



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 thank you for the insights you give us through the life and love of Jesus Christ. In him we see and recognize your expansive and inclusive compassion for us and for all creation. May his example and spirit inspire us to serve you, in and through our loving service to one another. Amen.

*Immediately Jesus Spoke To Them And Said, "Take Heart,
It Is I; Do Not Be Afraid!"*

Mark 6:50

Sunday July 29, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Tenth 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, 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!**



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, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed

Office Hours:

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

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July 29, 2018 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ! Turn Towards Us

J. S. Bach

"Lord Jesus Christ! Turn towards us,
send your Holy Spirit to us:
with her help and grace may God rule us
and lead us on the way to truth."
17th century German

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: The Holy One invites everyone to come to the waters!

People: We come to soak-in Divine Love and Grace!

L: We come to feast upon the Living Word,

P: That we might minister to the world's hungers.

L: We come to drink from the Fountain of Life,

P: That we might minister to the world's thirsts.

L: Blessed are all those who serve others who are in need,

All: For they shall show-forth the abundance of Divine Love and Grace!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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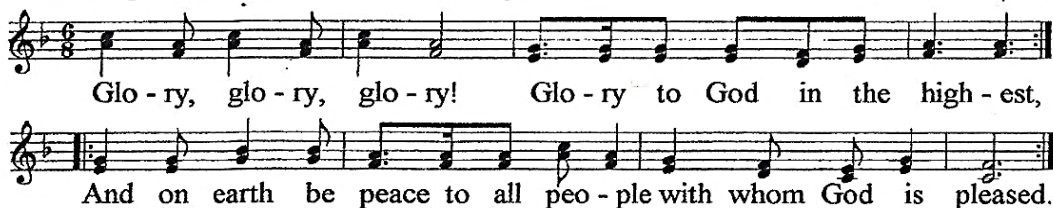
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your Family, daughters and sons to care for your world and all within it. Teach us how to work with you to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring new hope and life where there is sorrow and despair. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit, so that we might joyfully praise and serve you with our words, and with our entire lives! 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

Exodus 14:13-17; 21-22

Pew Bible, page 61

The New Testament

Mark 6:41-52

Pew Bible, page 41

The Continuing Testament

from *Miracles Require Hope*

by Nancy Rockwell

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Prayer of St. Francis with Joik for Peace Sebastian
Temple/Scandinavian traditional

[Kate Klonowski, soprano; Matt Wolbert, tenor]

Sermon

Better Than Walking on Water

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

You Are Called to Tell the Story
[tune - Regent Square]

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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

We Serve the Prince of Peace

Bolin

"'Give your coat' and 'share your bread,'
these are things our Savior said.
'Love your enemies,' as well.
We serve the Prince of Peace."
Terry W. York, b. 1949

*** 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]**

Holy Source of Life, we remember and give thanks that you provide for all our needs. Your love has kept and sustained us. Your giving to us, enables our giving to others. Continue to inspire and lead us, so that we may truly be generous. Use us and our gifts in your loving service, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who lovingly gave himself for us all. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

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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*

A musical score for the hymn "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has the melody with lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." and guitar chords A, E, A, D, Bm, E. The second staff has the bass line with lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." and guitar chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

***Benediction**

Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Jarman

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Shirley Duncan, Jill Black, Kathy & Leroy Ford and their Grandson, Garion, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, 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 July 22, 2018 – Adults: 54 Kids: 7 Total: 61

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 Dottie Faust in Loving Memory of her Husband, John Faust.

IN AUGUST OUR WELCOME & GROWTH Task-Force presents three opportunities for members of BUCC and our wider community to gather and grow. On three Monday evenings, we will show three TED *Talks* that will be used as a springboard for some timely discussions. The speakers and topics are:

Aug. 6 - Jonathan Haidt - *Can a Divided America Heal?*

Aug. 13 - Verna Myers - *How to Overcome our Biases? Walk Boldly Toward Them!*

Aug. 20 - Karen Armstrong - *My Wish: The Charter for Compassion*

These events will begin at 7:00pm in Pilgrim Hall. In addition to viewing the approximately 20 minute-long video, we will also share some light refreshments and some lively conversations. Each evening and topic can “stand alone” - so feel free to attend any or all of them; and please invite a friend to join you!

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.

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***.

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.

Readings

The Old Testament - Exodus 14:13-17; 21-22

Moses said to the people of Israel, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Holy One will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Holy One will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Holy One said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers...."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Holy One drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The New Testament - Mark 6:41-52

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces of the bread and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand. Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and Jesus was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. ►

But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were closed.

The Continuing Testament - from *Miracles Require Hope* - by Nancy Rockwell
[edited]

Everywhere Jesus went, there were crowds of empty, aching folk who believed Jesus was the answer to their needs....They wanted miracles, because they believed they could not meet their own needs. Jesus, though, kept asking them to feed each other, kept telling them they could do this - they could meet each other's needs and find the fullness of Life they sought in one another. They needed to believe in themselves, and to have *hope*.

The disciples were afraid to try to feed such a hungry crowd, to accomplish something so incredible. But Jesus urged them to try. The struggle was between their fear of failure - and their *hope*. When they finally did as Jesus asked; when they tried offering the little they had, to the vast hunger of the crowd, *everyone* was fed! Fed by one another, as that food was passed from hand to hand to hand.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 29	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Thurs., Aug. 2	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, Aug. 3		*Office Closed*
Sunday, Aug. 5	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	Noon	Church Picnic – *see back Cover of Bulletin.*

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JULY 29, 2018

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Matt Wolbert, Ben Tomlinson
David Ritchey, Beth Rehling
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Kathy Pastor
Flowers: Dottie Faust
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Jon Thompson, Marge Culver
Servers: Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean-up: Cliff & Sue Stenzel

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

AUGUST 5, 2018

Lay Reader: Tia Began
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey
Carole & George Snider
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Fred Pesek
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher: Tia Began
Counters: Nancy Stella, Kathy Pastor
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-up: Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan
Snacks: Gina Cook, Beth Rehling

SAVE THE DATE!



WHEN: The Annual Church Picnic is on August 5 at noon.

WHERE: 9256 Highland Drive Brecksville.

****Please get your name on the signup sheet or call Kathy Smith at:
440-343-6354.***

**There will be swimming fishing and games.*

**We are bringing back the pie baking contest with wonderful prizes.*

**Mark your calendar for this date and we will see you at the picnic!*