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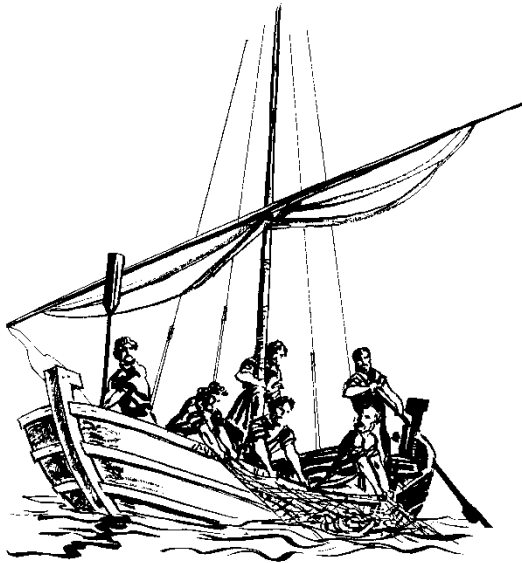
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source
of Wisdom and
Strength, we
give thanks
that even the
least among us
can trust in
you to be our
Guide and our
Guard.

Increase our
faith in your
constant and
compassionate
care, and in
your vision for
justice and
peace for all
people. Amen.



***“Even The Wind And The Sea Obey Him.”
(Mark 4:41)***

Sunday June 21, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Fourth 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 21, 2015 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Gracious Creator, we give thanks for the beauty and bounty of Nature. As we consider the wondrous properties of the sun and the rain, the earth and all it produces, may we be truly grateful and rightly impressed for this amazing gift of Life which surrounds us. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able **

Prelude

When Trouble Looms

Plainsong, mode I

“You call the wicked to account;
you champion the victim's cause;
you silence mortal taunts and threats;
God, heaven's eternal throne is yours.”
Martin Leckebusch, 2006

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship** [based on *Psalms* 133 & 134]

Leader: How good and pleasant it is for God's people to live together in harmony!

People: It is like the dew that refreshes the morning.

L: It is like the fragrant oil of a holy anointing,

P: As the Holy Spirit is poured-out upon the faithful.

L: Divine blessings renew us today and every day of our lives,

P: Let us therefore give thanks and rejoice!

L: Let us raise our hearts and voices to the Holy One,

All: Let us praise the Creator of heaven and earth!

*** Hymn of Praise**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

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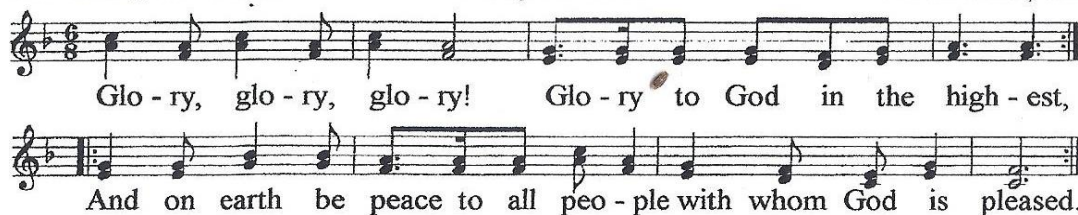
*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Divine Source of mystery and wonder, we thank you that you are with us at all times and in all places. Help us to recognize, and rejoice, that you are present in this moment. Help us to trust in your care, in our times of difficulty and doubt. We thank you that you do not leave us alone in our struggles, but are always near, ready to strengthen and guide us. Help us to hear and respond to your call in our lives, so that we may share in the abundance of your gracious love. Amen.

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

I Samuel 17:32-49

Pew Bible, page 261

The New Testament

Mark 4:35-41

Pew Bible, page 39

The Continuing Testament

from *Facing Our Fears*

by Michael Lindvall

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

These Hands
[Don Seager, bass]

Noack

Sermon

Fee, Fie, Foe, Fum...

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Jesus, Still Lead On

#446

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

Well Begun

Robertson

“Here, in the loneliness of pain,
keep company with me.
My body is your space. Make room
for courage. Set me free.”
Alison M. Robertson

***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**

Eternal Holy One, you created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing. We thank you for all the gifts of Creation and for the gift of Life itself. Accept now these gifts and offerings, that they may help others in need and advance the work of your Compassionate Realm. This we pray in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Communion Music

The Prayer of Faith

Schreiner

Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

#573

*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

Fugue in G Minor

Mozart

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 14, 2015 – Adults: 92 Kids: 18 Total: 110

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 Jeanne Cowden in Memory of my Husband, Jim Cowden.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are also given by Kirk and Lee Sanderson in Honor of Marge Culver for her many hours of volunteer work.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 or 216-534-3498.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING The annual BUCC golf outing will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 11th at: **The Windmill Lakes Golf Center, 1511 East Aurora Rd (Route 82), Macedonia, Ohio 44056**

This event is open to everyone, young and old at any skill level! We will play 9 holes on a course where the longest hole is only 88 yards! There will also be a putting contest and skills competition. The defending champions are Stu Bailey & Vickie Szabo!

Please contact David Pastor at 440.552.4403 or ridave@hotmail.com with any questions or comments.

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 - from 1st Samuel, Chapter 17

Saul and the Israelites encamped in the valley of Elah, and formed ranks against the Philistines. The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, who was over nine feet tall! He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.” When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.

Jesse of Bethlehem said to his son David, "Go and see how your brothers fare on the battle front." So David rose early in the morning and went. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, ran to the ranks, and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, Goliath, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid. David said to the men who stood by him, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" His eldest brother Eliab heard him talking to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David. He said, "Why have you come here, just to see the battle? I know your presumption!" David said, "What have I done? It was only a question."

When the words that David spoke were repeated before Saul, he sent for him. David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine, for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

Then David took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the stream, and put them in his shepherd's bag; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David. When the Philistine saw David, he scorned him, for he was only a youth. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods, saying to him, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel!"

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. There was no sword in David's hand, so he ran and grabbed the Philistine's sword, drew it out of its sheath, and killed him; then he cut off his head with it. When they saw that their champion was dead, the Philistines fled.

The New Testament - Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the sea." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion; so they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they became greatly afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Continuing Testament - from *Facing Our Fears* - by Michael Lindvall [edited]

Time and time again in Scripture the word is, "Do not be afraid!" It is, you might say, the first and the last word of the Gospel. It is the word the angels speak to the terrified shepherds and the word spoken at the tomb when the women discover it empty: "Do not be afraid." Not because there are not fearsome things to face, as we sail through our days. Not because there are no storms, fierce winds, or waves; but rather, because the Holy One is with us. Even though there are real and fearsome things in this life, they need not paralyze us; they need not have dominion over us; they need not own us, because we are not alone in the boat.

Opportunities For The Week

Sunday, June 21	10 am	Worship Service
	11am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, June 24	6am	Early Birds
	7 pm	Bicentennial Ministry
Thursday, June 25	1pm	Bible Study
Sunday, June 28	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Strawberry Social

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 21, 2015

Lay Reader:	Sue Stenzel
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Jill Zedan, Joanne Cook Fred Pesek, Ian Stewart
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candel:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comms 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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 28, 2015

Lay Reader:	Dot Bailey
Head Usher:	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Julie & Dave Bernard Kathy & David Pastor
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Evan Merritt
Sound:	Max Roha
Comms Grtr:	Stu Bailey
Narthex Grtr:	Dorie Gabor
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Peg Duffy
Counters:	Jim, Kaul, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Joy Garapic
Clean-Up:	Jane and Cliff Cribbs