

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, as many grains come together to make one loaf of bread, may we unite in this place, and throughout the world, to be One People. And may we learn to look at, and gladly welcome, all people as our sisters and brothers - whoever and wherever they may be. Amen.

Sunday October 4, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Nineteenth 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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October 4, 2015 – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Our One Heavenly Parent, on this World Communion Sunday help us to put aside our differences, and joyfully come together to celebrate your love and grace for all people. And help us remember that your love is far greater and more expansive than any one congregation, denomination, or religious expression! Amen!

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

United at the Table
[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensembler; Percussion Group] Madurga (Spain)

“We will praise God, we will feast
at the bountiful table of life and grace;
we will praise God and give thanks
for communion with ev’ry race.”
Joaquín Madurga, b. 1938

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to the Table, all those who hunger and thirst,

People: For Christ is here to fill us and refresh us.

L: Come to the Table, all those who are hurting and alone,

P: For Christ is here with healing and comfort.

L: Come to the Table, all those who seek to serve God and humankind,

P: For Christ is here to guide and strengthen us.

L: As Christ's Living, Loving Body in this world,

P: We offer ourselves to help feed the hungry bodies and souls around us.

L: As we share of the One Bread and Cup,

P: The joy and peace of Christ unites us.

L: Though we come from many different places and backgrounds,

All: Christ's compassion and grace truly makes us One!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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* Prayer of Confession

All: Creating and sustaining Holy One, your great commandment in Christ is that we love one another as Christ has loved us. We confess that we fail to embrace your liberating love. We divide where you would unite. We exclude where you would embrace. Forgive our hardness of heart. Mend our broken Human Family. Breathe into us the living power of your amazing and abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Christ, our Brother, Example and Friend. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

L: One fact remains and will never change: God has loved us, loves us still, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life!

All: Thanks be to God!

* Passing the Peace

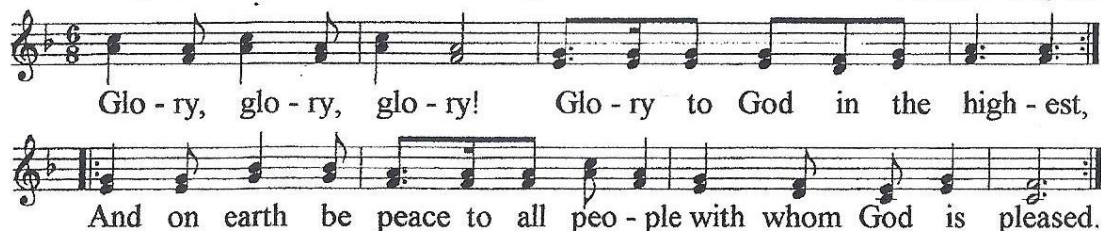
L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Exodus 16:13-18

Pew Bible, page 63

The New Testament

I Corinthians 11:20-29

Pew Bible, page 173

The Continuing Testament

from World Communion, Unity, and Bodily Health
by Debra Dean Murphy

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Let Us Enter into Covenant/Come, Let Us Eat –

Medley for World Communion Sunday 2015 Farrell (St. Vincent)/Kwillia (Liberia)

[Betsey Wilson, flute; Pastor Dave, trumpet; Percussion Group]

Sermon

Gather 'Round the Round Table

Pastor Dave Shackle

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

As the Grains of Wheat

Haugen

"As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you."
Marty Haugen, 1990

***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]**

Eternal and abundant Holy One, the opportunity to share with others is a blessing for which we are truly thankful. Your generous provisions for our lives, allow us to be generous in return. We pray that you would accomplish your loving purposes through these gifts and through our lives. These things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

**As We Gather at Your Table
[verses 1 & 3]**

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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: It is truly good and right to give you thanks, Divine Source of all Life, for you have called us into your Church to serve you by serving the entire human family, and to proclaim your Good News to all the world. In gratitude we accept your call, and praise your Holy Name, 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

Elévation and Communion

Marty

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Bountiful Giver of Life, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table by granting us the presence of the Living Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of your Spirit! Amen!

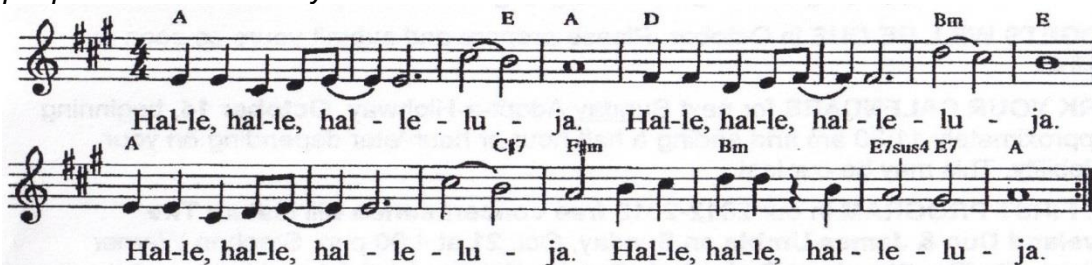
Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing #77

*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

Toccata in C major
[verse 1]

Černohorský (Czech)

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, 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, September 27, 2015 – Adults: 74 Kids: 16 Total: 90

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, originally called World Wide Communion Sunday, originated in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. On the first Sunday in October, Communion was intentionally celebrated in all Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was encouraged that other denominations make use of this occasion, and after a few years the idea began to spread, particularly after the world-wide devastation of World War II.. Today Christians of every background and theological tradition around the world celebrate the fact that we are all One in Christ, and that the Table we gather around is not our own, but God's!

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 Jill Black and Jim Duffy in Memory of our precious "Little Lou", our late Loving Sister & Mother.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED – Today, the Neighbors In Need offering will be received. The funds will be used to support the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One-third of the offering will be used to support the UCC Council for American Indian Ministry, and Two-thirds of the offering will be used to support UCC Justice and Witness Ministries.

SEASONAL CHOIR – This Thursday Oct. 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm, seasonal choir will begin rehearsing for our 2015 Christmas cantata, which is scheduled for Sunday Dec. 13 during morning worship. If you enjoy singing choral music, but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a great opportunity for fellowship, fun, music and spiritual preparation for the Advent and Christmas seasons. High school students are welcome to participate.

COMMITTEE EXPENSES from October 2014 through September, 2015 will be available in the Commons area on Sunday. Please have a committee member pick them up in order to prepare the 2016 budget.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY is looking for you...catch us at Coffee Hour.

On 10/25...Today members of the Christian Education, Stewardship, Membership, Communications and Outreach Ministries will be available during Coffee Hour with an opportunity for you to learn about their ministry.

On 11/1.....Spiritual Life, Facilities, Parish-Staff Relations/Personnel - (see above)

On 11/8OCWM, Leadership Development and Finance - (see above)

"CALLING FOR ALL RECIPES!! Please get your recipes in as soon as you can so that they can be typed. Also, it would be wonderful if you could include personal information about the recipe. For example, "this was my grandmother's favorite recipe for chocolate cake and she passed it on to me!" If it is more convenient you can email your recipe to me at: culinarybee@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in making this the best cookbook ever!

Readings

The Old Testament - from Exodus Chapter 12

The Holy One said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt... "Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one...Your lamb shall be without blemish.... The whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the archway of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

"This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Holy One. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt.... The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.

You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Holy One; throughout your generations you shall observe it....You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt.

The New Testament Luke 22:7-20

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Realm of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Divine Realm comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood that is poured out for you."

The Continuing Testament - from *World Communion, Unity, and Bodily Health* - Debra Dean Murphy [edited]

World Communion Sunday was rooted in a sunny theology of progress - the idea that, with enough determination and moral resolve, the Church could, at least for one Sunday in early October, make visible its unity in the face of increasing political strife and uncertainty. As the world has only increased in danger, World Communion Sunday is more popular than ever. One problem, though, is that unity - theologically, biblically, liturgically speaking - is not a product of [or reward for] our earnest efforts at getting along in difficult times. Neither is it, as is often pointed out, uniformity or the tolerant niceness of a shallow peace. Rather, unity is a gift. Sometimes we receive it badly or not at all, but it is nonetheless not our own creation. It is the gift of union with Christ, made known to us in the breaking of bread; and making of us, despite ourselves, a Body that lives in and through the power of a healing, reconciling God.

And if unity is the gift Christ offers his trans global Body then, of course, every Sunday is World Communion Sunday. There is no time when we gather that we are not constituted as the Body of Christ - taken, blessed, broken, and shared - and thus commissioned for work and witness in a dangerous, strife-filled world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 4	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Neighbors In Need Offering
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Monday, Oct. 5	1:00 pm	Book Discussion/Parlor
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
Tuesday, Oct. 6	10:30 am	CWRU Parlor
Wed, Oct. 7	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	NO - Recorder/Dulcimer
Thurs, Oct 8	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, Oct. 11	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Confirmation
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

OCTOBER 4, 2015

Lay Reader:	Jon Thompson
Head Usher:	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Matt Wolbert, Jill Zedan Darlene Kelly, Dan Stewart
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Indira Bigelow
Sound:	Tim Wallis, Max Roha
Comms Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr:	Dot Bailey
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Peg Duffy
Counters:	Jim Kaul, Nancy Stella
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Marge Culver
Clean Up:	Peg & Jim Duffy
Snacks:	Diane Gressley, Beth Rehling

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

OCTOBER 11, 2015

Lay Reader:	Kathy Smith
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Jim Duffy, Linda Kriynovich Tim Wallis, Kim Dessoify
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	David Pastor
Comms Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Lenore Harris
Flowers:	Carole Snider
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Carole Snider, Stu Bailey
Servers:	Dorie Gabor, Joanne Cook
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Christian Ed.