

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Creative Holy One, you have made humankind as one family, and invite all people to become brothers and sisters with one another, and with Christ. May we heal the brokenness that divides us. May we grow in love for one another, and thereby reflect the unity of your creation. Amen.



**Sunday July 12, 2015 • 10:00 AM**

**Seventh 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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## July 12, 2015 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

### Meditation Music

Holy Source of us all, inspire us to reach out to people of all faiths, and to work harder to understand their ways. Replace our fears and prejudices with compassion and insight, so that your love may grow and deepen within us all. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

#### Prelude

Dance (from *Mass*)  
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

Bernstein

#### Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Life of Christ

#### \* Call to Worship - from *Psalms* 24

Leader: The earth belongs to the Holy One, as does all that dwells within it,

**People: The world, and all who live there-in.**

L: For the Creator has founded it on the seas,

**P: And established it on the rivers.**

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Sovereign One, and stand in that holy place?

**P: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.**

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

**P: That the Ruler of Glory may come in.**

L: Who is this Ruler of Glory?

**All: The Holy One of hosts, the Sovereign of all the earth!**

#### \* Hymn of Praise

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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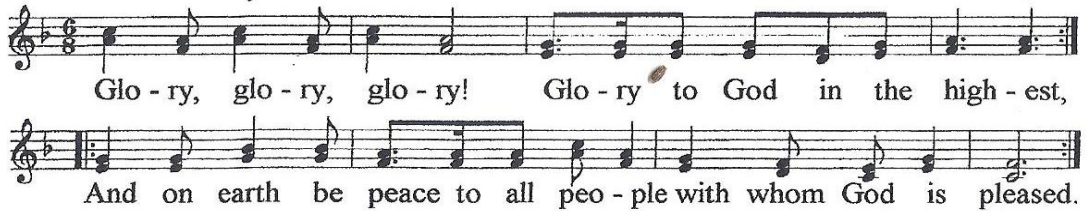
#### \* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Living and Loving Holy One, we praise you for your awesome compassion and power. Be with us now as we worship, and throughout our days as we share the risks and challenges of living our faith. By your Holy Spirit, turn our fear into courage and our confusion into confidence. Speak to us through your Word and fill us with your grace, so that we may gladly do your will. Amen.

## \* The Song of Praise

## Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament** from II Samuel Chapter 6

Pew Bible, page 280

**The New Testament** Mark 6:17-28

Pew Bible, page 40

**The Continuing Testament** *Leap of Faith*

by Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia

## Time with Young Worshipers

### Musical

Something in the Water  
[Diane Lightbody, alto]

DeStefano/Underwood/James

### Sermon

*Magic Mike and the Queen of Hearts*

Pastor Dave Shackle

### Hymn of Reflection

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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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**

Magnificat

Bell

Text: Magnificat anima mea

Translation: My soul praises (magnifies) the Lord. (Lk 1:46).

### **\*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]**

**Divine Creator, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

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

### **\* Hymn of Departure**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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### **\*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 from Sonata No. 2

Mendelssohn

### **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

George Sarandou and family, 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, July 5, 2015 – Adults: 74 Kids: 11 Total: 85

## **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 Vicki Szabo in Memory of Vic Szabo.

**WOMEN UNITED PICNIC TIME** - On Wednesday, July 15th we will meet at the Harriet Keeler Covered pavilion, across from the Nature Center in Brecksville Reservation, at 11:30 AM. Bring a sandwich and a healthy snack to share. Coffee and cold water provided. All are welcome.

**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.

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

**ALTER FLOWERS** if you have chosen a Sunday to make a Dedication please fill out the Sanctuary Flower Request form (below the sign-up sheet) and return it with payment to Joy Garapic. In addition, there are still several dates available to make a Dedication.

**CHILDRENS BULLETINS** are located in the Narthex. If you do not have time during Service to work on it, please feel free to take a copy home with you.

**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.

**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](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 - from II Samuel Chapter 6**

David and all the people with him set out and went from Baal-judah, to bring from there the Ark of the Covenant, which is called by the name of the Holy One of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the Ark on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the cart with the Ark; and Ahio went in front of the Ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Holy One with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals....

....So David brought up the Ark of the Covenant to the City of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the Ark had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Holy One with all his might; David was girded with a linen loincloth. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the Ark of the Covenant with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the Ark of the Covenant came into the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Holy One; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the Ark and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Holy One. When he had finished, he blessed the people in the name of the Holy One, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women. Then all the people went back to their homes.

David returned to bless his household. But Michal came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself before the eyes of his maids like some vulgar, ill-bred commoner might shamelessly uncover himself!" David said to Michal, "It was before the Holy One, who chose me in place of your father and all his household, to appoint me as prince over Israel that I have danced. I will make myself even more undignified than this, and I will be humbled in my own eyes; but by the maids of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor!"



## **The New Testament - Mark 6:14-28**

King Herod heard of Jesus' ministry, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised!"

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against John, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard John, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately he sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

## **The Continuing Testament - *Leap of Faith* - by Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia**

There are times when I feel in perfect rhythm with you  
Other times I feel out of step  
Confused and unnerved like a child on her first day of class

You offer me your hand again, that I may follow your lead  
I want to fly in your arms, trusting you are always there to catch me  
but I hold back  
I've been dropped before by other partners

You understand  
You are a patient teacher

You train me in the discipline of your ways  
I become flexible and strong  
Quicker to respond to your touch  
You show me step after step  
I begin to understand your timing  
I want to trust it, even when you are beyond my sight  
You move again and again and again in my life  
My confidence in you grows  
I take the leap of faith

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, July 12</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, July 15</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United - Picnic
<b>Thursday, July 16</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>Sunday, July 19</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JULY 12, 2015**

Lay Reader:	Stu Bailey
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Chad & Bridget Sproul Heidi Spangler, Jill Zedan
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Cndl:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Jon Thompson
Narthex Grtr:	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Shauna Bigelow
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Donn Whyte
Servers:	Dottie Farwell
Clean-Up:	Kathy & David Pastor

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JULY 19, 2015**

Lay Reader:	Tia Began
Head Usher:	Kathy Smith
Ushers:	Tim Wallis, Kim Dessoify Dot Bailey, Tina Ortiz
Acolyte:	Courtnei Began
Peace Cndl:	Carli Began
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Jill Zedan
Narthex Grtr:	Stu Bailey
Flowers:	Tina Ortiz
Nursery:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Stu Bailey, Jim Kaul
Servers:	Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Anne Melo & Doug Fawcett