



DEPTHS

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Acrylic, oil pastel, metal leaf on canvas

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Brecksville United Methodist Church

Creating Safe Spaces to Grow With God and One Another

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A Step Toward Home

*By Rev. Sarah A. Speed
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I will not tell you to buck up,
to tough it out, to ignore the fear
rattling around in your chest.
I will not tell you that all shall be well
or that morning will come quickly.
I will not ask you to march into danger
without first repeating your name in my prayers.
But if fear stops you in your tracks,
if fear makes it hard to breathe,
hard to move,
hard to think,
then I will remind you
that even one step with shaking knees
is a step toward home.

Longest Night Service

December 17, 2025 at 7 pm

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Heidi Welch, Senior Pastor

Opening Poem

Opening Hymn

In The Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221

Advent Wreath Lighting

Rev. Kathy Dickriede

Silence

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 3:1-24

Meditation

Silence

Candle Lighting

Prayers of the People

Refrain: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Poetry Prayer

A Step Toward Home

Closing Song

Beautiful Things

Sending and Benediction

This service is being livestreamed and will be available later on
Facebook, YouTube or our website
www.brecksvilleumc.com/streaming

GRIEF SUPPORT RESOURCES

There's no linear path or timeline set for grief. While each of us grieves in our own unique way, we can all benefit from expressing our emotions in a safe and comfortable environment together. Here are five organizations offering grief support in Northeast Ohio and beyond.

1. **Cornerstone of Hope** offers support groups for those who have lost a spouse, parent or child; and those who experience loss through murder, suicide or accidental overdose. Groups include cinema, art, phototherapy, running/walking and multi-media. (216) 524-4673. 5905 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH 44131

2. **The Cleveland Clinic** provides comprehensive grief and bereavement services. Professionals, caregivers and volunteers offer individual and group services—every service is tailored to your needs. (216) 444-9819, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland

3. *About Grief* is Hospice of the Western Reserve's grief support newsletter. Produced by the experts at **Western Reserve Grief Services**, *About Grief* includes articles and resources aimed to assist the bereaved as they move through the grief process. www.hospicewr.org

4. **Pastoral Care through Brecksville United Methodist Church.**

Pastor Heidi is here to support and love you in your time of grief. Reach out to her through the church: 440-526-8938.

Pastor@brecksvilleumc.com

5. **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.** We can *all* help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.



MORE RESOURCES

Find more on our website

www.brecksvilleumc.com/Longest-Night-a-Vigil-for-Hope