

# BRECKSVILLE

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## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy Creator,  
teach us to  
see with your  
eyes of  
compassion  
and wisdom,  
so that  
we may  
understand  
your will for  
our world.  
Help us to  
discover and  
hear those  
who may  
have been  
overlooked or  
ignored, and  
let us heed  
each other's  
voices as we  
seek your  
peace and  
justice in our  
lives. Amen.

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**Sunday June 7, 2015 • 10:00 AM**

**Second 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**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

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## June 7, 2015 Second Sunday After Pentecost

### Meditation Music

Divine Source of all, open our eyes and our hearts to see and appreciate the intricate wonders of Creation. At every age and every stage of our lives, help us to remain receptive to the seeds of your awesome wisdom and truth. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Deeper, Deeper

Jones

“Deeper, deeper, in the love of Jesus  
daily let me go;  
higher, higher in the school of wisdom,  
more of grace to know.”  
Charles P. Jones (1865-1949)

### Bearing the Light of Peace

### Bearing the Life of Christ

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: The Holy One says, “Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

**People: Come, even those with no money, come buy and eat!”**

L: We have come to feast on the Living Bread,

**P: That we might minister to the world's hungers.**

L: We have come to drink from the Water of Life,

**P: That we might minister to the world's thirsts.**

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**P: For they shall be satisfied!**

L: Blessed are those who serve God by serving others.

**All: For they shall know that the Holy One is with them!**

\* Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

#28

**\* Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your One Family, to care for your world and all within it. You challenge us to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring hope and comfort where there is grief and despair. Forgive us when we fail to do so. Mend our broken human family. By your Spirit, breathe into us the power of your abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Brother, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.**

**\* The Assurance of Pardon**

**L: People of Faith, rejoice and give thanks! The Holy Spirit is here with compassion and power to heal our brokenness, forgive our sins, and fill us with newness of life and purpose!**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* Passing the Peace**

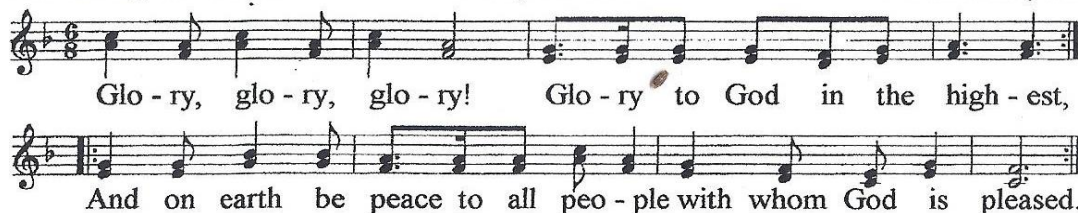
**L: As forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you all!**

**P: And also with you!**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Pew Bible, page 784

**The New Testament**

Mark 4:26-33

Pew Bible, page 38

**The Continuing Testament** from *A Day of Small Things*

by Martha Sterne

## **Celebrating Our Christian Education Ministry**

**Sermon**

*Show And Tell*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

O God, Who Teaches Us to Live

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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**

We Raise Our Hands to You

Kverno

## **\*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 remember and give thanks, Gracious Holy One, that you provide for all of our needs. Your love strengthens and sustains us. Your bounty makes possible our giving of self and substance. Help us to be truly generous, that we may inspire generosity in others. Use us and our gifts for your loving service, that your blessings might freely flow. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who lovingly gave himself for us all. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Communion Hymn**

Eat This Bread  
[sung twice]

#788

**The Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!**

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

**P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!**

L: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, saying,

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**Communion Music**

Adagio from Sonata No. 1

Mendelssohn

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** [Unison]

**Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.**

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

**\* Hymn of Departure**

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name  
[verse 1]

#80

**\*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

Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock

Edwards

### 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 31, 2015 – Adults: 78 Kids: 14 Total: 92

### **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.

**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.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Dorothy Faust in Memory of Harry Tallant, Brother of Dorothy Faust.

**SCHEDULING DURING JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST:** Please let Caroline Chandler know if you cannot serve during the vacation months. An e-mail at [chandler9143@roadrunner](mailto:chandler9143@roadrunner.com) 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.

**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 arlor. 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.

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH** Next week, June 14<sup>th</sup>, the offering for Strengthen The Church will be received. This offering will be to help bring to fruition the visions and dreams of members of the UCC. Dreams of revitalizing existing churches, realizing new ideas, developing ways of increasing spiritual life in people of all ages, and strengthening the "God Is Still Speaking" campaign, designed to remind all of us that God isn't done speaking to us.



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

Anna Mary Fisher  
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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 - Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Holy One: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Holy One. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Holy One have spoken; I will accomplish it.

### **The New Testament - Mark 4:26-33**

Jesus said, "The Realm of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, though that person does not know how. The earth itself produces, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. And when the grain is ripe, at once that person goes in with a sickle, because the harvest has come."

Jesus also said, "With what can we compare this Holy Realm, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

### **The Continuing Testament - from *A Day of Small Things* - by Martha Sterne [edited]**

Scientists say that the universe started as a very small thing, and that this very small thing was there about fourteen billion years ago, as we think of time now. But this small thing was there before there really was even time. So even before there was time or space, there was just this very small thing about the size of a marble. And [as people of faith might say] in less than a trillionth of a second, the Holy Source said, "Let there be light!" And that very small seed grew to a volume larger than all of the observable space in the universe. So in the twinkling of God's eye, a universe was born....

We follow the God who shows up again two thousand years ago in small, yet wonderful ways. A healing touch here. A compassionate word there. Small things like not giving-up on flawed friends. Like praying every day. Small things like enjoying Life. Small things like speaking truth to power. Like giving his small, marble-sized life so that the new universe of resurrected, reborn life could be created

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, June 7</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	OCWM
	11am	Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, June 10</b>	6am	Early Birds
	7 pm	Council
<b>Thursday, June 11</b>	1pm	Bible Study
<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	<b>*Strengthen the Church Offering*</b>	
	11 am	Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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 Cndl:	Carli Began
Sound:	Val Duffy
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Joanne Cook
Flowers:	Dorothy Faust
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Stu Bailey
Servers:	Dottie and Jim Farwell
Clean Up:	Anne Melfo and Doug Fawcett

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT 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