

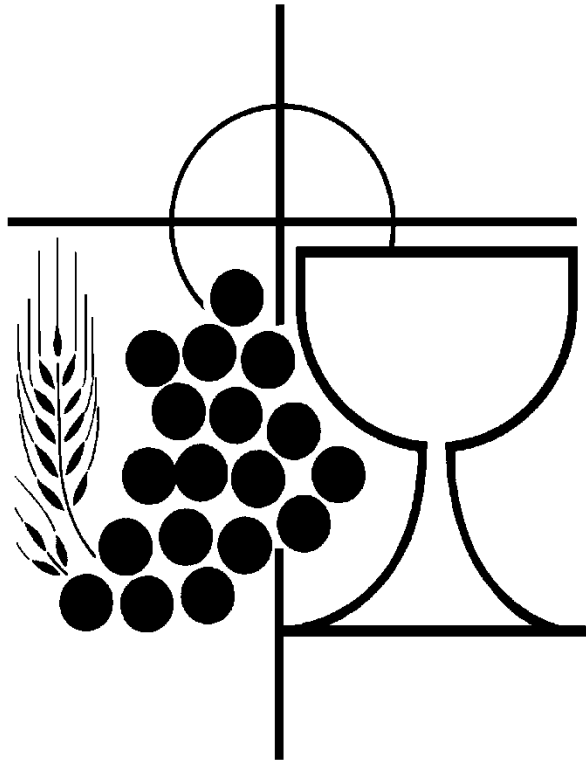
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy Source of all wisdom, give us visions of how beautifully Life can flow when we truly trust in your goodness. May your ways be our ways. Guide and inspire us to help re-create a world that is pleasing to you, and beneficial to all. Amen.



Sunday May 17 2015 • 10:00 AM

Seventh 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 17, 2015 – Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Meditation Music

Steadfast Holy One, may we learn to trust in you, even when those around us don't. Inspire us to follow you, even when the world says not. Help us to live in ways that are in harmony with your love and grace, especially when chaos and trouble surround us. Amen

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Our God Has Seen Me

Huijbers

“Our God has seen me, and to my surprise
I'm like a child who's born and raised all over.
God set me glowing in the depths of night,
my heart began to beat, my eyes were opened.
God always comes like this with quiet pow'r,
like this God bears with all my feeble gestures.”
Redmond McGoldrick (1920-1996)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed be the name of our Creator - from this time forth and for evermore!

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of Holy One is to be praised!

L: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One,

P: It is right to raise our praises to the heavens!

L: Let us declare our Maker's marvelous love in the morning,

P: Let us reflect on our Creator's faithfulness throughout the night!

L: Let all people praise the Holy One together!

All: Glory be to the One whose love sustains us all!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

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*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy Source of All, your love and grace is for all people and all creation. Help us to share your Divine Compassion throughout our troubled and hurting world. Touch our lives with your wisdom and power, so that we may help bring healing and wholeness to those in need. Fill us with your Spirit, that your Reign of Justice and Peace might be known among us all. This we pray in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. 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 is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The bass line consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Old Testament

Psalm 47

Pew Bible, page 518

The New Testament

Acts 1:15-26

Pew Bible, page 118

The Continuing Testament from *Commentary on Acts*

by Frank Crouch

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

My Soul, Triumphant in the Lord

Burditt, arr. Parker

Sermon

Maybe if Judas Had Hung-in There....

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

God Our Author and Creator

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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

This Is The Joyful Feast

Jordan

"This is the joyful feast of the people of God.
Men and women, youth and children,
come from the east and the west,
from the north and the south,
and gather about Christ's table."
Alice Jordan, 1986

***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]**

Gracious Holy One, we offer ourselves with these gifts, 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.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Communion Music

Élévation

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Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing #77
[verse 1]

*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*

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

*Benediction

Postlude

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

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PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Dassie Matsuoka, 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 10, 2015 – Adults: 90 Kids: 16 Total: 106

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 Bettina Ortiz in Honor of the Birthdays of Rachel Kubic (5/21), and Grace & Jenna (5/15).

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.

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!**

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: After service during coffee hour, 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.

WHAT A GREAT PROBLEM TO HAVE! Even with a good number of us regularly parking at Central School, we continue to have a bit of a parking "problem". In an effort to remain hospitable to our visitors and help those arriving late, we ask that others of you who can readily do so, park in the school lot next door. This is just another way in which we can signal our desire to be accessible and welcoming to all.

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

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.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning.

Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are all regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES We collect used printer cartridges and Recycle them to turn in to Office Max for credit toward our office supplies. Please put your empty cartridge in the Office in a basket marked “**Max**” We appreciate your help!

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.

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 - Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you people; shout to Holy One with loud songs of joy! For the Holy One, the Most High, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth. The Holy One brought the peoples among us, and the nations before our feet. The Holy One determined our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob. The Holy One has gone up with a shout, and has ascended with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to our Maker! Sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises! For the Holy One is the ruler of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! The Holy One is sovereign over all the nations, enthroned in power and glory forever! The rulers of all the nations assemble with the rulers of the children of Abraham - for all the powers of the earth belong to Holy One, who is highly exalted.

The New Testament Acts 1:15-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers and said, “Friends, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” [Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakel-dama, that is, Field of Blood.])“For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let

his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.' ”

“So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that Jesus was among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Continuing Testament - from *Commentary on Acts* - by Frank Crouch [edited]

For nearly two-thousand years scholars, pastors, lay leaders, skeptics, devout believers, and dedicated unbelievers have debated the truth and accuracy of Scripture. Errors, inconsistencies, and contradictions have been alleged and refuted, put-forth and retracted [sometimes, under torture), accepted and rejected. Some see these inconsistencies as evidence that the Bible is not true. Others, as evidence that the Bible’s truth lies deeper than a tallying of facts and errors. Others encounter them as disruptions of their confidence in the Bible as a sacred text that leads to a deeper relationship with God.

If Christians do not have these issues at the forefront of their minds, the first chapter of Acts can quickly bring them forward. One glance at the version of Judas’ death described in Acts, leaves readers realizing how different this account is from the one recorded in Matthew. There, Judas doesn’t fall into a ravine, but, more famously, hangs himself. Looking deeper, other questions might follow. Acts and Matthew cite different Scriptures to back up their accounts, raising questions about the citations themselves.

Did David really write those cross-referenced Psalms? Why does Matthew cite Jeremiah when the one reference to buying a field with thirty pieces of silver comes from Zechariah? Addressing these questions may be uncomfortable for some Christians. However, to not address them is to not take our Bible, or our Faith, seriously.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 17	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, May 19	7 pm	Bicentennial Ministry
Wednesday, May 20	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United – Parlor
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday, May 21	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, May 24	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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: Nancy Stella, Carole Snider
Servers: Julie Bernard, Robin Coyer-
Westerberg
Clean-Up: Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks: Marla Corrado, Beth Rehling

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 24, 2015

Lay Reader: David Pastor
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: Stu & Dot Bailey
Sue & Lindsey Maier
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Lucy Brown
Sound: Dave Bernard
Comms Grtr: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Linda Kriynovich
Flowers: Kathy Pastor
Nursery: Peg Duffy
Counters: Jim Duffy, Sue Stenzel
Servers: Caroline Chandler, Marge Culver
Clean-Up: Jon Thompson, Jill Zedan
Snacks: Sue Maier, Heidi Spangler