



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Strong and Gentle Holy One, all sorts of things can happen to us that make us laugh or cry; make us feel strong or feel afraid. We know that Life is about changes, yet sometimes those changes are confusing or difficult to accept. Remind us today, and every day, that you are always present - beside us, among us, around us, and within us. And may this knowledge fill us with assurance and peace! Amen.



***Now May God Bless Us And Keep Us...
(Numbers 6:24)***

Sunday June 30, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor

• Rev David Shackles

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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June 30, 2019 – Third Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Wisdom and Compassion, we give thanks for all those who have helped enlighten our path. Today, as we gather in unity with our sisters and brothers, may we truly celebrate the connectedness of our lives. Today, as we raise-up One Bread and Cup, may we remember the Risen Christ who lives among us. Today, as we share that Bread and Cup with all who desire, may we joyfully remember Christ's extravagant welcome to all people! Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Journey of a Soul (The Sound of Peace)
[Becky Anderson, Betsey Wilson, flute]

Nguyen/Fluker

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**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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*[Pastor Dave, Steve Ostrow, Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, trumpet;
Amy Coyer-Westerberg, French Horn]*

*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Provider of Life and Love, 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 Realm of love and grace might be known among us all. 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

Isaiah 55:8-13

Pew Bible, page 686

The New Testament

Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible, page 198

The Continuing Testament

from *More Than Enough*

by Charles Hoffman

Youth Anthem

We Thank You

Traditional East African melody

[Assisted by Youth Percussion]

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Let Us Build a House

Haugen, arr. Debick

[Betsey Wilson, flute; Steve Ostrow, trumpet]

Sermon

What Can I Say?

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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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

St. Anthony Chorale

Brahms

From Variations on a Theme of Haydn, Op. 56

[Becky Anderson, Betsey Wilson, Erin Tomlinson, flute; Steve Ostrow, violin]

***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

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Ashokan Farewell
[Steve Ostrow, violin]

Ungar

The Blessing

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 refreshments and conversation.

WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS - We offer several childcare 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 FLOWER'S are given by George & Carole Snider for Pastor Dave: We celebrate your life. The lives you have touched with such care and thoughtfulness, and your success will always be remembered. Wishing you the very best life can bring in everything you do. Congratulations.

EMAIL BLASTS There have been quite a few important email blasts that have gone out recently. If you are not receiving them, please send me your email address, or updated email address so you may be included in the Church information. Send to Jeannette at buccoh@sbcglobal.net, or please feel free to call me at 440-526-4364

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.

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.

OUR COMPLETE WORSHIP SERVICE, including anthems, hymns, etc., is fed by our sound system to our new audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its location so that its continuing feed is not eliminated from the system.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

****There are several open Sunday's this Summer, and quite a few open for the Fall...take a look****

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.

READINGS

The Old Testament - Isaiah 55:8-13

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,” says the Holy One. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish what I intend, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Holy One a memorial, an everlasting sign that shall not be severed.”

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.

The Continuing Testament - from *More Than Enough* - by Charles Hoffman
[edited]

The church of my youth majored in a miserly view of God's grace. Its message was grim. Life had no adventure, no elegance and no joy; but was basically a bitter temporal existence, largely limited to preparing for the sweet hereafter.... My own early impressions of a melancholy religion still hold true for many in our culture today; in fact, it's one reason for the lack of growth in many North American churches. As Nietzsche said, "Christians will have to look more *redeemed*, if people are to ever believe in their Redeemer." Indeed, people are drawn to that which nourishes, uplifts and enriches their lives.

We tend to base our living on the fear-driven notion of *scarcity*, or in fear of our own *insufficiency*. So we hoard and save and worry and end-up living Life in small and safe measures. We pull back when we could bravely push forward. We give in to our fear of a shortfall, rather than exercising faith in the Holy One's abundance. Yet as people of Faith, you and I are constantly on-call to go places where we've never been, to do things that we've never attempted and to be things we have never envisioned.... We are challenged to take seriously the Holy One's generous offer of Life; not so that we might become wealthy in this world, but so that we will position ourselves for the adventure of faith that enriches and enhances and enlivens all those who embrace its challenge.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 30	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Farewell Gathering and Reception for Pastor Dave
Monday, July 1	1:00 pm	Book Club
Thursday, July 4	*Happy 4th of July! – OFFICE CLOSED*	
Friday, July 5	*Office Closed*	
Sunday, July 7	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JUNE 30, 2019

Lay Reader: Bob Chandler
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel
Ushers: Cliff Cribbs, Darlene Kelly
Kathy Smith, Matt Wolbert
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Cameron Ward
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers: Carole Snider
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski & Mickey Fawcett
Counters: Dave Bernard, Jim Duffy
Servers: Kathy & Leroy Ford
Clean-up: Chad & Bridget Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JULY 7, 2019

Lay Reader: Dot Bailey
Head Usher: Kathy Smith
Ushers: Beth Rehling, David Ritchey,
Kim Wallis, Michelina Fawcett
Acolyte: Joshua Anderson
Peace Candle: Natalie Corrado
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher: Anne Melfo Fawcett
Counters: Stu Bailey, Nancy Stella
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-up: Jill Zedan, Sue Stenzel

***If you need to make a schedule change, please call**

Betty Kaul 440-526-1244 or
Sue Stenzel at 440-526-4098*