

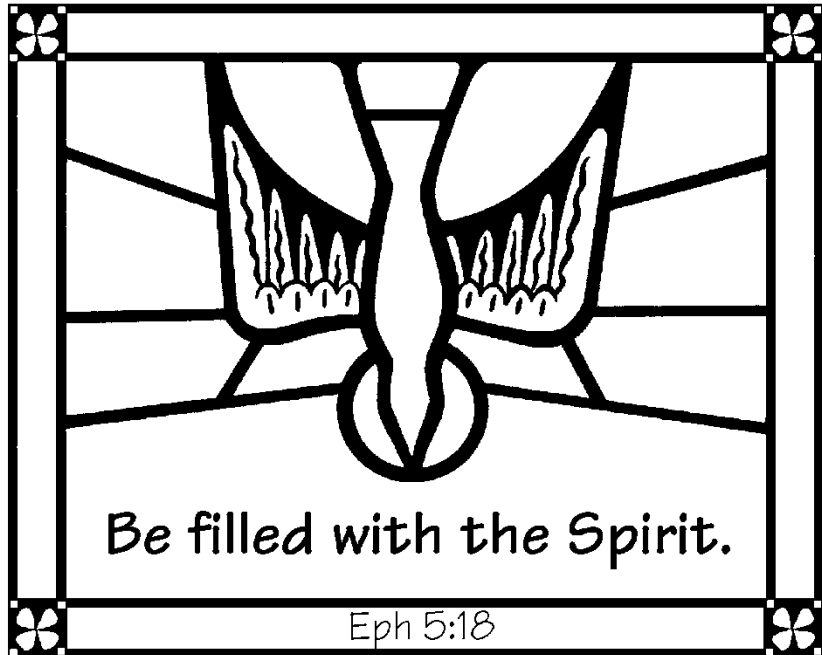
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UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, we thank you that you did not wind up the world like a clockwork machine and leave it to wind down. We thank you that you are present with us - continuing to create and renew Life, and to bless and guild our lives each day! Amen.



Sunday May 24, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Pentecost Sunday

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

Church Phone: 440-526-4364

E-mail: buccoh@sbcglobal.net – web address: www.BrecksvilleUCC.org

May 24, 2015 Pentecost Sunday

Meditation Music

Divine Creator, on this Pentecost may we feel the rush of your wind and see your tongues of fire. We come before you, seeking to be instruments of your Reign on earth. Grant us the conviction and courage to follow you boldly into the new day that is dawning for the care of your creation. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Medley: Come, O Holy Spirit, Come
Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading

/Nigerian melody/
Tanzanian melody

[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble with Youth Percussion Group]

"Gracious Spirit, hear our pleading; fashion us all anew.
It's your leading we are needing; help us to follow you.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come."
Wilson Niwagila, 1965; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1968

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Life of Christ

***Call to Worship** - from the Second Chapter of *Acts*

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come,

People: All the believers were gathered together in one place.

L: Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like the rush of a mighty wind,

P: And it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

L: There appeared to them tongues, like individual fires;

P: And a tongue rested on each one of them.

L: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,

P: And they began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability.

L: On this Pentecost, loosen our tongues to praise you, O Holy One!

All: Inspire our hearts to sing-forth your glory!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy Spirit, come among us today and touch us with the fulness of your grace. Enter our lives, free us from our fears, and guide us by your wisdom. Empower us to be your Church, today and every day. Impart to us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and in this world. Renew within us all, your abiding gifts of faith, hope, and love, so that we might continue to follow your light and praise you with joy! 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 in treble clef and the second in bass clef. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

The Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pew Bible, page 806

The New Testament

Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible, page 119

The Continuing Testament

Pentecost Fire

by Andrew King

Youth Anthem

Sent by the Lord am I
[Joyful Noise Choir]

Source unknown

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Send Us Your Spirit

Haas

Sermon

Now That's The Spirit!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound

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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

As the Wind Song

Lim (Singapore)

"As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God."
Shirley Erena Murray, 2004

***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, bless us now and the gifts that we bring. May your redeeming word of hope be spoken through us and through our gifts, in this place and throughout our world. Grant that the fire of your Spirit may warm our hearts and radiate out from us as deeds of love and service. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling #59

*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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has the lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' with guitar chords A, E, A, D, Bm, and E written 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 guitar chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A written above the notes.

*Benediction

Postlude America the Beautiful K. L. Bates

*[A Memorial Day tribute to all those who are serving and those we have lost
In the Armed Forces of the United States of America.]*

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 17, 2015 – Adults: 82 Kids: 16 Total: 98

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 Diane Gressley in Honor of her Mother, Emma.

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.

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 worshippers 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 - Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Holy One came upon me, and brought me out by the Spirit and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. The Holy One led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. The Holy One said to me, “Mortal one, can these bones live?” I answered, “O God, only you know.” Then the Spirit said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Holy One: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Holy One.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone upon bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then the Holy One said to me, "Prophecy to the Breath, prophecy, mortal one, and say to the Breath: Thus says the Holy One: Come from the four winds, O Breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as commanded, and the Breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then the Holy One said to me, "Mortal one, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Holy One: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Holy One, when I bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Holy One, have spoken and I will act!"

The New Testament - Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about the Holy One's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, the Holy One declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters

shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy'.... Then everyone who calls on the name of the Holy One shall be saved."

The Continuing Testament - *Pentecost Fire* - by Andrew King [edited]

A new kind of fire, and new speech brought to voice:
Words that are flames through walls that divide;
Language that's praise sung in harmonies of the Spirit;
Inclusive vocabulary of love.

Drink deep the new wine of freedom, all slaves.
Dream as equals, world's sons and daughters.
See the visions of the Realm of Peace.

Wherever wind blows the Spirit will flow
the fire that quenches our thirst for Divine Love.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 24	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, May 25	*Memorial Day* Office Closed	
Wednesday, May 27	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thursday, May 28	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Sunday, May 31	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 24, 2015

Lay Reader: David Pastor
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Stu & Dot Bailey
Sue & Lindsey Maier
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Lucy Brown
Sound: Dave Bernard
Comns 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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 31, 2015

Lay Reader: Ed Lusk
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Dorie Gabor, Joanne Cook
David Ritchey, Heidi Spangler
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Dot Bailey
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow
Counters: Stu Bailey, Kathy Pastor
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Dottie Farwell
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Tina Ortiz, Bridget Sproul