski, 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, Dassi Matsuoaka, 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 (Jill): When we close our eyes, we can imagine a world where no one is homeless, no one is hungry, no one is harassed, no one is alone. When we open our eyes, we can work to make that world of our imagination the world of reality. Let us present our gifts and offerings to God.

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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 (Janet): We are the people of the resurrection, O God, the people who believe in the power of Christ's love to conquer even death. Accept these offerings from us and use them to bring new life to our community and our world. Amen**

Communion Hymn: **Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread**

The Whole Booke of Psalms, 1562

1. Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
O Savior, stay with us and spread your table in our heart.
2. Here share with us in love divine, your body and your blood;
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.
(James Montgomery, 1825; alt.)

Holy Communion

- † The Invitation
- † Prayer of Consecration
- † Words of Institution
- † Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

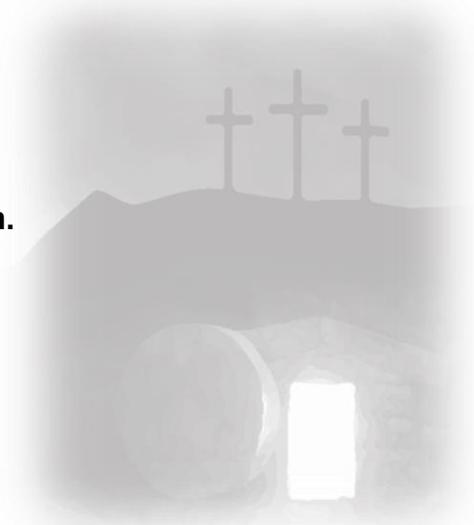
- **People (Janet): With you, O Jesus, the story goes on even now. Because of your resurrection you are still with us. We thank you that you have made your presence known to us in the bread and the wine. May we experience your resurrection life in our own lives even now. Amen**

Hymn of Departure:

Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One! G. F. Handel

**REFRAIN: Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

1. Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;
conquered is the grave in which your body lay. **REFRAIN**
2. See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared;
do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;
tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting. **REFRAIN**



Going With God's Love

Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Circle of Community

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.

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

† Benediction

Postlude: **An Easter Alleluia** Debick

Special Thanks:

April 4, 2021

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CE Mindy Wade
Slide Runner Kate Klonowski
Zoom Host David Pastor

April 11, 2021

Lay Reader Bridget Sproul
Responder Sue Stenzel
CE Mindy Wade
Slide Runner Kate Klonowski
Zoom Host Sue Maier



Have a Blessed Week!