

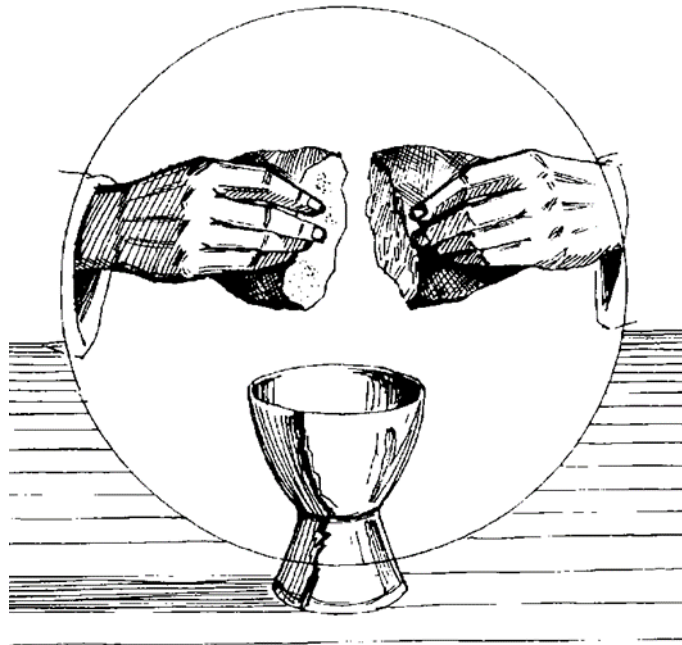
# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*Gracious Holy  
One, open our  
hearts to love  
more freely and  
more fully. Let  
the power of  
your gracious  
generosity flow  
through us, into  
the lives of  
those around  
us. Inspire us to  
gladly give of  
ourselves for  
the sake of  
others, as we  
learn how to be  
a true friend to  
those in need.  
Amen.*



*All are welcome at Christ's Table*

**Sunday August 19, 2018 • 10:00 AM**

**Thirteenth 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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# August 19, 2018 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Meditation Music

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Prelude

With Shouts of Joy Come Praise Our God

Traditional Pakistani melody

*[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]*

## Bearing the Light of Peace

## Bearing the Light of Christ

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One for the joy we find in the Church:

**People: For the Good News that we hear, proclaim, and celebrate!**

L: For the opportunities to share our joys and our sorrows;

**P: For the strength we receive and the strength we give.**

L: For the work and witness of those who have gone before us;

**P: For the Spirit's Presence, here and now!**

L: For the hope of the coming Reign of Divine justice and peace;

**P: For the ever-present grace of Jesus Christ;**

L: For the countless ways in which we have been blessed,

**All: We raise our voices in praise!**

### \* Hymn of Praise

We Worship You, God

#26

### \* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Giver of Life, we give thanks that your compassionate care is for all people and all creation. Help us to trust in your deep concern for us and for our entire world. Bring your wisdom and power into our lives, that we may join you in bringing help and healing to those in need, that your Reign of love and grace might be known among 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 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 written below the notes.

**The Old Testament**

Psalm 111

Pew Bible, page 562

**The New Testament**

Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible, page 198

**The Continuing Testament**

*Unfailing Joy*

from the Taize Bible Commentary

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

One Thing I Ask  
[*Dave Debick, baritone*]

Park

**Sermon**

*Accentuating the Positive*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Surely No One Can Be Safer

#487

## ***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

Like a Child Rests

Walker

"Like a child rests in its mother's arms,  
so will I rest in you."

Christopher Walker (b. 1947)

#### \* 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 Holy One, you have called us to be your Church, your living Body in this world. We thank you for the opportunities we have to grow together as your people, and we pray that you would continue to increase our outreach beyond these doors. Bless these gifts and each of us, that we might extend your tender care to others in our community and throughout our world. Amen.

### ***Holy Communion***

#### Communion Music

En prière (In prayer)

Fauré

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure                      Sent Forth by God's Blessing                      #76

\*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, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' with chords A, E, A, D, Bm, and E above the notes. The second staff has the lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' with chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A below the notes.

### \*Benediction

Postlude                      O Praise Our Loving God                      Zhigulin  
[Assisted by Youth Percussion]

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

Fred Pesek, 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, 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 August 12, 2018 – Children, 6; Adults, 78; total, 84

## **BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

**NEXT SUNDAY AUG. 26th IS WORSHIP IN THE PARK!** Join us in Richfield Woods Park for bagels at 10:00 and worship at 10:30 with our friends of the Richfield UCC. Maps to the park and the Richfield UCC [in the unlikely event of rain] are available in the church office.

**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 Sherrill Witt in Memory of Shirley Duncan.

**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.

**THIS MONTH 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. 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***.

## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Psalm 111**

Praise the Holy One! I will give thanks to the Righteous One with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the great congregation. Great are the works of the Majestic One, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Creative One, and the Holy One's righteousness endures forever.

The Majestic One has gained renown by performing wonderful deeds; the Holy One is gracious and merciful. The Compassionate One provides food for those who show reverence; the Holy One is ever mindful of the covenant.

The Source of All Things has shown all people the power within the Creation, and has given them the inheritance of the lands. The works of the Creative One are faithful and just; all of the ordinances of the Righteous One are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

The Holy One sent redemption to the people, and has proclaimed it as an everlasting covenant. Sacred and awesome is the Holy One's name; and reverence for the Holy One is the beginning of wisdom. All those who practice it have a good understanding. The Holy One's praise endures forever.

### **The New Testament - Philippians 4:1-13**

Saint Paul writes, Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to the Holy One. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable - if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise - think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the Divine Source of peace will be with you all.

It may seem paradoxical that the letter of Saint Paul that speaks most about joy was written in prison, at a moment when the apostle does not even know whether he will be freed or whether he will undergo martyrdom. But precisely in this difficult and complicated situation he discovers the secret of Christian joy and shares it with us.

Humanly speaking, joy or happiness seems to be contingent on favorable circumstances. I am happy when I'm surrounded by friends, when I have a desirable future before me, and so on. But in that case, it would scarcely be possible to rejoice always, because Life leads us through dark valleys just as often as to exhilarating mountaintops.

Paul found a source of happiness that will never fail. It consists in a communion with the Risen Christ, who has already passed through the lowest point of the human condition. Rooted in this Crucified and Resurrected Life, the apostle experiences a joy that nothing can impair. Whether he lives or dies, whether others shower him with affection or criticism, is all the same to him. He has learned to be satisfied in every situation. This serenity - regardless of what happens - is for Paul, the clearest sign of a life of faith. Naturally, like everybody else Paul has worries. But instead of letting them poison his existence, he places them - through prayer - into Christ's loving care.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, Aug. 19</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Mon., Aug. 20</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>TED Talks – Pilgrim Hall</b>
<b>Tues., Aug. 21</b>	<b>9:30-4:00</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Thurs., Aug. 23</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday, Aug. 24</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, Aug. 26</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Outdoor Worship with Richfield UCC</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**AUGUST 19, 2018**

Lay Reader: Darlene Kelly  
Head Usher: Jon Thompson  
Ushers: Tim & Kim Wallis  
Sue Stenzel, Jill Zedan  
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Ben Tomlinson  
Comms Grtr: Dot Bailey  
Flowers: Dorie Gabor  
Nursery: Valerie Tyler  
C.E Teacher: Kathleen Stewart  
Counters: Jim Duffy, Jan  
Renovetz  
Servers: Joanne Cook, Caroline  
Chandler  
Clean-Up: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Snacks: Heidi Spangler, Erin  
Tomlinson

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**AUGUST 26, 2018**

**\*\*OUTDOOR SERVICE WITH  
RICHFIELD UCC\*\***