



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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



Divine Source of Life, we confess that instead of putting our trust in you, we often want to know the outcome before we say yes to the invitation. Grant us the courage to answer your call, and help us to remember you have chosen us for something special. Amen.

*“The Divine Realm Is As If Someone Would Scatter Seed  
On The Ground...And The Seed Would Sprout  
And Grow....”  
Mark 4:26-27*

**Sunday June 17, 2018 • 10:00 AM**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

*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, bisexual, or pangender

**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**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

**e-mail: [buccoh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buccoh@sbcglobal.net) – web address: [www.BrecksvilleUCC.org](http://www.BrecksvilleUCC.org)**

## June 17, 2018 – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

### **Meditation Music**

Holy One, it sometimes feels like things are moving too fast in our world. Old certainties are being questioned, and freedoms we thought would never be lost are being threatened. We pray for wisdom to tell truth from lies; for courage to stand-up and speak-out; and for strength to endure as we await the fulfillment of Your Gracious Realm. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Be Exalted, O God, in the Earth

I. Jones, Jr.

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Light of Christ**

**\* Call to Worship** [from Psalm 107]

Leader: O give thanks to the Holy One, who is good;

**People: Whose goodness endures forever!**

L: The Holy One gathers people from every land,

**P: From east to west, from north to south.**

L: Those who are lost and hungry, those who are thirsty and faint,

**P: The Holy One delivers from their distress and leads them to shelter.**

L: Our Divine Source satisfies the soul that is parched,

**P: And fills the hungry spirit with good things.**

L: Let us give thanks for the Holy One's loving-kindness!

**All: Let us praise the Holy One, who shows compassion to all people!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

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**\* Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

**Gracious Holy One, we thank you that you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. May your compassion for us inspire us to show the same compassion toward others. Fill us with your Spirit and guide us by your grace, so that we might continue Christ's mission of outreach and care. Renew us in this time and place, so that we might be a source of strength and renewal for others in the days and weeks ahead. Amen.**

**\* 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

Psalm 65:5-13

Pew Bible, pg. 528

The New Testament

Mark 4:26-34

Pew Bible, pg. 38

The Continuing Testament

from *A New Perspective*

by Hugh Eichelberger

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

These Hands  
*[Don Seager, bass]*

Noack

Sermon

*Watching the Corn Grow*

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflect

For the Fruit of All Creation

#425

***The Church at Prayer***

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

The Prayer of Jesus

*[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**

Prayer

Beethoven

#### **\* 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]**

**Gracious and Giving Holy One, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, for the ways in which we see your glory in all Creation. Most of all, we thank you for caring for us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another. May these offering help promote faith in you and honor to your name, our Creator, our Savior, and our Sustaining Spirit. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

### **Words of Institution**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Invitation**

### **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

#### **Communion Music**

You Are Before Me, Lord

Roever/Korb

### **The Blessing**

## ***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 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: '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.' Chord symbols are placed above and below the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E above the first staff; A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A below the second staff.

### \*Benediction

Postlude

Praise to Our God

Lim (Singapore)

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

Terry Heiman and Family, Kathy & Leroy Ford and their Grandson, Garion, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, 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, June 10, 2018 – Adults: 58 Kids: 8 Total: 66

## **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 Betty Kaul, in Memory of Jim Kaul & David Kaul.

**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.

**WOMEN UNITED** is meeting on June 20th at 11:30am in the Parlor. Bring a light lunch. Coffee is provided. Our speaker is Peg Duffy. Peg will speak on the benefits of Physical Massage and Meditation.

**FROM OCWM:** Sunday, June 24 we will have the opportunity to support the ***Strengthen the Church*** special mission offering.

This offering supports the expansion and vitality of the United Church of Christ both locally and nationally and is asking for your continued support to fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in ministries and practices that help meet the ever growing needs of local communities.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift on June 24th. Thank you for your support.

**CLEVELAND ROOTS** would like to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to the entire BUCC congregation – the goal was \$3,000 and you gave us \$6,000! Not only have we been able to install fencing around 1 square acre, we have also cleared additional acres for future planting.

On Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>, we are inviting any and all to the farm for a tour. It will be after that Sunday's service, so bring your boots with you that morning! If you have concerns about your ability to navigate irregular terrain, don't be dissuaded – we can drive folks around the property as well.

We look forward to showing you how your contributions are being used!

**DID YOU MISS** last Sunday's service or do you just want to have a chance to rehear Pastor Dave's sermon. The Sunday services are recorded in their entirety on audio CDs each week. You can borrow a CD in the church office and listen to it at your convenience at home or in your car. Several recent weeks' recordings are always available. Check them out and check them out.

**FLOWER MINISTRY** - Flowers are placed in the front of the church each Sunday to honor/celebrate your family/friends/events. We need your help to get this information to our office manager, Jeannette Kroeger, before she prepares the Bulletin on Wednesdays. It's easy as 1-2-3.

1. Put your name on the chart hanging on the west wall just inside the double doors to the Narthex. ►

2. Fill out the information form found in the pocket below the chart. \*\*If you are providing the flowers yourself, please check that box on the form and let me know so there are no mix ups.
3. Turn this information and money in to Joy Garapic, our financial secretary.

The flower ministry does not want to miss sharing your joy by not having the correct information. Thank you, Janet Renovetz

**“ART CONNECTIONS 2018”** is an art exhibit highlighting the talents and gifts God gives us, and encouraging the appreciation of those gifts. Many different forms of art will be displayed, and nothing is for sale. The event is Saturday afternoon, June 23rd, from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Come, enjoy the art, the fellowship, refreshments, and live music as you stroll through the exhibit at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Rd, Brecksville.

**PLEASE BE SURE** to enter your meeting and event schedule on the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the *Weekly Bulletin* and in the *Monthly Pillar*.

**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.

## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Psalm 65:5-13**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O Source of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. ►

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of Holy One is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your paths overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy!

### **The New Testament** - Mark 4:26-34

Jesus also said, “The Divine Realm is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the Divine Realm, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

### **The Continuing Testament** - from *A New Perspective* - by Hugh Eichelberger [edited]

One of the things that characterizes the ministry of Jesus is his ability to see beyond the appearance, to the possibility. He views others, not so much in terms of what they are, but in terms of what they will become as a result of the liberating power of Divine love. An ordinary fisherman becomes the Rock upon which the Church would be built. A dishonest tax collector becomes a trusted friend and disciple. An angry Pharisee who is a persecutor of the Church, becomes the apostle to the gentiles. Outsiders are invited to be leaders. The “unclean” are restored into the community. The hopelessly ill are made well again. ►

The invitation to *repent*, is an invitation to let go of old perspectives and be open to receive the gift of new vision. This is not only a new vision of yourself, but also a new vision of the world and of its potential. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, began her orphanage with such a vision. She told her superiors, "I have three pennies and a dream from God to build an orphanage." Her superiors gently chided her, "You can't build an orphanage with three pennies." Teresa smiled and said "I know, but with *God* and three pennies, I can do anything!"

No matter what your situation or condition, Jesus Christ has something important for you to do. Believe that, and it will change how you think and how you live in the world. Believe that, and you will receive a new vision, a new enthusiasm, and a renewed excitement about life. Believe that, and both you and the world will be different.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, June 17</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Wed., June 20</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Women United</b>
<b>Thurs., June 21</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday, June 22</b>	<b>*Office Closed*</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 24</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service/ Strengthen the Church Offering</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Akron Rubber Ducks Game</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**JUNE 17, 2018**

Lay Reader: Sam Koch  
Head Usher: Jill Zedan  
Ushers: Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Kate Klonowski, Cliff Cribbs  
Acolyte: Michelina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Drew Demko  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: Kathy Smith  
Flowers: Dorie Gabor  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
C.E Teacher: Beth Rehling  
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Bruce McCain  
Servers: Betty Kaul  
Clean-Up: Peg & Jim Duffy

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**JUNE 24, 2018**

Lay Reader: David Ritchey  
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz  
Ushers: Stu & Dot Bailey  
Bob & Caroline Chandler  
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comns Grtr: Valerie Tyler  
Flowers: Jan Renovetz  
Nursery: Jonathon Cook  
C.E Teacher: Kathleen Stewart  
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Jon Thompson  
Servers: Julie Bernard, Sue Stenzel  
Clean Up: David & Kathy Pastor