



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source
of love and
grace, we give
thanks that all
of us - from the
greatest to the
least - can turn
to you
for wisdom,
guidance and
care. Increase
our ability and
our willingness
to trust in
your constant
compassion,
and help us all
to work
together to fulfil
your vision
of justice
and peace
throughout our
world. Amen.



***“For By One Spirit We Were All Baptized Into One
Body...”
I Corinthians 12:13***

Sunday June 19, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Fifth 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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June 19, 2016 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Holy Spirit of wisdom and strength, continue to lead and inspire us today as we seek to connect with one another and with you as One Family. Remove the fears and barriers that keep us from reaching-out so that we might joyfully invite and welcome others along the way. Strengthen our resolve to be your Life-affirming people, in all that we say and do. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

I'm Going on a Journey

Bonnemère

"I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.
My head is wet, and I'm on my way.
Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too:
it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!"
Kenneth D. Larkin (1929-2011)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Our Divine Source creates us, and all that surrounds us;

People: Asking us to treat each other and our world with love and care.

L: Jesus welcomes us as his sisters and brothers;

P: Inviting us to become one family.

L: The Holy Spirit fills us with compassion and power

P: Calling us to work together for justice and peace.

L: The Holy One speaks to us in many ways,

P: So that we who are many, may learn to be One.

L: Let us now joyfully raise our voices,

All: And sing-out our praise to the Holy One!

***Hymn of Praise**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

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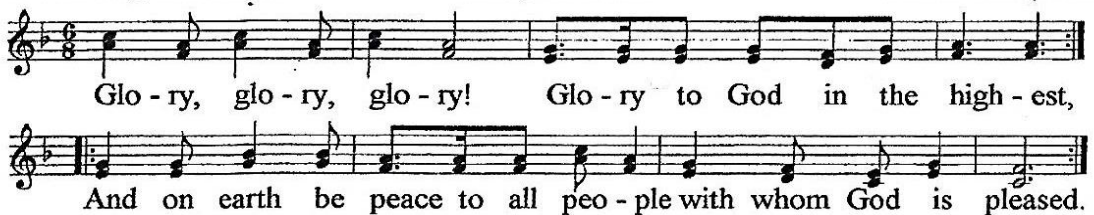
*** Prayer of Invocation [unison]**

Eternal Holy One, we seek your presence here today. Fill us with a sense of your Being; move us with the power of your Spirit; touch us with faith, hope and love. Come to us and be with us, that we may worship you in this place, and then be prepared to serve you in this world. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Time with Young Worshipers

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism bears witness to the Divine Love and Grace that is extended to each of us at every stage of our lives.

P: Today we celebrate God's love for this child, and offer ourselves as instruments of that love in her life.

L: When parents brought their children to Jesus so that he might touch them, his disciples rebuked them; but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

P: "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Realm of God.

L: Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Realm of God like a little child, shall not enter it."

P: Then Jesus took the children into his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is an outward and visible sign of Divine Grace.

Because the promise of the Gospel is not only to us, but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's Church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith.

P: Out of the Water of Holy Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiveness and grace as members of the One Body of Christ.

Promises of the Parents and Godparents

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage her to resist the power of evil, and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach and encourage her that she may be inspired to know and follow Jesus Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise to grow with her in the Christian faith and to help her be a faithful member of the Church - by modeling Christ's Compassion in your lives, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering her the on-going nurture of the Church?

All: We do, with the help of God.

The Congregational Promise

Pastor: Members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ: As witnesses of this Baptism, will you pray for Juliana and her family as they grow together in faith?

People: We promise them our prayerful support, as they carry Christ's love with them from this place.

Baptismal Act and Presentation

The Old Testament	Psalm 148:1-13	Pew Bible, page 582
The New Testament	Mark 10:13-16	Pew Bible, page 46
The Continuing Testament	from <i>Love and Other Kid Stuff</i>	by David Sellery

Musical Offering	These Hands Dedicated to Fathers Everywhere. [Don Seager, bass]	Noack
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Sermon	<i>Just Kidding Around</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
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Hymn of Reflection	Jesus Loves Me	#327
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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

Sinfonia I

J. S. Bach

***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, we ask your blessing on us 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 our connection with you and with one
another may warm our hearts and radiate from us as deeds of love and service. We
ask this in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Communion Music

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
[Assisted by Youth Percussion]

Cordova

“Now in faith I humbly ponder
over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless
though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
pledge and seal of my salvation.”
Johann Franck (1618-1677)

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#82

* 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

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

*Benediction

Postlude

Praise God, All You People

Traditional

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jan Rahnenfuehrer, Dorie Gabor, Jim Kaul, William Zmich (Marla Corrado's 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, June 12, 2016 – Adults: 86 Kids: 18 Total: 104

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 WE WELCOME *Juliana Lane Ferfolia*, daughter of Erin and Jeff Ferfolia, into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. A special welcome also to her Godparents Don & Meredith Ferfolia, family and friends visiting with us on this special day!

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.

OUR JUNE 5TH STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING was \$674.00! Thank you all for your generous giving to this important ministry of the United Church of Christ!

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF THE SERVICE? Please talk to any usher about the Williams Sound - Personal PA Receiver, available for your use. These simple-to-use units can help improve your worship experience, by amplify those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

COMPUTER HELP - Mary D'Agostino is looking for help in learning a new computer program that uses voice activated capabilities. The program name is "Dragon Naturally Speaking". If anyone is willing to try to help her, please contact the office at 440-526-4364.

“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).

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! At Donn Whyte’s house on Sunday, July 3. Come by at 8:00 pm. Bring an appetizer to share (if you want to). Show starts at 10:00 pm!

WOMEN UNITED JUNE ACTIVITY - Those of us who are able will help out at the 200th Anniversary Open House which will be held along with Brecksville Home Days on June 25 and 26th from 1:00PM to 8:00PM. Let Pastor Dave know if you wish to help. Church # 440-526-4364.

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.

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 Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 148:1-13

Praise the Holy One! Praise God from the heavens; praise the Creator in the heights! Praise the Majestic One, all you angels; praise the Sovereign One, all you hosts! Praise the Glorious One, sun and moon and all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Holy One, who commanded and they were created. Who established them forever and ever, and fixed their bounds, which cannot be breached.

Praise the Maker of heaven and earth, you sea monsters and all within the waters, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God’s command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Leaders of the earth and all peoples, rulers and all within their realms! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Holy One, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven!

The New Testament - Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus so that he might touch them; and the disciples sternly rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Realm of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Realm of God as a little child will never enter it." And Jesus took the children up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Continuing Testament - from *Love and Other Kid Stuff* - by David Sellery [edited]

Jesus is preaching and a group of parents want some of his goodness to rub off on their kids. The scene is easy to visualize. The parents are pushing forward. The kids are being kids. And the disciples are trying to maintain some kind of pious dignity and order. The results are a sublimely teachable moment. Jesus declares his unconditional commitment to love, even at the expense of decorum. "Let the children come to me...for the Realm of God belongs to such as these."

This simple lesson can be seen as the New Testament in microcosm. Love trumps legalism! God's priorities are not the world's priorities. The proud and the powerful are put on notice: Whoever does not accept the Realm of God like a child will not enter it. And to cap it all, the love of Jesus is always accessible. It's there for the taking, as he embraces them and blesses them, placing his hands on them.

Not a word of what Jesus said to the children is recorded, but what a powerful lesson he preached. He swept aside the barriers raised against children. He didn't just talk to them about God's love. He held them in that love. He blessed them with it. St. Francis of Assisi urges us: "Preach the Gospel at all times...use words when necessary." What a lesson for those of us still too inhibited to proclaim Christ to the world: let our love do the preaching for us!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 19	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Womankind Offering
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Wed., June 22	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thurs., June 23	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Saturday, June 25	Brecksville Home Days 1-8 pm Open House	
Sunday, June 26	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	Brecksville Home Days 1-8 pm Open House	

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 19, 2016

Lay Reader:	Stu Bailey
Head Usher:	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Kathy Smith, David Ritchey Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte:	Carli Began
Peace Candle:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Joanne Cook
Narthex Grtr:	Fred Pesek
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Stu Bailey, Bruce McCain
Servers:	Dottie Farwell
Clean-Up:	Peg & Jim Duffy

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 26, 2016

Lay Reader:	Tina Ortiz
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Dave & Julie Bernard Linda Kriynovich, Ed Lusk
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Kim Wallis
Narthex Grtr:	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler
Counters:	Jim Duffy, Donn Whyte
Servers:	Carole Snider
Clean-Up:	Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett