

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Creative Holy
One, in the
water of your
Baptismal
Grace, all are
welcomed,
refreshed,
and renewed.
Help us this
day to rejoice
in the
abundance of
your love, and
to feel and
share the
warmth
of your
continual
compassion
and kindness.
Amen

JOHN 15:12

Sunday May 10 2015 • 10:00 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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, or bisexual,

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., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00

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MAY 10, 2015 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Love and Grace, help us this day to remember the amazing things that are possible when we align ourselves with your higher Purpose and Peace. Help us also to reach out to both friend and stranger with that same purposeful Spirit of Wholeness, Grace and Peace. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude from *Te Deum*

Charpentier

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship** [based on Psalm 139]

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing Creator - the Holy One, who like a Caring Mother or Father:

People: Often knows us better than we know ourselves;

L: Loves us totally and unconditionally;

P: Teaches and guides us in the way we should go;

L: Gently comforts us in our time of need;

P: One whose tender compassion is never-ending!

L: Therefore, let us praise the Source and Sustainer of Life;

All: Whose gracious Presence is always with us!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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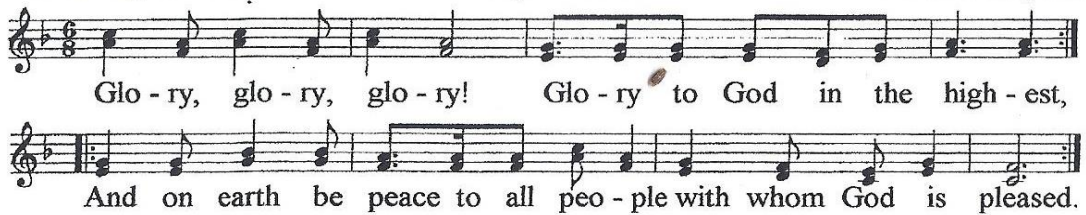
*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Compassionate Holy One, deliver us from complacency about our lives and our world. Warm our hearts with your love, so that we might care deeply for the people of our community and all communities. Transform our caring into food for the hungry, healing for the sick, and help for those who seek justice. May our guide and standard be your tremendous love and grace, which we see fully revealed in the person of Jesus Christ - our Leader, Example, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Youth Anthem

Lord, You Are So Precious to Me
[Joyful Noise Choir]

Kendrick

Time with Young Worshipers

Mother's Day Collection for *Womankind*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Leader: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism bears witness to the Divine Love and Grace that is extended to each of us at every stage of our lives.

People: Today we celebrate God's love for Holden Paul, and offer ourselves as instruments of that love in his life.

L: When parents brought their children to Jesus so that he might touch them, his disciples rebuked them; but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

P: "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Realm of God.

L: Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Realm of God like a little child, shall not enter it."

P: Then Jesus took the children into his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is an outward and visible sign of Divine Grace.

Because the promise of the Gospel is not only to us, but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's Church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith.

P: Out of the Water of Holy Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiveness and grace as members of the One Body of Christ.

Promises of the Parents

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage him to resist the power of evil, and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach and encourage him that he may be inspired to know and follow Jesus Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise to grow with him in the Christian faith, to help him be a faithful member of the Church - by celebrating Christ's presence here, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering him the on-going nurture of the Church?

All: We do, with the help of God.

The Congregational Promise

Pastor: Members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ: Are you prepared to welcome, encourage and pray for Holden Paul as he grows in faith among us?

People: We promise him our love, our support and our care as he lives and grows among us as a child of God.

Baptismal Act and Presentation

The Old Testament	Micah 6:6-8	Pew Bible, page 866
The New Testament	John 15:9-17	Pew Bible, page 109
The Continuing Testament	by David Ewart	in <i>Holy Textures</i>

Anthem	In Perfect Charity [Betsey Wilson, flute]	DeBruyn
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Sermon	<i>What? Me Worry?</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
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Hymn of Reflection	I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry	#351
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The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer *[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

Mamma

Tchaikovsky

[Dedicated to mothers everywhere, living and deceased.]

***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 love we share our gifts. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication** [Unison]

We thank you, Holy Source of Life, that you have entrusted to us the responsibility of sharing with others the vision of New Life which Jesus Christ came to reveal.

Accept these offerings, that they may be a sign of our love for you and for others.

Use these gifts and use our lives to advance your Realm of peace and justice on earth. This we ask in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.

Going with God's Love

***Hymn of Departure**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

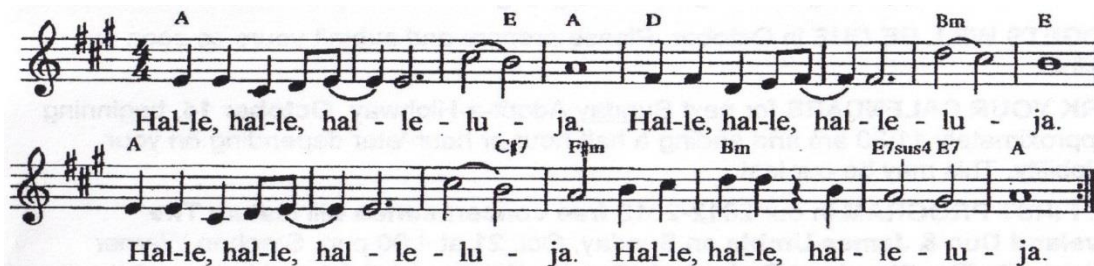
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***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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*



*Benediction

Postlude

Our Love Is Loud
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Crowder

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ann Toneff, Dan Renovetz, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, 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 Sunday, May 3, 2015 – Adults: 91 Kids:15 Total: 106

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.

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 WE WELCOME *Holden Paul Esser*, son of Danyel and Brian Esser, into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. A special welcome also to his Grandparents, Eileen Savarda, Joni & John Melville, and Gene Esser & Kathi Procup, and other family and friends visiting with us on this special day. We ask God's continuing blessings on Hayden and her family, and on our entire BUCC Family of Faith!

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Fred Pesek, in Honor of all Mothers.

MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL the members and friends of BUCC who encouraged me with their prayers, cards, and well-wishes during my recent illness and my on-going hearing problem. Your kindness and support it truly appreciated! Pastor Dave

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS! Announcing the first item on the Bicentennial Ministry's agenda – we need a catchy theme! Please help us come up with compelling verbiage that sums up the BUCC experience. We will be pairing this slogan with a logo and using it throughout our year-long celebration. Suggestions – we want to highlight our 200 years of existence, as well as our extravagant welcome, in as few words as possible. Place your submission in the Bicentennial Suggestion Box in the narthex or email to BetseyWilson10@gmail.com. Join us for our next meeting, Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm. ***ALL ARE WELCOME/ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US!***

MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION IS TODAY, we will be collecting donations for Womankind, an organization who provides comprehensive prenatal care to pregnant women in need.

Thank you so much for your generosity! If you have any questions, concerns or need to arrange a large pickup, please contact Kate Klonowski at 216-534-3498 or keightykay@gmail.com.

SCHEDULING DURING JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST: Please let Caroline Chandler know if you cannot serve during the vacation months. An e-mail at chandler9143@roadrunner or a phone call at 440-526-9714 would be fine.

WOMEN UNITED MEETING CHANGED We will now meet on May 20th at 11:30 in the Parlor. Our guest speaker of the day is Robin Coyer-Westerberg. She will tell us of her experiences working with the Southwest Indian Reservations. Sure to be of great interest. Bring a sandwich and a friend. All are welcome. Coffee and tea provided

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM: Over the next couple Sundays, Dave D. will be recruiting/scheduling volunteers to sing or play an instrument for musical offerings during worship over the summer months. You can choose a favorite hymn or sacred song, or Dave can help you find a piece. Volunteers rehearse with Dave the week before they're scheduled to sing/play; extra rehearsal time can be scheduled depending on individual needs/comfort level with music. Adults and youth are welcome to participate.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School "Camp Discovery" will be August 3-7, 2015.

IF YOUR COMPUTER PRINTER uses Canon 80 ink; please see Max Roha for a free unopened cartridge.

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.

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.

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Holy One, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Creator of all things be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Holy One require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

The New Testament - John 15:9-17

As my Heavenly Parent has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Heavenly Parent's commandments and abide in that love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down your life for your friends. You are my friends, if you follow my teachings. I do not call you servants any longer, because a servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Heavenly Parent. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and

bear fruit - good fruit that will last, so that God will provide you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commands, so that you may love one another.

The Continuing Testament - by David Ewart- in *Holy Textures* [edited]

When Jesus commands his followers to love one another as he has loved them, he removes any sense of status separating himself and them. "You are my friends," Jesus tells them. Their relationship is no longer one of servants who do what their master wants; or of clients seeking favors from a patron; or as disciples seeking instruction from a teacher. They are *friends* - they are equals who have a solemn obligation to look-out for each other's good - even to the point of laying down one's life.

And they are not just friends with Jesus. Jesus is commanding them to be friends with one another, since this is how he loves them. The fact that we are commanded to be friends, emphasizes that "friendship" isn't about "liking" someone, nor is it about feelings at all. Whether we like one another or not, Jesus commands us to look-out for each other's good - even to the point of giving our life - of surrendering our own ego. As we look around church on any given Sunday, we may see people that we know and like; or know and don't like; or don't know at all. Whatever the case, Jesus commands us to look-out for each other's good, so that together we might bear fruit. And not just any fruit, but good fruit that endures!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 10

10:00 am Worship Service
WOMANKIND OFFERING
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 am Early Birds
4:30 pm Recorder/Dulcimer
7 pm Council

Thursday, May 14

1:00 pm Bible Study
4 pm Leadership Development
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 pm Choir

Sunday, May 17

10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 10, 2015

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Tim Wallis, Kim Dessofoy George & Carole Snider
Acolyte:	Ben Davis
Peace Candel:	Evan Merritt
Sound:	Max Roha
Comms Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Narthex Grtr:	David Pastor
Flowers:	Fred Pesek
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Betty Kaul
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks:	Anne Melfo, Kate Klonowski

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 17, 2015

Lay Reader:	Kathy Smith
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Tina Ortiz, Kate Klonowski Ian Stewart, Dan Stewart
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candel:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	Jim & Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Dassie Matsuoka, Carole Snider
Servers:	Julie Bernard, Robin Coyer- Westerberg
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks:	Marla Corrado, Beth Rehling