

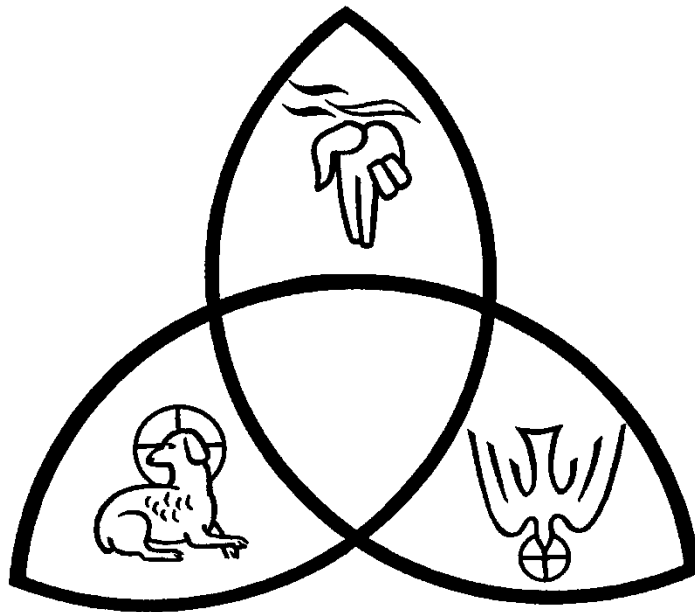
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Eternal and Ever-Present Spirit, in infinite ways you come to us, calling us to know you, love you, and live for you. Help us hear your call, and grant us the wisdom to respond with understanding, and the courage to faithfully do your will. Amen.



Sunday May 31, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Trinity 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

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May 31, 2015 Trinity Sunday

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, teach us how to see the world as you do - with everyone and everything interconnected. Give us courage to face the challenges that this understanding brings us, and grant us the joy and blessings that also come with it. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Gloria tibi Trinitas (Glory to You, O Trinity)

Blitheman

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 150

Leader: Praise the Holy One! Praise God in the sanctuary;

People: Praise the Righteous One in the highest heavens!

L: Praise the Holy One for mighty deeds accomplished;

P: Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

L: Praise the Sovereign One with the sound of Trumpet;

P: Praise the Creator with lute and harp!

L: Praise the God with tambourine and dance;

P: Praise the Holy One with strings and pipe!

L: Praise the Almighty with clanging cymbals;

P: Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Holy One!

All: Sing Praise be to the Sacred Source of all!

*** Hymn of Praise**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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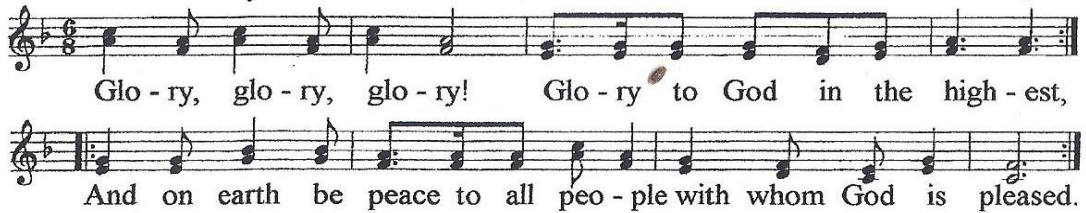
*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Divine Spirit of Love and Joy, we come before you today as your faithful children - glad to sing your praises and eager to hear of your marvelous ways. Help us to be open and flexible to new ways to understand and express our faith, so that we might creatively meet the needs and challenges ahead of us. Fill and inspire us with your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully serve you by serving others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Example, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 98:1; 4-9

Pew Bible, page 551

The New Testament

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible, page 34

The Continuing Testament

from *The God of Love and Peace*

by Alan Brehm

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

I Will Sing and Not Be Silent

Pote

[*Becky Anderson, flute; Pastor Dave, trumpet*]

CELEBRATING OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Sermon

You Should Hear Him Play The Spoons!

Pastor Dave Shackle

*** Hymn of Reflection**

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

#397

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

Consolation

Liszt

***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 these monetary gifts that we bring and also the many other gifts that we share with each other and offer to you: our musical talents, and the melody of our laughter and joy; the use of our minds in teaching and learning; the use of our hands for serving and caring; the gift of ourselves in deeds of compassion and love. All these things we offer to you, along with our gifts of thanksgiving and praise! Amen!

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12

***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*

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. The first staff has chords A, E, A, D, Bm, E above it. The second staff has chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A above it.

***Benediction**

Postlude

I Danced in the Morning American Shaker melody
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

“Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.”
Sydney Carter, 1963

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 25, 2015 – Adults: 76 Kids: 14 Total: 90

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’S FLOWERS are given by Jim Duffy - in Thanks to God for giving Peg 60 years of Grace.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE BUCC’S Marvelous Music Ministries! We are truly thankful for the faithful dedication and all the hard work that our musicians put-forth in leading us in worship and praise. We are also highly appreciative of our talented and hard-working Director of Music, Dave Debick. Here at BUCC we are truly blessed by *all* those who serve in all of our various ministries!

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: The schedule for summer music has been emailed to everyone who signed up. The list is also posted at the foot of the choir loft stairs. A huge thank you to all those who have volunteered to share their musical gifts during worship over the summer months.

BUCC BOOK DISCUSSION--"The Wives of Los Alamos" will be discussed @ 1:00 in the parlor tomorrow June 1. This should be a lively discussion! Any questions, call Dot Bailey 440-526-4881.

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

YOU ARE STILL PART OF OUR WORSHIP even when you must retreat to the narthex with an unhappy child or for any other reason. ALL parts of our worship are amplified into the narthex, including the music - choir anthems, congregational hymns and Dave's organ music - items which do not need to be amplified within the sanctuary and would result in bothersome echo's.

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.

JUST THE SPOKEN WORDS are amplified by our sound system into the sanctuary during our worship service. The musical offerings do not normally need amplification. However the complete worship service, including the anthems, hymns, etc., is fed to our 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). Our sound operators continuously select and adjust the output from one or more of the six or seven microphones normally in use during a typical worship service to provide what they hope is optimum, seamless sound in the sanctuary as well as in the narthex and for the CD recorder. If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its original location so that it is not eliminated from its next planned use.

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 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!

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

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.

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 Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 98:1; 4-9

O sing to the Holy One a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God's right hand and holy arm have obtained the victory.... Make a joyful noise to the Holy One, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Holy One with the harp, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Sovereign Holy One. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Holy One, who is coming to judge the earth. The Holy One will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

The New Testament - Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Continuing Testament - from *The God of Love and Peace* - by Alan Brehm [edited]

[I chose this reading for today's Continuing Testament because it reinforces the idea that faith in a Triune God is more about compassionate relationships than it is about believing in a complex Church Doctrine.]

I think for most of us, the reality of our world makes us tend to isolate ourselves from those around us. We stay safely detached from everything and everyone in our world, walking around with earbuds and iPods, comfortable in our cars, withdrawing to our homes to engage with virtual reality over some kind of screen or another. And it's no wonder we look at our world and complain, "Where is God?" It is precisely when we open ourselves to those around us and allow ourselves to experience their pain and suffering and share compassion and kindness with them that we experience God's presence. That's when we can be sure that the God of love and peace is with us, filling us all with grace and joy and life!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 31	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, June 1	1 pm	Book Discussion/Parlor
	7 pm	Spiritual Life
Wednesday, June 3	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thursday, June 4	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Sunday, June 7	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 7, 2015

Lay Reader:	Jon Thompson
Head Usher:	Bridget Sproul
Ushers:	Dorie Gabor, Sam Koch Linda Kriynovich, Ed Lusk
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candel:	Carli Began
Sound:	Val Duffy
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Joanne Cook
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Stu Bailey
Servers:	Dottie and Jim Farwell
Clean Up:	Anne Melfo and Doug Faucett

Trinity Sunday

The Season after Pentecost begins with Trinity Sunday. This is a day where we reflect on ways in which we know God.

Many people think of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; others may prefer to connect to God in the form of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and still others have various other ways of imagining God. The truth of the matter is that we, of course, do not know how to define God – God is simply too vast, and our minds too limited to try to use language to encompass all the wonders of our loving Creator, who came and lived among us, and has promised to be with us always.

While some find it helpful to connect with God in a three-way form, others try to imagine God's vastness in other ways. The Bible includes a great number of images of God and names for God, ever reminding us that we can encounter the Divine in a myriad of ways.

