

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, fill our hearts and lives with your wisdom and compassion, so that we may understand and follow your ways. Help us to be sensitive to your Spirit's leading, by being sensitive to the needs and concerns of others. Help us to heed your voice, by listening to each other with patience and understanding. Amen.



***“Refreshed By The Spirit Through The Waters of Baptism”***

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**Sunday June 14, 2015 • 10:00 AM**

**Third Sunday After Pentecost**

*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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## June 14, 2015 Third Sunday After Pentecost

### **Meditation Music**

Compassionate Creator, we thank you for your vision of justice and wholeness for our world. Help us all to grow in your love and wisdom. When we see injustice and suffering, may we step-up, speak-out, and act boldly to make a positive difference. Amen.

### ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able \**

#### **Prelude**

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy! Appalachian folk melody

#### **Bearing the Light of Peace**

#### **Bearing the Life of Christ**

#### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us praise our Creative Source of Life!

**People: Let us praise the Holy Spirit, who fills our lives with blessings!**

L: Let us praise the Christ, who lives among of us:

**P: To set the captive free;**

L: To give insight to those who refuse to see;

**P: To raise up all who are oppressed;**

L: To fill our hearts with joyous Good News!

**All: Let us rejoice together in God's amazing love and grace!**

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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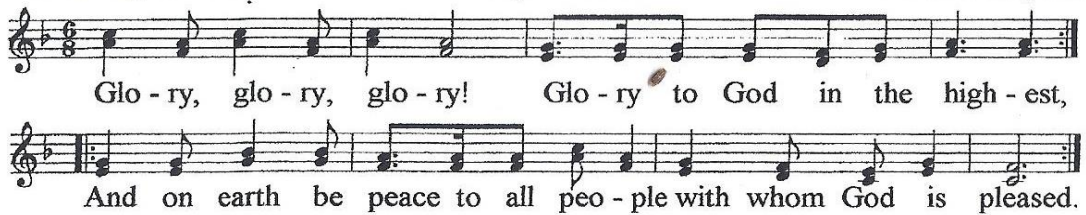
#### **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, in whom we live and move and have our being: we have gathered in your presence to sing your praise and to hear your Word for our living. Gather-up the prayers of each of our hearts into one harmony of worship and service, that we might truly be One Family in Christ. Amen.**

## \* The Song of Praise

## Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



## Time with Young Worshipers

### 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 Dorothy, and offer ourselves as instruments of that love in her 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 and Godparents

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

**Parents: We do.**

Pastor: Will you encourage her 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 her that she may be inspired to know and follow Jesus Christ?

**All: We will, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Do you promise to grow with her in the Christian faith, to help her be a faithful member of the Church - by celebrating Christ's presence here, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering her 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 Dorothy as she grows in faith among us?

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

**Baptismal Act and Presentation**

<b>The Old Testament</b>	Psalm 138	Pew Bible, page 577
<b>The New Testament</b>	Mark 3:20-35	Pew Bible, page 37
<b>The Continuing Testament</b>	by James Boyce	In <i>WorkingPreacher</i>

<b>Musical Offering</b>	Dive	Chapman
	<i>[Briana Brown and Naomi Klonowski, Soloists]</i>	

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Cool Your Jets, Jesus!</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
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<b>Hymn of Reflection</b>	Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls	#383
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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	Sonatina	Handel
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#### **\*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.**

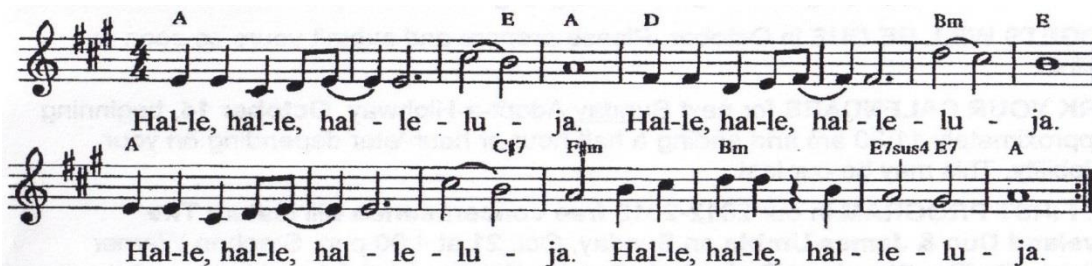
### ***Going with God's Love***

<b>* Hymn of Departure</b>	We Love Your Realm, O God	#312
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<b>*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World</b>	Acolyte
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#### **\* 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

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Vaughan Williams

### 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, June 7, 2015 – Adults: 90 Kids: 18 Total: 108

## ***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 WE WELCOME *Dorothy Cook***, daughter of Gina and Jonathan Cook, into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. A special welcome also to her Godmother - Julie Lehmann (aunt), Godfather - Justin Cook. (cousin) and other family and friends visiting with us today. We ask God's continuing blessings on Dorothy and her family, and on our entire BUCC Family of Faith!

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Jane & Cliff Cribbs in Honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH** Today the offering for Strengthen the Church will be received. This offering will help bring to fruition the visions and dreams of UCC churches and members. Dreams of revitalizing existing churches, realizing new ideas, developing ways of increasing spiritual life in people of all ages. It also strengthens the “God Is Still Speaking” campaign, designed to remind us all that God isn’t done speaking to us. This Offering will be helpful to churches of all ages, sizes, and settings, including inner city churches and little Country Parishes.

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

**ALL HANDS ON DECK!** The Bicentennial Ministry has something for everyone! Please join us on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 pm to discuss our ongoing preparations for a spectacular 200th year celebration. Have ideas/suggestions and can't attend? Send emails to [BetseyWilson10@gmail.com](mailto:BetseyWilson10@gmail.com).

Also, if you have any pertinent timeline/historical information, whether verbal or documented, please share with Annie Demko at [AnnieDemko26@gmail.com](mailto:AnnieDemko26@gmail.com). ALL ARE WELCOME/ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US!

**WOMEN UNITED** The next meeting will be on June 17th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Edie Rasell, Ph.D., Minister of Economic Justice for the UCC Headquarters in Cleveland will be our speaker. She will talk to us about what we can do as an organization, to help those less fortunate than we are, and what we might be able to do to help at-risk youth. Bring a bag lunch and a friend - coffee and tea provided.

**NEW ADDRESSES** for Doris Schmid and Anna Mary Fisher are:

Anna Mary Fisher  
1239 Belvoir Rd.  
South Euclid, OH 44121  
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Doris Schmid  
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Twinsburg, OH 44087  
216-544-9754

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!** We will be partnering again this year with the Independence Presbyterian Church to create an amazing and fun experience for our pre-school (3-5 years) and school-aged (K-5th grade) kids this summer. Save the date for the week of August 3rd - August 7th for “Camp Discovery” at the Independence Presbyterian Church. Details are being planned, but there’s sure to be “s’more” fun to be had this summer at Vacation Bible School! Feel free to contact Kate Klonowski if you are interested in volunteering: [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com) or 216-534-3498.



**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](http://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 138**

I give you thanks, O Holy One, with my whole heart; I sing your praise! I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Holy One, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of your ways, for great is your glory. For though you are high and exalted, you lovingly regard the lowly; but the haughty and proud, you perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Holy One's purpose is fulfilled in me; your steadfast love, O God, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

### **The New Testament - Mark 3:20-35**

The crowd gathered around Jesus again, so that he and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” So Jesus confronted

them, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. And a house divided against itself cannot stand. If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.... Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never find forgiveness, but is guilty of an enduring sin” [for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit!”]

Then Jesus’ mother and brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. The crowd around him said, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” Jesus replied, “Who are my mother, my brothers, and my sisters?” And looking at those around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of the Holy One is my brother and sister and mother.”

### **The Continuing Testament** - by James Boyce - in *Working Preacher* [edited]

Jesus puts it very directly. It is not one’s status, but his or her action in response to the Divine Call, that marks what it means to belong to his “family.” Even those who have all the proper credentials - whose blood lines would seem to link them to Jesus, or who claim status as leaders of the Temple in Jerusalem - are ultimately at risk for missing out on this journey. That seems to sum it up simply and to the point. Relationships in this family are dynamic; they flow from the encounter - and response - to Jesus.

And yet, at this point in the journey, there remains a hiddenness or a mystery to it all. Relationships in this family are couched in terms of “Doing the Divine Will.” But precisely what that “Will” entails is not specifically detailed. For those of us who thrive on lists, who need things to do to establish some comfort level, the call of Jesus will not comply with our wishes. We will have to be willing to come along for the journey. We will just have to trust Jesus and the invitation to join him, and to believe that in his presence we will participate in the unfolding of the Good News of the Divine Realm among us, and within our world.

## **Opportunities For The Week**

<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	<b>*Strengthen the Church Offering*</b>	
	11am	Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, June 17</b>	6am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
<b>Thursday, June 11</b>	1pm	Bible Study
<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JUNE 14, 2015**

Lay Reader:	Jill Zedan
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Dot & Stu Bailey Tina Ortiz, Beth Rehling
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Cndl:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Jim & Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Dorie Gabor and Joann Cooke
Clean-Up:	Peg and Jim Duffy

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JUNE 21, 2015**

Lay Reader:	Betsey Wilson
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Jill Zedan, Joanne Cook Fred Pesek, Ian Stewart
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Cndl:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Dot Bailey
Narthex Grtr:	Sue Stenzel
Flowers:	Tina Ortiz
Nursery:	Shauna Bigelow
Counters:	Donn Whyte, Betty Kaul
Servers:	Caroline Chandler
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz and Pat Bailey