

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of all nations and all people, may our gathering today be a reflection of the wideness of your warm embrace of the entire world. Fill us with the warmth of your love and help us to reflect your welcoming ways. Send Your Spirit to flow among us and within us all, that we might know and share your peace and joy! Amen.



Sunday May 8, 2016 • 10:00 AM

May 8, 2016 - Seventh Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

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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MAY 15, 2016 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MOTHER’S DAY

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, you call us to proclaim a Gospel that we sometimes find difficult to practice. Fill us with the power of your loving Spirit, so that we might fully and faithfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ - through our kind words and our authentic actions. Amen.

Gathering in God’s Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Grand choeur pour l'Ascension
[Translation: Full organ for the Ascension]

Marty

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Holy One from this time forth and for evermore!

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us praise the name of our Creator.

L: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to sing praises to the Most High.

P: To declare God’s steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness by night.

L: People of faith, let us praise the Holy One together:

All: Glory be to God on high!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

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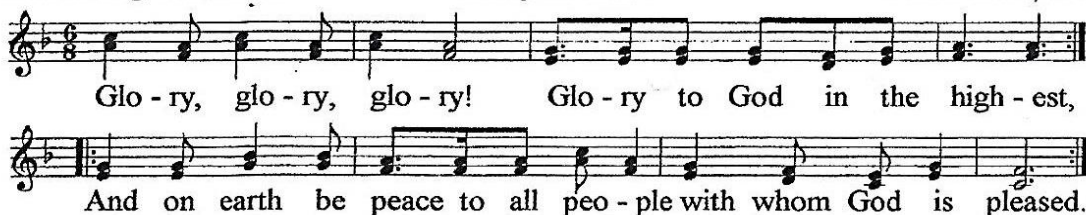
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy Source of All, your love and grace is for all people and all creation. Help us to share your Divine Compassion toward our troubled and hurting 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. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Micah 6:6-8

Pew Bible, page 866

The New Testament

Acts 1:6-14

Pew Bible, page 118

The Continuing Testament from *Footprints on the Earth*

by Barbara Lundblad

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Testify to Love Field/Pool/Van Manen/Riekerk
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Sermon

Down to the Nitty-Gritty

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

God Made from One Blood

#427

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

Lord Of Life, We Come To You

Scottish folk melody

"Through the days of doubt and toil,
in our joy and in our pain,
guide our steps in your way,
make us one in your love."
Catherine Walker (b. 1958)

*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 offer ourselves with these gifts, Gracious Holy One, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see the signs of your love which surround us every day. Open our hearts to embrace new ways to serve you and others. Renew our compassion and inspire our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Hope and our Joy! Amen!

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#76

*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

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jan Rahnenfuehrer, Dorie Gabor, Jim Kaul, William Zmich (Marla Corrado Father), Lenore Harris, Ann Toneff, Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, 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 1, 2016 – Adults: 82 Kids: 13 Total: 95

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 Maureen Stanley Honoring the lives of her parents, Ray & Edna Stanley.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC on Sunday May 22nd at our morning worship service. If you are interested in joining, learning more about membership - or about our congregation or denomination - please talk with Pastor Dave.

WOMEN UNITED will be meeting in the Brecksville Reservation at the Pavilion opposite the Nature Center on May 18th at 11:30 a.m. This will be an meeting to discuss organization and program ideas. Bring your ideas and a sandwich. If the weather is bad we will meet in the parlor, same time same date. Coffee and tea will be provided

OUR BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK “200 YEARS OF SERVING” The Bicentennial cookbook is now being printed by Cookbook Publishers. The cookbooks will be available for sale in Pilgrim Hall on **May 1st** during coffee hour. This will give you time to wrap for presentation on Mother’s Day, May 8th. We’ll also have them available for sale on the 8th and every Sunday until they all find kitchens. Each book will cost you \$10.00. That is a small price to pay for a cookbook filled with yummy recipes contributed and taste tested by members of Brecksville United Church of Christ and their friends and families. And, by the way, as promised when this project was started, at least \$5.00 per book sold – ½ the price you pay will be given to the Bicentennial Committee to help with the costs of our bicentennial celebrations. **HAPPY MUNCHING!** Your Cookbook Committee

BUCC'S STAFF AND ADULT CHOIR request that you *kindly refrain from applauding* after the adult choir anthem is presented at Sunday service - not only during Lent, but throughout the church year. We understand that people like to express their appreciation, but many find this applause disruptive to their worship experience. Thank you. As for the Joyful Noise Choir: please feel free to affirm them with applause as the Spirit moves you!

SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY: During the latter part of May, Dave D. will be recruiting volunteers to participate in BUCC's summer music program. If you'd like to share your musical gifts - vocal, instrumental, dance, etc. - with our congregation any Sunday between June 5 and Labor Day, please contact Dave about signing up for a service. This ministry gives our regular choirs a well-deserved break over the warm summer months. Dave can help you choose music, and rehearsal time is provided for each volunteer.

SILENT AUCTION The Communications and Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a Mother's Day and Father's Day gift basket silent auction. The baskets and bid sheet are located in Pilgrim Hall. Stop in and place your bid, and or, invite a friend, neighbor, coworker or relative to join in! As their proxy you may place their bids for them. The auction ends at Noon on May 8th. Proceeds from the auction help fund the Communications and Outreach Ministry.

THE BECK CENTER FOR THE ARTS is presenting, big THE MUSICAL starring BUCC's own Ian Stewart. We are planning a group outing to see the production, and support Ian, on Sunday May 15th at 3 pm. Discount tickets will be \$10 for seniors and adults and \$8 for students (18 and under). Sign up with the membership committee today or contact David Pastor, phone 440.552.4403 or ridave@hotmail.com if you would like to reserve tickets.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION will begin the 2016 season with ***"All The Light We Cannot See"*** which has remain on the best seller's list for months. Anthony Doerr spent 10 years writing this epic work of historical fiction, weaving together the stories of a French girl who has lost her eyesight and a German orphan as Hitler's occupied territory grows. Both lives and families are torn, but it is the story of people who, against all odds, find good in one another.

Books will be available today or check with Dot Bailey 440-526-4881. The discussion will be Monday, June 6th at 1:00 pm in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome, and everyone's opinions matter.

OFFICE There has been some damage in the Office, specifically Jeannette's desk & Computer. Please do not let kids play in the office. Also, if you are in need of any office supplies, please look in the drawers by the cupboard – everything you need is in there. Thank You.

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!

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 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.

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Micah 6:6-8

The prophet asks, With what shall I come before the Holy One, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Does the Righteous One take delight in the sacrifice of thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? The Holy One has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Compassionate One require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God!

The New Testament - Acts 1:6-14

When the disciples had come together, they asked Jesus, “Teacher, is this the time when you will restore the Realm to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that God has set and sanctioned. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two figures in white robes stood by them. They said, “People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Continuing Testament - from *Footprints on the Earth* - by Barbara Lundblad
[edited]

“Why do you stand looking up into heaven?” Sometimes it’s still easier to look for a pure world up there or out there, especially if we think of the Church as the Body of Christ. We see so many blemishes, so many things wrong. Perhaps you’ve said, “Show me a church where ministers aren’t self-serving, where people aren’t hypocritical, where love is genuine, and then I’ll become a member.” Well, you’ll wait a long time, for such a church takes-up no space on this earth. Perhaps such a church lives only in our memories, a time when disciples believed, when faith could move mountains, when motives were always pure.

There is no one but us, not in this time and space. We can stand looking up into heaven, or we can believe the promise of Jesus: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses! You will make imprints and an impact in and through ordinary, imperfect communities of faith that rarely get it right!” Ascension Day is not a call to look up. It’s a call to trust that Christ’s promise is down and in and around us. We are not alone, you and I. The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, surprises us at every turn - to revive us and to shape us into the Body of Christ, right here and now!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 8

Happy Mother's Day!

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Wed., May 11

6:00 am Early Birds

4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer

7:00 pm Council

Thurs., May 12

1:00 pm Bible Study

5:30 pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm Choir

Sunday, May 15

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

5:30 pm Youth Percussion

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 8, 2016

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| Lay Reader: | Betsey Wilson |
| Head Usher: | Jan Renovetz |
| Ushers: | Jill Zedan, Matt Wolbert Sue Stenzel, David Ritchey |
| Acolyte: | Ryan Stewart |
| Peace Candle: | Olivia Klonowski |
| Sound: | Max Roha |
| Comms Grtr: | Marge Culver |
| Narthex Grtr: | Lenore Harris |
| Flowers: | Sue Stenzel |
| Nursery: | Courtnei Began |
| Counters: | Jon Thomson, David Pastor |
| Servers: | Anne Melfo, Joanne Cook |
| Clean-Up: | David & Kathy Pastor |
| Snacks: | Kathleen Stewart, Sue Maier |

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 15, 2016

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| Lay Reader: | Matt Wolbert |
| Head Usher: | Anne Melfo |
| Ushers: | Beth Rehling, Fred Pesek Joanne Cook, Sam Koch |
| Acolyte: | Briana Brown |
| Peace Candle: | Lucy Brown |
| Sound: | Mike Westerberg |
| Comms Grtr: | Max Roha |
| Narthex Grtr: | Linda Kriynovich |
| Flowers: | Dot Bailey |
| Nursery: | Gina Cook |
| Counters: | Bruce McCain, Carole Snider |
| Servers: | Robin Coyer-Westerberg, Joy Garapic |
| Clean-Up: | Jon Thompson, Jill Zedan |
| Snacks: | Peg Duffy, Kate Klonowski |