

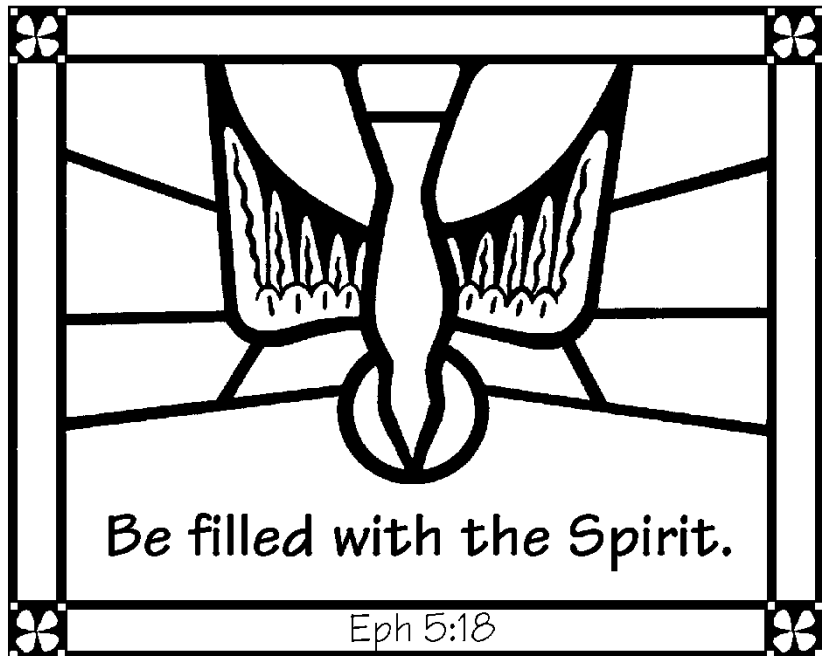
# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED Church of CHRIST

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

Come, Holy Spirit, gather us as One. Gather us for worship and praise; gather us to be transformed by your word and your ways. Come, Holy Spirit, scatter us. Scatter us as your people of faith - to carry the fire of Divine Love throughout this world! Amen!



**Sunday May 15, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Pentecost Sunday**

*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 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

## Meditation Music

May the Spirit of Pentecost blow among us and instill within us all a sense of awe and wonder as we celebrate life, community, and following in the Way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

O Day of Joy and Wonder!  
[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble; Pastor Dave, guitar;  
Youth Percussion Group]

Hopson

"Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost,  
yet comes in flame upon us at blessed Pentecost."  
Violet Nita Buchanan, 1957, alt.

### Bearing the Light of Peace

### Bearing the Light of Christ

**\* Processional Reading** - from the second chapter of *Acts*

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come,

**People: All the believers were gathered together in one place.**

L: Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like the rush of a mighty wind,

**P: And it filled the entire house where they were sitting.**

L: There appeared to them tongues, like individual fires;

**P: And a tongue rested on each one of them.**

L: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,

**P: And they began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability.**

L: On this Pentecost, loosen our tongues to exalt you, O God!

**All: Inspire our hearts to sing-forth your praise!**

### \* Hymn of Praise

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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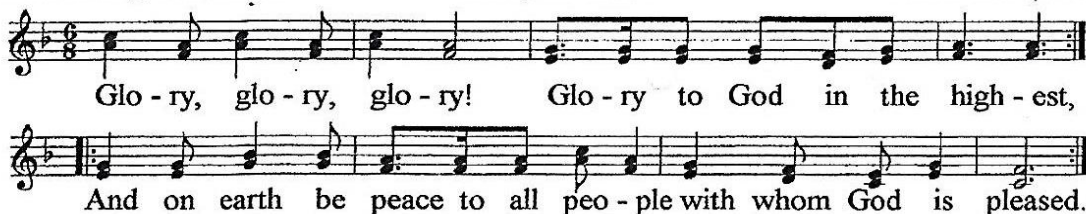
**\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy Spirit, come among us today and touch us with the fulness of your grace. Enter our lives, free us from our fears, and guide us by your wisdom. Empower us to be your Church, today and every day. Impart to us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and in this world. Renew within us all, your abiding gifts of faith, hope, and love, so that we might continue to follow your light and praise you with joy! Amen!

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Genesis 11:1-9

Pew Bible, page 9

**The New Testament**

Acts 2:18:21

Pew Bible, page 119

**The Continuing Testament** from *The Day Heaven Burst Open*

by Grace Imathiu

**Youth Anthem**

Holy Spirit, Fill Our Hearts  
[Joyful Noise Choir]

Source unknown

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

God Sends Us the Spirit    Gonja folk song, arr. Debick  
[Betsey Wilson, flute; Youth Percussion Group]

**Sermon**

*Now You're Talking My Language!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound

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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**

Let It Breathe on Me

Lewis-Butts

"Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,  
let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me."  
Magnolia Lewis-Butts (1880-1949)

### **\*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 joy we share our gifts. Amen.**

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

**Gracious Holy One, bless us now and the gifts that we bring. May your redeeming  
word of hope be spoken through us and through our gifts, in this place and  
throughout our world. Grant that the fire of your Spirit may warm our hearts and  
radiate out from us as deeds of love and service. This we ask in the name of Jesus  
Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

### **Words of Institution**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Invitation**

## Receiving the Bread and Cup

### The Blessing

Communion Music

Andante from Sonata No. 5

Mozart

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

\* Hymn of Departure

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

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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

Filled with the Spirit's Power

Taylor

## **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING 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 8, 2016 – Adults: 85 Kids: 10 Total: 95

## ***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.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Bettina Ortiz in Honor of the Birthdays of Grace Anne & Julianne Kubic (5/15/99), and the Birthday of Rachel Sarah Kubic (5/21/68).

**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC** next 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 cookbooks is available for sale in Pilgrim Hall during coffee hour. We'll also have them available for sale on the 8<sup>th</sup> and every Sunday until they all find kitchens. Each book is \$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, 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

**GARDEN PLAN** – Bob Chandler has found his copy of the plan for the garden near the front door of the church. The names, significance and locations of the plants are shown in the document titled “Your Biblical Garden”. If you would like a copy, Bob will gladly provide one.

**BUCC'S STAFF AND ADULT CHOIR** request that you ***kindly refrain from applauding*** after the adult choir anthem is presented at Sunday service. 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.

**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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome, and everyone's opinions matter.

**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.

**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.

## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Genesis 11:1-9**

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

The Holy One came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Holy One said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Holy One scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Holy One confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Holy One scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

### **The New Testament - Acts 2:1-8; 21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about the Holy One's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, the Holy One declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy'.... Then everyone who calls on the name of the Holy One shall be saved."

**The Continuing Testament** - from *The Day Heaven Burst Open* - by Grace Imathiu  
[edited]

The Jewish festival that was celebrated exactly fifty days after Passover eventually acquired the name *Pentecost* - from the Greek word for *fifty*. Jerusalem was the place to gather for that festival, and people came from all over. The Hebrew Scriptures tell us how the Passover Festival was to be commemorated. The people were to gather and worship, celebrate and rejoice. And everyone was invited to do so! No one was to be excluded. The guest list was God's guest list and it was clearly stipulated in the Scripture: You, your sons and daughters, your men servants and maid servants, the Levites in your towns, the aliens, the orphans and the widows living among you. None was to be excluded from God's party. Each one was invited regardless of religion, race, gender, status, or age. All the barriers that divide us throughout the year were to come down on that day of celebration.

Pentecost is the powerful entry of the Holy Spirit into our lives to rearrange our world in surprisingly new ways. Of course, languages and cultures are not erased; but languages that are foreign no longer intimidate us into xenophobia and prejudices. Suddenly the differences between peoples of the world, be they in accent, language, race or ethnicity are not something to fear, but something to appreciate. Pentecost is like wearing new glasses and suddenly our sight is restored to see that, "Hey! We are much more connected than we ever imagined!"

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

|                        |          |   |
|------------------------|----------|---|
| <b>Sunday, May 15</b>  | 10:00 am | Worship Service                         |
|                        | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour                             |
|                        | 3:00 pm  | “Big” Beck Theater                      |
| <b>Tuesday, May 17</b> | 10:30 am | Leadership Development<br>Library       |
| <b>Wed., May 18</b>    | 6:00 am  | Early Birds                             |
|                        | 11:30 am | Women United/Brecksville<br>Reservation |
|                        | 4:30 pm  | Recorder Dulcimer                       |
|                        | 7:00 pm  | Bicentennial Ministry                   |
| <b>Thurs., May 19</b>  | 1:00 pm  | Bible Study                             |
|                        | 5:30 pm  | Joyful Noise                            |
|                        | 7:00 pm  | Choir                                   |
| <b>Sunday, May 22</b>  | 10:00 am | Worship Service/New Members             |
|                        | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour                             |

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MAY 15, 2016**

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

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MAY 22, 2016**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Lay Reader:   | Jim Duffy   |
| Head Usher:   | Bridget Sproul                                      |
| Ushers:       | Tina Ortiz, Jon Thompson<br>Bob & Caroline Chandler |
| Acolyte:      | Jillian Davis                                       |
| Peace Candle: | Lucy Brown  |
| Sound:        | Doug Fawcett  |
| Comns Grtr:   | Ann Kelley  |
| Narthex Grtr: | Fred Pesek  |
| Flowers:      | Jan Renovetz  |
| Nursery:      | Valerie Tyler                                       |
| Counters:     | Donn Whyte, Jim Duffy                               |
| Servers:      | Carole Snider, Dottie Farwell                       |
| Clean-Up:     | Jane & Cliff Cribbs                                 |
| Snacks:       | Beth Rehling, Bridget Sproul                        |