

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Patient Holy One, may your peace fill our minds and hearts like an ever-flowing stream. Cleanse those old wounds that express themselves through anger, dishonesty, and frustration. Transform our anger into a positive motivation to work for justice and peace. Amen.



***Rejoice in the Lord always.***

***Th 1:46***

***Philippians 4:1***

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**Sunday August 9, 2015 • 10:00 AM**  
**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

*Pastor*

• Rev David Shackles

*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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## August 9, 2015 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

### **Meditation Music**

Holy Source of Power and Love, we pray for your presence in times of trouble and doubt. Help us to build communities of mutual respect and concern, rather than suspicion and fear; that we may learn to love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

König

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Life of Christ**

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

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One for the joy we find in the Church:

**People: For the Good News that we hear, proclaim, and celebrate!**

L: For the opportunities to share our joys and our sorrows;

**P: For the strength we receive and the strength we give.**

L: For the work and witness of those who have gone before us;

**P: For the Spirit's Presence, here and now!**

L: For the hope of the coming Reign of Divine justice and peace;

**P: For the ever-present grace of Jesus Christ;**

L: For the countless ways in which we have been blessed,

**All: We raise our voices in praise!**

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

We Worship You, God

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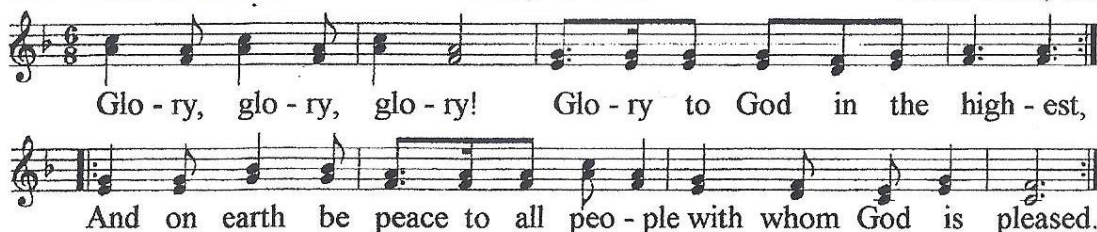
### **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Gracious Giver of Life, we give thanks that your compassionate care is for all people and all creation. Help us to trust in your deep concern for us and for our entire world. Bring your wisdom and power into our lives, that we may join you in bringing help and healing to those in need, that your reign of justice and peace might be known among us. Amen**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Psalm 130

Pew Bible, page 573

**The New Testament**

Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible, page 198

**The Continuing Testament**

by Jerome Creach

in *WorkingPreacher*

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Emmaus

Driskell/Hennis/Handbelt/Silvey

[Jon Thompson, bass]

**Sermon**

*Handling the Fear Factor*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Surely No One Can Be Safer

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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**

In Dreams  
[*Dylan Rees, piano*]

Walsh/Shore

**\*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]**

**Gracious Holy One, you have called us to be your Church, your living Body in this world. We thank you for the opportunities we have to grow together as your people, and we pray that you would continue to increase our outreach beyond these doors. Bless these gifts and each of us, that we might extend your tender care to others in our community and throughout our world. Amen.**

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

**\* Hymn of Departure**

Out of the Depths I Call  
[sung to - *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*]

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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

Blessing and Honor

Keller

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

Tina Ortiz, Kathy Pastor and family, George Sarandou and family, Dassie Matsuoka, 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, August 2, 2015 – Adults: 82 Kids: 16 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.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Joy Garapic to celebrate daughter Julia's Birthday.

**SUNDAY AUG. 23<sup>rd</sup> IS WORSHIP IN THE PARK!** Come join us in Richfield Woods Park for bagels at 10:00 and worship at 10:30 with our friends of the Richfield UCC. Maps to the park and the Richfield UCC [in the unlikely event of rain] are available in the church office.

**SCHEDULING** If you know that you are going to be unavailable prior to the time the schedules are made out please let Caroline Chandler know at home (440-526-9714) or by e-mail ([chandler9143@roadrunner.com](mailto:chandler9143@roadrunner.com)). If you find that you cannot serve after the schedule is published try to exchange serving dates with another person and then let the office know who will be filling in for you.

**WOMEN UNITED** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday August 19 at 7:00 PM. (please note change in time) Those who are not available to attend our daytime meetings are encouraged to attend. Member Heidi Spangler will be our speaker. She will show a 25 minute video of her Mother, recorded in 1988 and presented on PBS, regarding her memories from the Holocaust. We will meet in the Parlor and light refreshments will be served.

**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.

## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Holy One, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Gracious One, should mark iniquities, who could possibly stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Holy One, my soul waits, and in the Holy One's word I hope. My soul waits for the Compassionate One more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the sun to rise. O Israel, hope in the Holy One! For with the Gracious One there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem. It is the Holy One who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

### **The New Testament - Philippians 4:1-13**

*Saint Paul writes*, Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to the Holy One. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable - if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise - think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the Divine Source of peace will be with you all.

### **The Continuing Testament - by Jerome Creach - in *WorkingPreacher* [edited]**

Once while leading a study tour of the Middle East, my group visited the chapel of the Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem. The attraction of the chapel was a set of stained-glass windows created by the artist Marc Chagall. The windows are set within a domed ceiling, so as to direct the worshiper heavenward. As we gazed at the windows, a member of our group noticed another feature of the chapel. Directly below the windows the floor was sunken, and in the middle of the depressed area was a pulpit. Curious about this design, we asked about this



architectural feature. The hospital representative explained, “The floor beneath the windows was made this way because we believe all prayer should be offered ‘out of the depths.’ ” This explanation gave a nod to Psalm 130 - a Psalm best known for its first line, “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Holy One.”

As the Psalm progresses, however, the Psalmist [and reader] do not remain mired in the depths. The final portion of the Psalm contains statements about waiting for and hoping in the Holy One: “I wait for the Holy One, my soul waits, and in the Holy One’s word I hope.” To wait in this way, is to live expectantly, with an awareness of how the Holy One has acted in the past, and with keen anticipation of what the Holy One is about to do. This kind of waiting is the opposite of anxiousness and hopelessness. It is like the watcher who anticipates, and finds, relief in the arrival of the dawn. The certainty of the coming light makes clear that the hopeful waiting is not delusional or unrealistic.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Aug 9**      10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

**Tuesday, Aug 11**    7:00 pm    Membership

**Wed, Aug 12**        6:00 am    Early Birds  
7:00 pm    Council

**Sunday, Aug 16**    10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
11:00 am **\*Car Wash\***

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**AUGUST 9, 2015**

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Evie Novak
Ushers:	Fred Pesek, Bob Chandler Tim Wallis, Kim Dessoffy
Acolyte:	Ben Davis
Peace Candi:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Max Roha
Comms Grtr:	Jim & Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Peg Duffy
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Jim Kaul
Servers:	Joanne Cook
Clean-Up:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**AUGUST 16, 2015**

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Dorie Gabor, Sam Koch Betty Kaul, Tia Began
Acolyte:	Ben Rehling
Peace Candi:	Indira Bigelow
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Stu Bailey
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Kara Reese
Counters:	David Pastor, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Caroline Chandler
Clean-Up:	Kathy & Dave Pastor

