



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that all people can turn to you for guidance, protection, and care. Increase our faith in your constant and compassionate Presence, and expand our vision of a world where peace and justice are available to all. This we pray in the name and spirit of the Loving Christ. Amen.



***Jesus Woke Up And Rebuked The Wind, And Said To The Sea, "Peace! Be Still"***  
***Mark 4:39***

**Sunday June 24, 2018 • 10:00 AM**

**Fifth 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 24, 2018 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

### Meditation Music

Defender and Helper of the vulnerable and oppressed, you call us to stand-up for those who are bullied, belittled and pushed-aside. Inspire us today to speak-up and act-out on behalf of those whose lives are torn-apart because of cruel and inhumane policies and practices. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Calm to the Waves

Pavlechko

"Calm to the waves, calm to the wind,  
Jesus whispers, 'Peace, be still.'  
Balm to our hearts, fears at an end,  
in stillness, hear his voice."  
Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

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

\* **Call to Worship** [based on *Psalms* 133 & 134]

Leader: How good and pleasant it is for God's people to live together in harmony!

**People: It is like the dew that refreshes the morning.**

L: It is like the fragrant oil of a holy anointing,

**P: As the Holy Spirit is poured-out upon the faithful.**

L: Divine blessings renew us today, and every day of our lives;

**P: Let us therefore give thanks and rejoice!**

L: Let us raise our hearts and voices to the Holy One,

**All: Let us praise the Creator of heaven and earth!**

\* **Hymn of Praise**

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing  
[verses 1-4]

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

**Divine Source of mystery and wonder, we thank you that you are with us at all times and in all places. Help us to recognize, and rejoice, that you are present in this moment. Help us to trust in your care during our times of difficulty and doubt. We thank you that you do not leave us alone in our struggles, but are always near, ready to strengthen, guide and sustain us. 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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

**The Old Testament**

from I Samuel Chapter 17

Pew Bible, page 261

**The New Testament**

Mark 4:35-41

Pew Bible, page 39

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Facing Our Fears*

by Michael Lindvall

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Sinfonia from Cantata No. 156  
[Erin Tomlinson, flute]

J. S. Bach

**Sermon**

*That Sinking Feeling....*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Jesus, Still Lead On

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***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**

A Diligent and Grateful Heart

Irish tune

"My thanks I give for stewardship  
to minister through deeds,  
to serve and share with patient care  
your people in their needs."  
Raymond Gunn, b. 1925

#### **\* 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]**

**Eternal Holy One, you created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing. We thank you for all the gifts of Creation and for the gift of Life itself. Accept now these gifts and offerings, that they may help others in need and advance the work of your Compassionate Realm. This we pray in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## ***Going with God's Love***

#### **Hymn of Departure**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing  
[verse 1]

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#### **\*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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on the top staff, and the accompaniment is on the bottom staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fantasia

Sweelinck

**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 17, 2018 – Adults: 69 Kids: 15 Total: 84

**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 Anonymous in Honor of Marge Culver who has an uplifting attitude.

**FROM OCWM:** Today 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 today. 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.

**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.

**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.

**BUCC HAS THE LATEST**, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc. Just plug in one of our head phones, your favorite Walkman head phones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service.

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of you hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

One of our ushers and members of the Spiritual Life Ministry are ready to help you get started. Check with them before the service next Sunday. Your questions are gladly answered.

## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - from I Samuel Chapter 17**

King Saul and the Israelites encamped in the valley of Elah and formed ranks against the Philistines. The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, who was over nine feet tall.... He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening....

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine, for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

Then David took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the stream, and put them in his shepherd's bag; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine drew near to David. When the Philistine saw David, he scorned him, for he was only a youth. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods, saying to him, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel!" ►

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. There was no sword in David's hand, so he ran and grabbed the Philistine's sword, drew it out of its sheath, and killed him; then he cut off his head with it. When they saw that their champion was dead, the Philistines fled.

### **The New Testament** - Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the sea." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion; so they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they became greatly afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

### **The Continuing Testament** - from *Facing Our Fears* - by Michael Lindvall [edited]

Time and time again in Scripture the word is, "Do not be afraid!" It is, you might say, the first and the last word of the Gospel. It is the word the angels speak to the terrified shepherds, and the word spoken at the tomb when the women discover it empty: "Do not be afraid!" It's not because there are not fearsome things to face, as we sail through our days. Nor is it because there are no storms, fierce winds, or waves; but rather, because the Holy One is with us. Even though there are real and fearsome things in this life, they need not paralyze us; they need not have dominion over us; they need not own us, because - like Jesus' disciples - we are not alone in the boat!

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<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>
<b>Thurs., June 27</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday, June 28</b>	<b>*Office Closed*</b>	
<b>Sunday, July 1</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Cleveland Roots Farm Tour</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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  
Comms 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

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**JULY 1, 2018**

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Darlene Kelly, Sam Koch  
David & Kathy Pastor  
Acolyte: Jillian Davis  
Peace Candle: Ben Davis  
Sound: Ben Tomlinson  
Comms Grtr: Caroline Chandler  
Flowers: Dot Bailey  
Nursery: Jess Barnes  
C.E Teacher: Gina Cook  
Counters: Nancy Stella, Dave Bernard  
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Clean-up: Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan