

# 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*

Merciful God,  
when we  
experience  
moments of  
weakness and  
rejection in  
your name,  
help us recall  
not only your  
power and  
might but  
your  
compassion  
for your  
people. Grant  
us the  
courage and  
the faith to  
continue our  
fight against  
suffering,  
injustice, and  
hatred in our  
world. Amen.



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**Sunday July 5, 2015 • 10:00 AM**

**Sixth 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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# July 5, 2015 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

## **Meditation Music**

Divine Source of Wisdom and Strength, may we work tirelessly to live out the values of the Kingdom so that, working together, we can really accomplish a realm of justice, peace and love – *for all*. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

Rejoice in Our God      Brazilian folk melody, arr. Montiero  
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

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

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

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

Leader: We are gathered here this morning to worship God.

**People: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.**

L: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**P: We have come to offer up the seasons and turnings in our lives and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

L: Let us lift our hearts as one in songs of praise, in prayer, and in listening for God's word.

**All: Even when we leave this place, let our hearts be joined in common concern for humanity, like that shown by Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

I Need You Every Hour

#517

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

**O most, gracious God, we confess that we spend much of our lives on that which does not satisfy. We do not always count our time and resources as precious gifts, but squander them in meaningless activities and seemingly urgent needs. Look kindly upon us, for the temptation to waste is overwhelming in our world. Enable us to understand what is important, and to use the gifts of life responsibly, for we want to be your people in word and in deed. Amen.**

### **\* The Assurance of Pardon**

**L: One fact remains and does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life!**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* Passing the Peace**

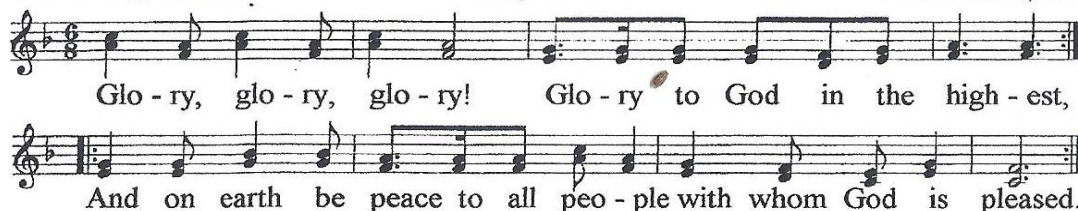
**L:** As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us greet one another with a sign of peace. The Peace of Christ be with you!

**P:** And also with you!

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**Old Testament Reading:**

1 Samuel 1:10-18

**New Testament:**

Philippians 1:3-7

**The Continuing Testaments**

by Charles Finney and Edward Hays

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Why Me, Lord?  
*[David Pastor, bass]*

Kristofferson

**Sermon**

Prayer—Our Link to the Holy

Rev. Patti Verde

**Hymn of Reflection**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#506

***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

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Hopkins, Jr.

#### \*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]

**Accept these offerings, Gracious Holy One, Giver of every good and perfect gift.  
Grant that they may represent our love - and our lives - offered more fully to you.  
Use all these gifts and each one of us to help proclaim and advance your message  
of forgiveness and love, welcome and peace. This we ask in the name of Jesus  
Christ, the Risen One, who brings new life to us all. Amen.**

### *Holy Communion*

#### Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

#### The Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: Our hearts rejoice in God's presence!**

L: Let us give thanks for God's Holy Love!

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

L: It is truly good and right to give thanks to you, O God of Grace and Glory, Spirit of Life and Love. Because you have raised Christ up to newness of life, we now raise our voices with your people of every time and place, praising your Holy Name and saying,

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

#### Words of Institution

## Prayer of Consecration

### The Invitation

### Receiving the Bread and Cup

### Communion Music

Rêverie

Schütt

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

We give you praise and thanks, O God, that you have granted us the presence of the Risen Christ at this table of grace. Grant that now, renewed and refreshed in spirit, we may carry that grace, love, and peace of Christ with us into all the world. Amen.

## Going with God's Love

### \*Hymn of Departure

Great is Your Faithfulness

#423

### \*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

Heleluyan, We Are Singing

Muscogee (Creek) melody

**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 28, 2015 – Adults: 88 Kids: 10 Total: 98

***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.

**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 Donn Whyte to wish all a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

**PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION** until July 5th. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor David Durkit at 216-832-3453.

**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.

**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.

**CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING MORE PLEASANT?"** That's the title of the book we are talking about. We'll cover it July 6 @ 1:00 in the parlor (use side entrance). It is a memoir by Roz Chast. Next book is "Orphan Train" by Chistina Baker Kline, which can be picked up after the discussion. Questions--call Dot Bailey 440-526-4881.

**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](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***

### **Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:10-18**

10 Crushed in soul, Hannah prayed to God and cried and cried - inconsolably. 11 Then she made a vow: Oh, God-of-the-Angel-Armies, If you'll take a good, hard look at my pain, If you'll quit neglecting me and go into action for me by giving me a son, I'll give him completely, unreservedly to you. I'll set him apart for a life of holy discipline. 12 It so happened that as she continued in prayer before God, Eli was watching her closely. 13 Hannah was praying in her heart, silently. Her lips moved, but no sound was heard. Eli jumped to the conclusion that she was drunk. 14 He approached her and said, "You're drunk! How long do you plan to keep this up? Sober up, woman!" 15 Hannah said, "Oh no, sir - please! I'm a woman hard used. I haven't been drinking. Not a drop of wine or beer. The only thing I've been pouring out is my heart, pouring it out to God. 16 Don't for a minute think I'm a bad woman. It's because I'm so desperately unhappy and in such pain that I've stayed here so long." 17 Eli answered her, "Go in peace. And may the God of Israel give you what you have asked of him." 18 "Think well of me - and pray for me!" she said, and went her way.

### **New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:3-7**

3 Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. 4 Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. 5 I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. 6 There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. 7 It's not at all fanciful for me to think this way about you. My prayers and hopes have deep roots in reality. You have, after all, stuck with me all the way from the time I was thrown in jail, put on trial, and came out of it in one piece. All along you have experienced with me the most generous help from God.

### **Continuing Testament**

From Charles Finney: Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer.

From *Pray All Ways* by Edward Hays: When in our daily lives events touch us deeply and we begin to feel that fullness that is the overture of tears, we can let go and flow with the Prayer of the Heart instead of fighting for control. Not attempting to speak or even to form appropriate words, we can simply pray the Prayer of Tears. We can pray the prayer of

tearful gratitude or defeat, the prayer of tearful departure or misunderstanding. The prayer book of tears is full of beautiful prayers—the psalms of theater, poetry, and music, and canticles of great movements and frustration. As we pray these prayers we can resist any temptation to be “tough” or “rigid” and instead be relaxed and fully human.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, July 5</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
<b>Monday, July 6</b>	1:00 pm	Book Discussion - Parlor
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
	7:30 pm	Facilities
<b>Wednesday, July 8</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
<b>Thursday, July 9</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>Saturday, July 11</b>	2:00 pm	Golf Outing Windmill Lake
<b>Sunday, July 12</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JULY 5, 2015**

Lay Reader:	Evie Novak
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Kate Klonowski, Matt Wolbert David Ritchey, Fred Pesek
Acolyte:	Briana Brown
Peace Cndl:	Lucy Brown
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Lenore Harris
Flowers:	Marla Corrado
Nursery:	Peg Duffy
Counters:	Katy Pastor, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Joanne Cook
Clean Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT 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