



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 knowledge and truth, open our eyes and our hearts to see and appreciate the intricate wonders of this marvelous Creation. At every age and stage of our lives, help us to remain receptive to the seeds of your awesome wisdom and compassion, understanding and grace. Amen.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday June 5, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Third 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 5, 2016 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Compassionate Holy One, keep us from despair and weariness when we think of all the pain and suffering in this world. May we not give up on your call for us all to be one human community. May we never stop working for the world you want, where all have a welcomed place and everyone has enough. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

I Long for Your Commandments

Schütz

"O God, I love your knowledge,
more precious than pure gold.

It satisfies like honey,
a sweetness on my tongue.
It leads me to salvation's door
where you have spread your table."

Jean Janzen, 1991, alt. (based on Psalm 119)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: We gather here today to experience the Presence of the Holy One;

People: Holy Spirit, draw near to us!

L: We gather in this place to hear the Divine Word of Life;

P: Gracious One, open our ears and hearts, to listen and to respond!

L: We gather together to receive and to offer comfort;

P: Caring One, surround us with your compassion!

L: We gather as One people, to celebrate God's Love for all people;

P: Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and lives with your abundant joy!

L: We gather to serve the Holy One - in this place, and throughout our world;

All: Holy Spirit, stir our spirits and strengthen our resolve!

* Hymn of Praise

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

#27

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your One Family, to care for your world and all within it. You challenge us to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring hope and comfort where there is grief and despair. Forgive us when we fail to do so. Mend our broken human family. By your Spirit, breathe into us the power of your abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Example and Friend. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, 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.

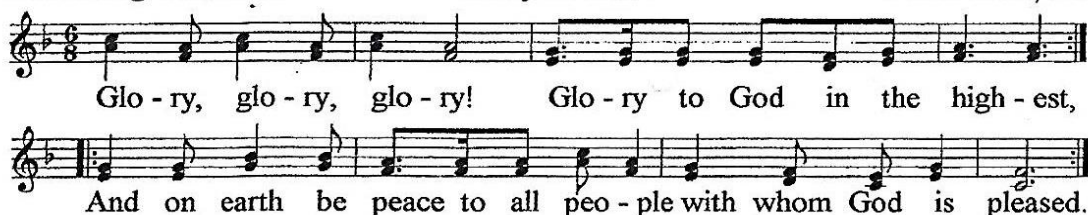
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Celebrating Our Christian Education Ministry

Time with Young Worshipers

The Old Testament

I Kings 17:17-24

Pew Bible, page 324

The New Testament

Luke 7:11-17

Pew Bible, page 65

The Continuing Testament

How to Heal Like Jesus

by Lia Scholl

Musical Offering

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Neumark

[Anne Melfo, soprano; Dave Debick, baritone]

Sermon

The Original Ghostbuster

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

#433

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

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Bell

"Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me."
John L. Bell, 1995

***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]**

**All good gifts around us come from you, Gracious Holy One. You have given us life
and new life in Jesus Christ. May our giving be acceptable in your sight, and may
our gifts and our lives be used to advance your Divine Realm of compassion and
peace. This we ask in the name and Spirit of Jesus, who lovingly gave himself for
us all. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread
[sung twice]

#788

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: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Communion Music

Méditation

Vierne

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[verse 1]

#80

***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

Fugue in C

Stanford

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 29, 2016 – Adults: 67 Kids: 17 Total: 84

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 Diane Gressley & Debbie, In Memory & Honor of Emma Gressley's Birthday

TODAY IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY! Thanks SO MUCH to all our teachers and students for everything they have done to make this past year a great one! Starting next Sunday, June 12th, students of all ages will meet together in the Early Elementary classroom. Our older students are welcome to serve as teacher's assistants, when they are able.

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.

"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 19th 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. Thank you again, as always, for your generosity. Let's fill up that crib for Father's Day!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING TODAY! - 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. flourish. 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. 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.

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!

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

The Readings

The Old Testament - I Kings 17:17-24

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Holy One, "My God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Holy One, "God, let this child's life come into him again."

The Holy One listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Holy One in your mouth is truth."

The New Testament - Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterwards Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a young man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When Jesus saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Great fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on God's people!" This word about Jesus spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Continuing Testament - *How to Heal Like Jesus* - by Lia Scholl [edited]

I really, really want the Bible to be a good guide for how to do ministry, and how to help change people's lives. So let's look at the story of Jesus healing the widow of Nain's son, and see how if it's a DIY [Do It Yourself] guide to healing people.

Step #1: Pay Attention. We have to be paying attention! Jesus is walking along, sees a funeral procession and notices the mother of the deceased boy or man. He *notices* her. Do we, as the Church, notice when people are in pain? On Sunday morning do we look into the faces of those we love, and register when we see sadness? Do we notice unhappiness in their face? Do we even notice if people are present or absent? We have to pay attention, if we're going to minister.

Step #2: Give a Crap.. How easy it would have been for Jesus to just walk on by. No one expected him to heal every sick or dead person who crossed his path. Nevertheless, Jesus gave a crap! [How's that for High Liturgical Language!] Do we honestly care, or are we so tied up in "proper" Church language, rules, order and politics that we don't have time to really make a difference in people's lives?

Step #3: Be Willing to Feel. We have to be willing to feel! This passage says that Jesus' "heart went out to her." We have to be willing to extend our hearts and to share the hurt. That's what compassion is - a willingness to feel and share someone's pain.

Step #4: Trust that Healing Can Happen. We can't just walk up to someone who is sick [or *dead*] and command that they get better! It doesn't really work that way. Yet genuine healing can still happen if the first 3 Steps are in place. It may not be a supernatural, immediate healing. But healing can happen, through our paying attention to people's needs, walking alongside them for the long-haul, being with them on a day-in and day-out basis, listening, caring, holding, and loving. Do those things, and healing happens!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 5	10:00 am	Worship Service *Christian Ed Sunday* *Strengthen The Church Offering*
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, June 6	7:30 pm	Facilities
Wed., June 8	6:00 am	Early Birds
	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., June 9	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Sunday, June 12	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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:	Jim Demko
Peace Candle:	Anne Melfo
Sound:	Max Roha - <i>* Victor Fawcett*</i>
Comms Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Carole Snider
Flowers:	Kathy Pastor
Nursery:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Sue Stenzel
Clean Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	<i>*CE – Cake*</i>

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 12, 2016

Lay Reader:	Diane Gressley
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Tim & Kim Wallis Carole & George Snider
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Dorie Gabor
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Marge Culver, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Darlene Kelly
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul