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## Birdsong

Every morning the sun rises, majestic and steady.  
She is greeted in all her strength  
with the joyous cacophony of birdsong.  
I like to believe this holy chorus  
is the birds telling each other—  
I'm here.  
We made it through the night.  
You're not alone.  
What good, good news.  
I think the resurrection is a bit like that.  
God is here.  
We made it through the night.  
We are not alone.  
What good, good news.

-Rev. Sara Are Speed, A Sanctified Art, LLC



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## Celebration of Holy Communion

### *Prayer of Confession*

**Gracious God,**

**we want to be Easter people.**

**We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.**

**We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.**

**We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,”  
but we are afraid.**

**And we don’t know where to look.**

**And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing.**

**So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.**

**We are best intentions and best laid plans.**

**We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.”**

**We are on our way, but we are not there yet.**

**Show us how to embody your good news in this world.**

**Show us how to be your Easter people.**

**With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.**

### *Words of Forgiveness*

*Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:*

**Through Jesus Christ**

**we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.**

**This is the good news of the gospel!**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

**I come to the garden alone  
while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,  
the Son of God discloses.**

**(refrain) And he walks with me and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own:  
and the joy we share as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.**

**He speaks and the sound of his voice  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me  
within my heart is ringing. (refrain)**

**I'd stay in this garden with him  
though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe  
his voice to me is calling. (refrain)**

*WORDS/MUSIC: C. Austin Miles, 1913. Music adapt by Charles H Webb, 1987.*

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#### Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.  
It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.  
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,  
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
I have seen it alive in the world.**

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**And even when my heart aches,  
even when wars rage,  
even when mercy feels out of reach,  
I remember the one who welcomed the children  
and led with nonviolence.  
I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable  
and inspired those around him.  
I remember that the good news really is good news,  
for I have seen it alive in the world.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*He Lives*

UMH 310

**I serve a risen Savior He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living, Whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer;  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.**

*Refrain:* **He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.**

**In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading, Through all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last. *Refrain***

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs To Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, The Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, So good and kind. *Refrain***

Benediction

Postlude Song *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*



*L-R: A community meal, teen response grads, youth mentoring, CSA share*

*On Easter, we celebrate that the Good News is alive in the world.*

**This year's Easter Offering benefits Re:Source Cleveland**, an organization bringing good news to life every day by providing youth mentoring, social services navigation, and academic support to refugees and immigrants in our community. Whether it is helping a family recover after a tragic fire or ensuring children can focus on school because their basic needs are met, Re:Source is a witness to the hope that can exist even in difficult seasons. Let's show that the Good News is alive through our collective giving, and help create welcome for every newcomer as a beloved child of God, and valued part of our greater Cleveland community.

- Re:Source Cleveland supports refugees and immigrants through programs like youth sports (Corner65), workforce readiness, and the Ohio City Farm.
- Your gift helps provide basic necessities, the foundation for families to focus on their future.
- Learn much more about Re:Source and other ways you can support their work, including their farm store, at [BUMCLinks.com](http://BUMCLinks.com).



**How to Give: Mark your gift "Easter Offering" and give by April 26.**

Text "GIVEBUMC Easter" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

### **Courageous Inclusion: Our Welcoming Statement**

*Brecksville United Methodist Church is called to the ministry of reconciliation. We embrace diversity as a gift. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of Brecksville United Methodist Church as we journey toward reconciliation through Christ.*

**Question of the Day:** *In one word, what does GOOD NEWS look like to you today?* Sign in or text your answer: 833-556-1171.

**Contemplative Worship** returns next Sunday at 8:30 in Fellowship Hall. Experience ancient Christian practices for today. **Worship with Live Band** Sundays at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. **Worship on the Lawn** returns Sunday, May 24. Services stream live: YouTube, Facebook and BrecksvilleUMC.com.

**The Wiggle Room** is open with background checked staff & volunteers all morning. **Seedlings & Sprouts** have special Easter activities today in Fellowship Hall during the 11 am Easter Service.

**Asbury Bremeth Women's Study** - Methodist Roots. Thursday 4/9 at 10 am.

**Classes for adults/teens** return 4/12 at 9:30: **Celtic Spirituality** in the Chapel. Join us for reflection, prayer and a look at ancient Christian practices. Or join the conversation with **Let's Talk Podcast** in room 301.

**Stay and Play next Sunday** 4/12 at 11:30. A time for kids and their grown ups to hang out in Fellowship Hall for some free-form fun and time together.

**Youth Group** returns 4/12. Pizza, friends and fun in the Youth Rm at 5:30!

**April Aerie Amble on the Towpath Trail!** Saturday, April 11 at 11 am. Meet at the Brecksville Station for a gentle walk to the eagles' nest and a time of reflection. Brown Bag lunch at the Plateau Picnic pavilion. RSVP for details

**Sing for Unity** a special worship service built entirely around music that connects us all next **Sunday, April 12 at 10:30**. Don't miss this opportunity to lift our spirits and celebrate our shared community through song!

**The Big Dream Listening Post** Sunday, April 26 at 11:45 am. How will we saturate our community with connection and belonging, on the Square and everywhere? Come share what you have heard through your prayers.

**The Spring Spiritual Trail Guide** has details on all this and much, much more. Pick up a copy in the Lobby or download it at **BUMCLinks.com**. This issue won't be mailed. **The April Good Word Newsletter** is also available now.

# Weekly Planner



OFFICE HOURS

9 - 3 Mon - Thurs, 9 - 1 Sunday

APRIL 6 - 12, 2026

\*=Online or online option.

Find details at [www.brecksvilleumc.com](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com)

## CARE & PRAYER MAIL

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It's was her birthday last week!

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## TUESDAY

- Staff Meeting, 10:30
- Mission Food Prep, 2
- CC Work Group, 7 pm

## THURSDAY

- Asbury Bremeth, 9:30/10
- Evonna Small Group\*, 10
- Choir, 6:30 pm
- Worship Band, 8:00 pm

## SATURDAY

### 650 PRAYER

God of abundance, saturate our community with connection and belonging. Where there is isolation, make me present. Where there is loneliness, make us family. Show me my part in cultivating relationships so that others will know of Your boundless love. Open my heart and mind to the incredible things I haven't even imagined yet. Amen.

## MONDAY

- Imaginative Prayer, 10:30
- at Chippewa Place

Easter Monday  
Church Office Closed

## WEDNESDAY

- Dawnbreakers Breakfast, 7 am

## FRIDAY



- Pray the 650 Prayer
- every day at 6:50 am or pm

## Sunday

- 8-12:30 Wiggle Room Open
- 8:30 Contemplative Worship
- 9:30 Classes for all ages
- 11:30 Sing for Unity Worship
- 11:30 Stay & Play
- 5:30 Youth Group
- 5:30 Sunday Small Group

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