



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Merciful Sovereign of us all, so many nations and communities are being torn apart by fear and violence, hatred and anger. In your goodness, help all who are hurting to move beyond their grief and their desire for revenge, so that they may experience your genuine peace, healing, and justice. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Sunday July 3, 2016 • 10:00 AM
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor

• Rev David Shackle

Director of Music *Financial Secretary* *Ministers*

• David Debick • Joy Garapic 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.

Summer Office Hours:

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

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July 3, 2016 – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, our good intentions are often just that, and do not translate into actions that bring your compassion, healing and peace. Set us free from our indifference and inaction, so that we may be willing and effective instruments of your grace and peace. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

Suitor

“Your love, O God, has called us here,
for all love finds its source in you,
the perfect love that casts out fear,
the love that Christ makes ever new.”
Russell Schultz-Widmar, 1982

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* **Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, Gracious Holy One;

People: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

L: I will declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

P: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: The heavens are yours, and the earth as well;

P: The world and all that is in it, for you have founded all things.

L: Happy are those who shout your praises;

All: Who walk in the light of your compassionate Presence!

* **Hymn of Praise**

This Is My Song

#591

* **Prayer of Confession** [Unison]

Eternal Holy One, we look to your saving power and grace. Enter those parts of ourselves that disturb us and heal them. Use our broken places as the places where you bring us together in community. Transform our own weakness into compassion for the weakness of others. Give us that graceful combination of humility and self-esteem that we may see ourselves and others as you see us - your restored and loved people. 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 be with you!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
 And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Pew Bible, page 167

The New Testament

from Galatians Chapter 5

Pew Bible, page 190

The Continuing Testament

Caged Bird

by Maya Angelou

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free

/ One

Taylor, Dallas / U2

[Diane Gressley, soprano; Dave Debick, baritone]

Sermon

As Free as a Bird!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflectio

Amazing Grace

#547

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

Sanctus

Nivers

***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 [unison]**

**All good gifts around us come from you, Gracious Holy One. You have given us life
and new life in Jesus Christ. May our giving be acceptable in your sight, and may
our gifts and our lives be used to advance your Divine Realm of compassion and
peace. This we ask in the name and Spirit of Jesus, who lovingly gave himself for
us all. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Communion Music

O the Depth of Love Divine

Young

“Let the wisest mortals show
how we the grace receive;
feeble elements bestow
a power not theirs to give.”
Charles Wesley, 1745

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

#573

*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*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' It consists of two staves of music in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A. The lyrics are written below the notes: '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.'

***Benediction**

Postlude

Be Exalted, O God

Marshall

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Family of Jim Kaul, Jim Pay, Joy Garapic, Bridget Sproul, Jan Rahnenfuehrer, Dorie Gabor, William Zmich (Marla Corrado's 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, June 26, 2016 – Adults: 54 Kids: 10 Total: 64

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 Donn Whyte with wishes for a Happy Fourth of July!

FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL On July 10 after The Service and Dedication on the Memorial Tree we are hosting an Ice Cream Social in Pilgrim Hall. If you would like to donate a jar of your favorite Topping flavor we will gladly accept it. Strawberry, Butterscotch and Marshmallow etc, your choice! **ATTENTION-** We will need some Strong male or female help for Dipping and Serving. If you do not volunteer you may be drafted! Watch out for Caroline and Dorie!

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF THE SERVICE? Please talk to any usher about the Williams Sound - Personal PA Receiver, available for your use. These simple-to-use units can help improve your worship experience, by amplify those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

COMPUTER HELP - Mary D'Agostino is looking for help in learning a new computer program that uses voice activated capabilities. The program name is "Dragon Naturally Speaking". If anyone is willing to try to help her, please contact the office at 440-526-4364.

"200 YEARS OF SERVING" Many of the bicentennial cookbooks have been sold. Thanks very much for your support! We are putting some in the church office for people to purchase during the week, and on Sundays any one of the cookbook committee can get you as many cookbooks as you would like to purchase. We will also have them available for the Church Open House during Brecksville Home Days, June 25 – 26. They are also available for purchase on the website [www. Cookbookshoppe.com](http://www.Cookbookshoppe.com).

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! At Donn Whyte's house on Sunday, July 3. Come by at 8:00 pm. Bring an appetizer to share (if you want to). Show starts at 10:00 pm!

KEY SHORTAGE Since our exterior locks were changed to more secure ones about 10 years ago, we have signed out 70 keys and have run out of keys again. The price from our locksmith is now \$10 each. The Facilities Ministry has decided to try a "recycle your unused key" campaign rather than purchasing more keys. If you have two keys in your family, or are no longer involved with a ministry, or just don't use that key anymore for whatever reason, place it in an envelope with Jeanette's name on it and place it on her desk. She will see that your key is properly signed in and that you receive our copy of your driver's license. If you have lost a key, we will be pleased to accept payment for it.

FYI these keys are for all exterior doors except the South Entry and have a number stamped on them. (1 to 60 and 1A to 10A) Usually they are with an unnumbered interior key. We would like to have these also, but feel free to retain yours if you need it. Your Facilities Ministry.

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

THE BLESSINGS JAR is for your use to drop in a note and/or money in response to a special blessing you have received during the week. We would like to recognize your blessing in the Pillar if you wish.

THE PEACE CANDLE is placed up front every Sunday to remind us of Jesus' teachings on peace and peacemakers. We pray that peace between nations, within our country, community, families, and ourselves will become a priority for all.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 10:12-21

So now, O Israel, what does the Holy One require of you? To reverently honor your God, to walk in all God's ways, to love and serve God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and the decrees that I am commanding you today - for your own well-being. Although all of heaven and the highest of heavens belong to God, the earth and all that is within it, yet God's heart was set in love on your ancestors, and God chose you, their descendants, to be a blessing to all the peoples.

Therefore, circumcise your hearts, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Holy One is God of gods and Sovereign of sovereigns, the Holy One is mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall reverence and worship your One God and no other; you shall hold fast to God's name and shall call upon it. For God is your delight, the Holy One, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

The New Testament - from *Galatians* Chapter 5

Saint Paul writes: Christ has set us free, so that we might fully experience that freedom. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery....For though you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become willing servants to one another.

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by your actions. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh....

Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the Divine Realm. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is certainly no law against these things!

The Continuing Testament - *Caged Bird* - by Maya Angelou

The free bird leaps on the back of the wind and floats downstream till the current ends and dips his wings in the orange sun rays and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage can seldom see through his bars of rage his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings with fearful trill of the things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom

The free bird thinks of another breeze and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright lawn and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing

The caged bird sings with a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 3	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, July 4	Happy 4th of July! *OFFICE CLOSED*	
Wed., July, 6	6:00 am	Early Birds
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
Thurs., July 7	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Sunday, July 10	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 3, 2016

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Evie Novak
Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey
Darlene Kelly, Michelle
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Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Kathy Smith
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery:
Counters: Nancy Stella, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Jill Zedan
Clean Up: Bridget Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 10, 2016

Lay Reader: Ed Lusk
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Linda Kriynovich, Matt Wolbert
Diane Gressley, Sam Koch
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle: Lucy Brown
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Gina Cook
Counters: Marge Culver, Donn Whyte
Servers: Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs