



# BRECKSVILLE

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## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Loving, Serving and Accepting All People  
with God's Life-Changing Power*

Peace I leave  
with you, my  
peace I give to  
you.

But the kind of  
peace I give you  
is not like the  
world's peace.

Do not let your  
hearts be  
distressed; do  
not be fearful.



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**Sunday May 1, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Sixth Sunday Of Easter**

*Pastor*

• Rev David Shackle

*Director of Music*

• David Debick

*Financial Secretary*

• Joy Garapic

*Ministers*

All of our Members

*Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger*

## **Affirmation of Welcome**

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

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

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are male, female, or transgender,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,

Or a life-long member of the UCC,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

**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!**

### **WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS**

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

#### ***Office Hours:***

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00**

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# MAY 1, 2016 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## **Meditation Music**

Creator and redeemer, we pray we may be alert to the call, however it comes to us, and may we have the courage to answer with lives of compassion and joy. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

Peace Be Within This Sacred Place

Parker

### **Bearing the Light of Peace**

### **Bearing the Light of Christ**

#### **\* Call to Worship**

\* Leader: The Risen Christ is with us.

**People: The Risen Christ is with us.**

L: In our rising in the morning,

**P: The Risen Christ is with us.**

L: In our going out and coming in,

**P: The Risen Christ is with us.**

L: In our joy and in our sorrow,

**P: The Risen Christ is with us.**

L: In our fear and when at peace,

**All: The Risen Christ is truly with us! Let us Rejoice and give thanks!**

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

What a Covenant

#471

#### **\* Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Good and Gracious God, we profess our trust in you yet walk in fear. We profess our faith in you yet act as if we do not know you. We claim to follow you but follow our fears instead. Help us remember who we are and whose we are and act like it. Amen.

#### **\* The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life!

**All:** Thanks be to God!

#### **\* Passing the Peace**

L: As God's forgiven and renewed *people*, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ. *The Peace of Christ is with you!*

**P: And also with you!**

**Threshold Choir** "May Peace Be With You"

**New Testament Reading:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

**New Testament:** John 14: 23-29

**The Continuing Testament:** Your Place at the Table by Kate Munger  
*[sung by Threshold Choir]*

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering** Teach Me Your Ways Mengel

**Sermon** "Not the World's Peace" Ann P. Klonowski, RCWP

**Hymn of Reflection** When Peace, Like a River #438

## ***The Church at Prayer***

**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.**

**Organ Response**

## ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

**The Invitation**

Offertory

Still, I Search For My God

Feliciano (Filipino)

"Come, listen to the trees, the green fields,  
the rivers and the morning breeze,  
the birds of the air all singing their maker's praise.  
Creator of countless wonders,  
who else could it be?"  
F. F. Feliciano, (b. 1941)

**\*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 love we share our gifts. Amen.**

**\* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Accept these offerings, Gracious Holy One, as a sign of our trust in you. All we have is from you. All we have is yours. Thank you for your invitation to the joy and responsibility of sharing what we have. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who brings new life to us all. Amen.**

***Holy Communion***

Communion Hymn

In All Our Living

#499

**The Thanksgiving**

L: Our God is with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: We lift them up to our God!**

L: Let us give thanks to our loving God!

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

L: It is truly good and right to give thanks to you, O God of Grace and Peace. Because you have raised Christ up to newness of life, we now raise our voices with your people of every time and place, praising your Holy Name and saying,

**All: Holy, holy, holy God, Spirit of love and peace. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

## Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

We Will Be Fed

Bell

"We will be fed with finest wheat  
and sweet honey from the rock."  
Paraphrase (Psalm 81:16) John L. Bell (b. 1949)

## Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

We give you praise and thanks, O God, that you have granted us the presence of the Risen Christ at this table. Grant that now, renewed and refreshed in spirit, we may carry that grace, love, and peace of Christ with us into all the world.

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure      My Life Flows On in Endless Song      #476

\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World      Acolyte

## \* Circle of Community

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah.** After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith*

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

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

Kirkpatrick

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Jan Rahnenfuehrer, Dorie Gabor, Jim Kaul, William Zmich (Marla Corrado Father), Lenore Harris, Ann Toneff, Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

*(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)*

Attendance Sunday, April 24, 2016 – Adults: 100 Kids: 20 Total: 120

***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

**WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS** - We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour: Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery. Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers. Crayons and paper are also available from ushers for children.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Fred & Connie Pesek in Honor of their Mothers.

**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC** on Sunday May 22nd at our morning worship service. If you are interested in joining, learning more about membership - or about our congregation or denomination - please talk with Pastor Dave.

**OUR BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK “200 YEARS OF SERVING”** The Bicentennial cookbook is now being printed by Cookbook Publishers. The cookbooks will be available for sale in Pilgrim Hall on **May 1<sup>st</sup>** during coffee hour. This will give you time to wrap for presentation on Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll also have them available for sale on the 8<sup>th</sup> and every Sunday until they all find kitchens. Each book will cost you \$10.00. That is a small price to pay for a cookbook filled with yummy recipes contributed and taste tested by members of Brecksville United Church of Christ and their friends and families. And, by the way, as promised when this project was started, at least \$5.00 per book sold – ½ the price you pay will be given to the Bicentennial Committee to help with the costs of our bicentennial celebrations. **HAPPY MUNCHING!** Your Cookbook Committee

**BUCC'S STAFF AND ADULT CHOIR** request that you *kindly refrain from applauding* after the adult choir anthem is presented at Sunday service - not only during Lent, but throughout the church year. We understand that people like to express their appreciation, but many find this applause disruptive to their worship experience. Thank you. As for the Joyful Noise Choir: please feel free to affirm them with applause as the Spirit moves you!

**SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY:** During the latter part of May, Dave D. will be recruiting volunteers to participate in BUCC's summer music program. If you'd like to share your musical gifts - vocal, instrumental, dance, etc. - with our congregation any Sunday between June 5 and Labor Day, please contact Dave about signing up for a service. This ministry gives our regular choirs a well-deserved break over the warm summer months. Dave can help you choose music, and rehearsal time is provided for each volunteer.

**TODAY!** will be BUCC Day at the Akron Rubber Ducks baseball game at Canal Park on Main Street in downtown Akron, only \$6 per seat. Game time 2:05 pm. Sundays are Family Fun Days at Canal Park which includes at 1:15 pm kids can catch balls in the outfield, run in the outfield in between the 6th & 7th inning and run the bases after the game. In the stands there will be face painting, other fun activities and as always, \$2 hot dogs and free parking in the City of Akron on weekends. Please see David Pastor to sign up or contact David at 440.552.4403 or email at [ridave@hotmail.com](mailto:ridave@hotmail.com).

**SILENT AUCTION** The Communications and Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a Mother's Day and Father's Day gift basket silent auction. The baskets and bid sheet are located in Pilgrim Hall. Stop in and place your bid, and or, invite a friend, neighbor, coworker or relative to join in! As their proxy you may place their bids for them. The auction ends at Noon on May 8th. Proceeds from the auction help fund the Communications and Outreach Ministry.

**NURSERY HELP NEEDED** The nursery needs some additional helpers. This is usually a very easy job. It involves checking to see with Rochelle before church to see if she needs some help in the nursery and again at about the time the children leave for church school.

Occasionally Rochelle takes a Sunday off and needs a substitute to take care of the young ones for the entire time. Please contact Caroline Chandler (440-526-9714) if you can help.

## ***The Readings***

### **First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

Then some Jewish Christians came down to Antioch and began to teach the believers, “Unless you follow exactly the traditions of Moses, you cannot be saved.” Paul and Barnabas strongly disagreed with them and hotly debated their position. Finally, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some others should go up to see the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question.

The apostles and the elders decided, in agreement with the whole Jerusalem church, to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas and Silas, both leading members of the community. They were to deliver this letter:

“From the apostles and elders, to our Gentile sisters and brothers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings! We hear that some of our number, without any instructions from us, have upset you with their discussions and disturbed your peace of mind.

“Therefore, we have unanimously resolved to choose representatives and send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the name of Jesus Christ. So we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will convey this message by word of mouth: it is the decision of the Holy Spirit, and ours as well, not to lay on you any burden beyond that which is strictly necessary—namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from meat of un-bled or strangled animals and from unchasteness.

“You will be well advised to avoid these things. Farewell.”

### **Gospel: John 14: 23-29**

Jesus said to the disciples: “Those who love me will be true to my word, and God will love them; and we will come to them and make our dwelling place with them. Those who do not love me, do not keep my words. Yet the message you hear is not mine; it comes from Abba God who sent me.

This much have I said to you while still with you; but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and the Spirit will remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. But the kind of peace I give you is not like the world’s peace. Do not let your hearts be distressed; do not be fearful. You have heard me say, ‘I am going away but I will return. ‘If you really loved me, you would rejoice because I am going to Our God, for God is greater than I. I tell you this now, before it happens, so that when it happens you will believe.”

## **The Continuing Testament: “Your Place at the Table”**

Through the gathering storm,  
After a long journey home,  
May you find, may you find  
Your place at the table.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, May 1</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Rubber Ducks Baseball Game
<b>Wed., May 4</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder Dulcimer
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
<b>Thurs., May 5</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour/Cookbook Release

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MAY 1, 2016**

Lay Reader: Kathy Pastor  
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler  
Ushers: Kate Klonowski, Matt Wolbert  
Darlene Kelly, Michelle Namitka  
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Garrett Demko  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comns Grtr: Dot Bailey  
Narthex Grtr: Joanne Cook  
Flowers: Betty Gifford  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
Counters: Nancy Stella, Marge Culver  
Servers: Dottie & Jim Farwell  
Clean Up: Bridget & chad Sproul  
Snacks: Heidi Spangler, Tia Began

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MAY 8, 2016**

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson  
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz  
Ushers: Jill Zedan, Matt Wolbert  
Sue Stenzel, David Ritchey  
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Max Roha  
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver  
Narthex Grtr: Lenore Harris  
Flowers: Sue Stenzel  
Nursery: Courtni Began  
Counters: Jon Thomson, David Pastor  
Servers: Anne Melfo, Joanne Cook  
Clean-Up: David & Kathy Pastor  
Snacks: Kathleen Stewart, Sue Maier