

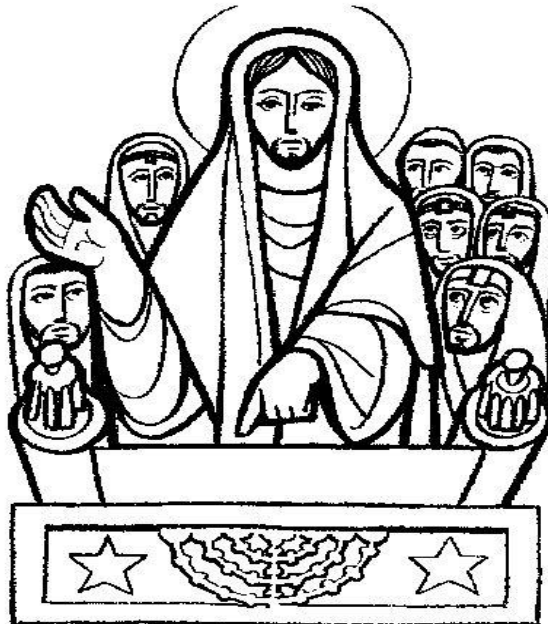
# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Creator of the  
Cosmos and of  
Community,  
lead us into  
relationships  
that are positive  
and life-  
affirming. May  
we find in our  
connection with  
you and with  
one another the  
power and  
purpose for our  
daily lives, and  
also discover  
our gifts for  
ministry. Amen.



***“On The Sabbath Jesus Began To Teach In The  
Synagogue....”***

***Mark 6:2***

**Sunday July 8, 2018 • 10:00 AM**

**Seventh 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.

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

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

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

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## July 8, 2018 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

### **Meditation Music**

Compassionate Host of the alienated and the outcast, we face many challenges in our world that feel overwhelming and divisive. Such a simple thing as welcoming a stranger can become a source of friction. Help us to be prepared to graciously welcome others. Help us, also, to uproot the prejudices and biases that would keep us from extending your gracious hospitality to all. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Music and text by Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus  
and L'Arche Community; trans. S. Somerville, b. 1931

"Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love."

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

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

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

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One;

**People: Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings!**

L: Let us sing to the One who has filled our lives with joy;

**P: Let us worship the Compassionate One, who became one of us!**

L: Let us come together in hope and unity;

**P: To praise our Holy Source of Life!**

L: May the Creator of heaven and earth renew us today,

**All: That we might faithfully follow the loving path of Jesus Christ!**

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

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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

**Eternal Holy One, we seek your Presence here today. Fill us with a sense of your Being; move us with the power of your Spirit; touch us with faith, hope and love. Come to us and be with us, that we may worship you in this place, and then be prepared to serve you in this world. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Inspiration, Guide and, Strength. Amen.**



"As we guide and teach each other,  
 help us to share your love with the world:  
 ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother."  
 Mark Glaeser (b. 1956) and Donna Hanna (b. 1952)

**\* 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]**

**We offer ourselves with these gifts, Gracious Holy One, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see the signs of your love which surround us every day. Open our hearts to embrace new ways to serve you and others. Renew our compassion and inspire our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Hope and our Joy. Amen.**

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

**\*Hymn of Departure**

Now Is the Time Approaching

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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*

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 simple and repetitive. Above the first staff, the lyrics are: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." Above the second staff, the lyrics are: "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, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

**\*Benediction**

**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, 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 1, 2018 – Adults: 56 Kids: 9 Total: 65

**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.

**WOMEN UNITED** on Wednesday July 18 at 11:30AM we will meet for lunch in Pilgrim Hall and afterward will prepare 100 sandwiches for St Herman's House. The sandwiches are not a meal but a snack for the residents and also for walk-ins. If you would like to donate a bag of apples or oranges, mustard and catsup it will be quite welcome. Bring your lunch. Coffee is provided.

**L'Arche Community** (from the Community's website): Our mission is to make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities, working together toward a more humane society. "The secret of L'Arche is relationship: meeting people, not through the filters of certitudes, ideologies, idealism or judgments, but heart to heart; listening to people with their pain, their joy, their hope, their history, listening to their heart beats." --Jean Vanier, L'Arche founder, b. 1928

Madeleine Hutin, taking the name [Little Sister Magdeleine of Jesus](#), founded the **Little Sisters of Jesus** on 8 September 1939, in Touggourt, Algeria, following the path marked out by [Charles de Foucauld](#) (also known as Father de Foucauld or Brother Charles of Jesus). Little Sister Magdeleine began by sharing the life of semi-nomads on the outskirts of a Saharan oasis. Little Sisters of Jesus now live in sixty-three countries throughout the world.

## **Readings**

### **The Old Testament** - from II Samuel, Chapter 5

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Holy One said to you: "It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So, all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Holy One, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. And David became greater and greater, for the Holy One, the God of hosts, was with him.

### **The New Testament** - Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

### **The Continuing Testament** - by Jim Callahan - in *The Christian Century* [edited]

It is amazing that the first great heresy in the Church was not the denial of Christ's Divinity, but the denial of his full humanity. The Nicene Creed addresses that heresy, yet we still struggle with it. We want a two-fisted God who comes up like thunder, and we are offended by one who puts himself/herself at our mercy and who now and then looks a lot like our Uncle Fred.

Yes, his mama was Mary, and he had sisters and brothers with names and faces and backaches. The Gospels proclaim that God was his father, and he proclaimed that God is your father and mother too, and mine, and everyone's. When we begin to really believe that, when we seek God in the ordinary, daily wash of things, and find God in nothing more complicated than each other and in God's beautiful creation, then "mighty works" begin to happen. Works of mercy and compassion. ►

Works of healing and sympathy. Works of forgiveness and understanding and great joy...Maybe we need to go back to our lessons from safety school: Stop, look and listen! Know a prophet when you see one; learn the wondrous truth when you hear it. Maybe that's the way we let God lead us into the eternal life - which begins in the here and now of realizing the Divine majesty we see in each other's faces.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, July 8</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Monday, July 9</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Book Discussion</b>
<b>Wed., July 11</b>		<b>*NO Council Mtg In July*</b>
<b>Thurs., July 12</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday, July 13</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, July 14</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b>

#### PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JULY 8, 2018

**Lay Reader:** Dot Bailey  
**Head Usher:** Sue Stenzel  
**Ushers:** Kathy Smith, Jill Zedan  
 Dave & Julie Bernard  
**Acolyte:** Grace Hunt  
**Peace Candle:** Lily Hunt  
**Sound:** Tim Wallis  
**Comns Grtr:** Betty Kaul  
**Flowers:** Julie Bernard  
**Nursery:** Valerie Tyler  
**C.E Teacher:** Gina Cook  
**Counters:** Stu Bailey, Kate  
 Konowski  
**Servers:** Joy Garapic, Julie Bernard  
**Clean-Up:** Jane & Cliff Cribbs

#### PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JULY 15, 2018

**Lay Reader:** Bettina Ortiz  
**Head Usher:** Jon Thompson  
**Ushers:** Jess Barnes, Cliff Cribbs  
 Diane Gressley, Ed Lusk  
**Acolyte:** Michelina Fawcett  
**Peace Candle:** Drew Demko  
**Sound:** Kevin Smith  
**Comns Grtr:** Marge Culver  
**Flowers:** Sue Stenzel  
**Nursery:** Courtni Began  
**C.E Teacher:** Anne Melfo  
**Counters:** Matt Wolbert, Jim Duffy  
**Servers:** Joanne Cook, Caroline Chandler  
**Clean-Up:** David & Kathy Pastor