

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

As we rush from one undertaking to the next, we often forget the wonder and wisdom at the core of this universe, and the Sacred Source of our lives. Today, may we tune our ears and our hearts to the Sacred Song of the Holy One. And may Life's marvelous, mystical melody resonate and grow in and through our lives - today and every day! Amen.



***"Sing To The Holy One A New Song!"***  
***Psalm 98:1***

**Sunday May 29, 2016 • 10:00 AM**  
**Second 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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# MAY 29, 2016 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Meditation Music

Divine Source of Joy and Celebration, we pray that we may be tuned-in to the voice of your Spirit, which beckons to us in so many different ways. Inspire and guide each of us to find our particular calling, so that we may work together to carry-out your acts of justice, compassion, and peace. Amen.

## *Gathering in God's Presence*

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Prelude in C

J. S. Bach

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Light of Christ**

**\* Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 150

Leader: Praise the Holy One! Praise the Creator in the sanctuary!

**People: Praise our Maker from the highest mountain!**

L: Praise God for God's mighty deeds!

**P: Praise the surpassing greatness of our Sacred Source!**

L: Praise the Holy One with the sound of trumpet!

**P: Praise God with the lute and harp!**

L: Praise God with tambourine and dance!

**P: Praise God with strings and pipe!**

L: Praise God with clanging cymbals!

**P: Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Holy One!

**All: Praise be to God!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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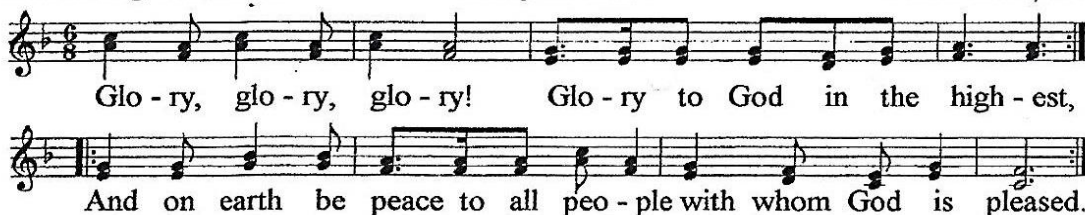
**\* Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

**Divine Source of Love and Joy, we come before you today as your faithful children- glad to sing your praises and eager to hear of your marvelous ways. Help us to be open and flexible to new ways of understanding and expressing our faith, so that we might meet the needs and challenges ahead of us. Fill and inspire us with your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully serve you by serving others. Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Psalm 98:1, 4-9

Pew Bible, page 551

**The New Testament**

Revelation 4:1-3; 8-11

Pew Bible, page 247

**The Continuing Testament**

by Tony Robinson - in *Stillspeaking Daily Devotional*

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Celebrating Our Music Ministry**

**Musical Offering**

Come, Children, Join and Sing

Old Spanish melody

*[Adult Choir; Joyful Noise Choir; Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble;  
Youth Percussion Group; Pastor Dave, guitar]*

**Anthem**

Voice of Song

Shaker Hymn

*[Pastor Dave, trumpet]*

**Sermon**

*Ending on a High Note....*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**\* Hymn of Reflection**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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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** If You're Reading This McGraw/Brad & Brett Warren  
*[In memory of all the men and women who have died while serving our country.]*

## \*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 these monetary gifts that we bring and also the many other gifts that we share with each other and offer to you: our musical talents, the melody of our laughter and joy, the use of our minds in teaching and learning; the use of our hands for building, cleaning, helping and feeding, the gift of ourselves in deeds of love and service. All these things we offer to you, along with our gifts of thanksgiving and praise! Amen!**

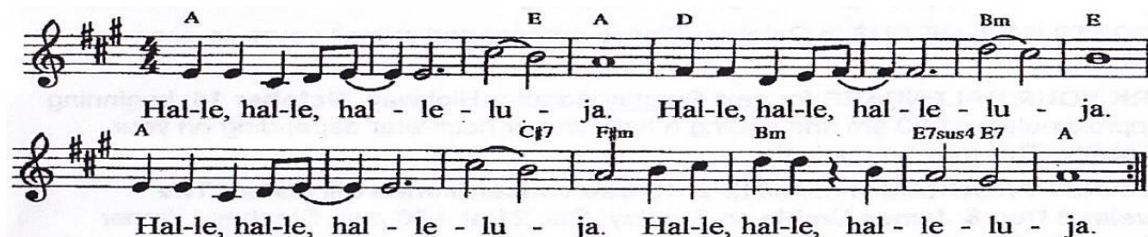
## Going with God's Love

**\* Hymn of Departure**                  Sing Praise to God                  #22

**\*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, 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

Praise Ye the Lord

Cleveland

## 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 22, 2016 – Adults: 84 Kids: 17 Total: 101

## 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 WE CELEBRATE BUCC'S MARVELOUS MUSIC MINISTRIES!** We are thankful for all of the hard work and faithful dedication that our musicians put forth in leading us in worship and praise. We are truly blessed by **all** those who serve in **all** of our various ministries!

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Mindy Harris in Honor of Bill's 88<sup>th</sup> & Lenore's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthdays, and also, in Honor of their 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**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.

**SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY:** Dave Debick is hoping to complete volunteer scheduling for this summer's music program at coffee hour today. Only a couple slots remain open on the list. If you'd like to share a song, hymn, instrumental piece or dance with our congregation at one of our Sunday services over the summer, please see Dave after church. He is glad to help you find music to present, and plenty of rehearsal time is provided for each volunteer as needed.

**“200 YEARS OF SERVING”** Many of the bicentennial cookbooks have been sold. Thanks very much for your support! We are putting some in the church office for people to purchase during the week, and on Sundays any one of the cookbook committee can get you as many cookbooks as you would like to purchase. We will also have them available for the Church Open House during Brecksville Home Days, June 25 – 26. They are also available for purchase on the website [www. Cookbookshoppe.com](http://www.Cookbookshoppe.com).

**FATHER'S DAY WOMANKIND COLLECTION JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>** Please pick up a baby bottle and take it home as a reminder of helping women and their babies who aren't as fortunate to have all the resources we do. Fill those bottles with your loose change, bills, (checks!) and know that every bit is helping someone in need. On Father's Day (June 19th) we will be collecting those bottles along with any other donations you may have. The greatest need right now is for diapers (size 3 and 4 please!!) and wipes. For a full list of items Womankind is seeking or to find out more about their services and mission, please see their website at <http://www.womankindcleveland.com>. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Klonowski at 216-534-3498 or [keightykay@gmail.com](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com). Thank you again, as always, for your generosity. Let's fill up that crib for Father's Day!

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>** - When you invest in the vision supported by Strengthen the Church, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and help develop the spiritual lives of our youth and young adults. Support for Strength the Church provides the resources for new communities of faith to take root and for less fortunate churches to grow and flourish.

Strengthen the Church is part of the larger God is Still Speaking campaign of the United Church of Christ. God is Still Speaking works to spread the message that God is all-loving and inclusive to everyone, regardless of where they may be on life's journey. Here at The Brecksville United Church of Christ we take pride in the loving, inclusive, Christian family we have built.

Your support of Strengthen the Church will help other churches build similar communities. God is Still speaking, and your support of Strengthen the Church will help amplify God's voice.

**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.

**KEYSHORTAGE** Since our exterior locks were changed to more secure ones about 10 years ago, we have signed out 70 keys and have run out of keys again. The price from our locksmith is now \$10 each. The Facilities Ministry has decided to try a "recycle your unused key" campaign rather than purchasing more keys. If you have two keys in your family, or are no longer involved with a ministry, or just don't use that key anymore for whatever reason, place it in an envelope with Jeanette's name on it and place it on her desk. She will see that your key is properly signed in and that you receive our copy of your driver's license. If you have lost a key, we will be pleased to accept payment for it. **FYI** these keys are for all exterior doors except the South Entry and have a number stamped on them. (1 to 60 and 1A to 10A) Usually they are with an unnumbered interior key. We would like to have these also, but feel free to retain yours if you need it. Your Facilities Ministry

**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** - Psalm 98:1; 4-9

O sing to the Holy One a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God's right hand and holy arm have obtained the victory.... Make a joyful noise to the Holy One, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Holy One with the harp, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Sovereign Holy One. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and all those who live in it. Let the waters clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Holy One, who is coming to judge the earth. The Holy One will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

### **The New Testament** - Revelation 4:1-3; 8-11

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with One seated on the throne! And the One seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald....

Day and night without ceasing, those surrounding the throne sing, "Holy, holy, holy, Divine Bearer of Majesty, who was and is and is to come!" And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the One who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the One who is seated on the throne and worship the One who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, Sovereign Holy One, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they exist and were created."

### **The Continuing Testament** - by Tony Robinson - in *Stillspeaking Daily Devotional* [edited]

Perhaps you've seen the videos of flash mobs breaking into song and dance in stores or food courts. I love these videos! In fact, they can bring me to tears. I wonder why they are so powerful? Partly it is the way the flash mob and its song intrude upon the normal and so often graceless daily grind.

People who look bored and distracted as they munch burgers in the food court. Shoppers mechanically picking through stuff at Macy's. The flash mobs break in, reminding us of another dimension that is all around us, but one to which we so often seem blind.

I also like the courage and the company. One person, then two or three, start in singing or dancing. What courage! Gradually the entire chorus assembles, a community of joy being born before our very eyes, people so caught up in something greater than themselves. And I like the way these videos show us what "witness" looks like. The singers and players witness to another reality, another possibility, a truth and beauty that cannot be suppressed. They put it before us, before the world, and let people make of it what they will.

Could you and I witness like that? With joy and hope, sharing faith and its song, in the midst of a world dying for magic, hungry for mystery and thirsting for God? I think the Church could learn a lot from these flash mobs. Maybe we could become a flash mob ourselves!

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, May 29</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service <b>*Music Appreciation Sunday*</b>
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
<b>Monday, May 30</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
	9:00 am	BUCC Float in Brecksville Parade
<b>Wed., June 1</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
<b>Thurs., June 2</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>Sunday, June 5</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service <b>*Christian Ed Sunday*</b>
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MAY 29, 2016**

Lay Reader:	Tia Began
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Dot & Stu Bailey George Snider, Dave Bernard
Acolyte:	Drew Demko
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Max Roha
Narthex Grtr:	Linda Kriynovich
Flowers:	Tina Ortiz
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Stu Bailey, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Julie Bernard, Marge Culver
Clean-Up:	Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett
Snacks:	Betsey Wilson, Marla Corrado

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JUNE 5, 2016**

Lay Reader:	Dot Bailey – <i>*Rachel Brown, Naomi Klonowski, Courtni Began, Ryan Stewart*</i>
Head Usher:	Kathy Smith – <i>*Jillian Davis*</i>
Ushers:	Kate Klonowski, Matt Wolbert Vicki Szabo, Jim Duffy <i>*Amy Coyer-Westerberg, Michalina Fawcett Garrett Demko, Drew Demko, Ben Rehling*</i>
Acolyte:	Garrett Demko
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Max Roha - <i>*Victor Fawcett*</i>
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Carole Snider
Flowers:	Kathy Pastor
Nursery:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Jon Thompson <i>*Ben Rehling, Victor Fawcett*</i>
Servers:	Sue Stenzel
Clean Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	<i>*CE – Cake*</i>