

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Sacred Source of Love and Grace, you call us to be people of compassion, just as Jesus was. Inspire us to care for others and to share in their lives - to celebrate with their joys, and to cry with their sorrows. May your great love for us all inspire us to truly love our neighbors, so that your Realm of peace and justice might flourish among us. Amen.



***"The One Who Showed Him Mercy."
Luke 10:37***

Sunday July 10, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Eighth 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.

Summer Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:00 - 12:00

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July 10, 2016 – EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, help us to remember that the heart of our Faith is about showing mercy and doing justice. Keep us centered on that most important commandment of all: to love You, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude

Nielsen

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Gracious Holy One, every day, you reveal yourself to us afresh.

People: Give us new eyes to recognize you:

L: In the falling rain and in the warmth of the sun,

P: In our neighbors, friends, and families,

L: In the poor, the unemployed, the victims of war and violence,

P: In the sorrows and joys of Life; in the fears and hopes of all people.

L: Help us respond to you at all times and in all places,

P: In the close and familiar, and in the foreign and new.

L: Open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear your call, and our hearts to gladly welcome you.

All: Shine your light upon us and show us the way!

*** Hymn of Praise**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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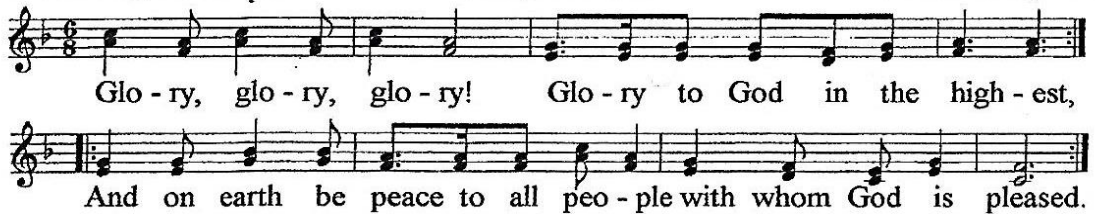
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, we come before you with joy and thanksgiving for your overwhelming compassion and grace. Be with us today as we worship you, and every day as we seek to live-out our faith. By your Holy Spirit, turn our confusion into confidence and our fear into courage. Inspire and enlighten us, so that we may go into the world renewed and energized - eager to serve you, by joyfully serving one another. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 82

Pew Bible, page 542

The New Testament

Luke 10:25-37

Pew Bible, page 71

The Continuing Testament

from *Who Is My Neighbor?*

by Alan Brehm

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Wayfaring Stranger
[Briana Brown, soloist]

American Folk Song

Sermon

Samaritan? I Was Afraid He Said Syrian! Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

In Christ There Is No East or West

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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

Lord of All Good

Genevan Psalter, 1551, adapt.

“Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.”
Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt.

***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]**

Eternal and Abundant Source of All, the opportunity to share Life’s blessings with others is a gift for which we are truly thankful. Your generous provisions for us, allow and prompt us to be generous in return. We pray that you would accomplish your loving purposes through these gifts and through our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who lovingly gave himself for us all. Amen.

Going with God’s Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Help Us Accept Each Other

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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

May the God of Hope Go with Us Argentine Folk Melody
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Family of Jim Kaul, Jim Pay, Bridget Sproul, Jan Rahnenfuehrer, Dorie Gabor, 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, July 3, 2016 – Adults: 46 Kids: 6 Total: 52

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.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are available in the Commons area. Please save the cost of mailing by picking them up.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY! After the Worship Service and Dedication of the Bicentennial Memorial Tree. Women United are hosting an Ice Cream Social in Pilgrim Hall. **ATTENTION-** We will need some Strong help for Dipping and Serving. If you do not volunteer you may be drafted! Watch out for Caroline and Dorie!

\$1,222.04 was collected through the ***“Baby Bottle”*** fundraiser on Father's Day. Thank you all for your generous giving of money and baby supplies.

CHANGE IN DONATION LOCATION The basket for donated food, toiletries, dental, and other items has moved a distance of about 12 feet. It is now next to the door to the church office. This is to minimize any distraction from the lovely one of a kind bicentennial quilt in the upper commons. Also the peace pole is now more prominent.

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.

“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).

KEY SHORTAGE 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. (1to 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.

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 82

The Holy One sits in the divine council; in the midst of the all that is good the Righteous One holds judgment: "How long will you mortal ones judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Those to whom I have given authority have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I remind them, "You are to be like gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any worldly ruler."

Rise up, O Holy One and judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

The New Testament - Luke 10:25-37

At that moment, an expert in the Law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Holy One with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Continuing Testament - from *Who Is My Neighbor?* - by Alan Brehm
[edited]

It would have been one thing for Jesus to tell a parable about a particularly righteous Jewish person who showed mercy toward a Samaritan. That person would have been viewed as exceptionally compassionate, but the story would have left intact the Jewish people’s sense of ethnic and spiritual superiority over the Samaritans. In other words, it would have been a story that would maintain the assumption that Samaritans aren’t normally included in the list of people they were supposed to love.

But that’s not the story Jesus told. Jesus made a despised Samaritan the hero of the parable. More than that, Jesus made him the example for Jewish people to follow if they wanted to obey the command to “love your neighbor as yourself.” That was turning their world upside down. The outcast became the ideal for those who viewed themselves above him. That would have been like making a Muslim or a undocumented Mexican into a spiritual example for many American’s today. It was shocking; it was confusing; it was offensive to many proud Israeli nationalists. But in order to love our neighbors, we have to first recognize their humanity.

We have to recognize the humanity of the homeless, the refugees, the migrant workers, and the single moms on welfare in order to love them enough to truly work with them to improve their wellbeing. That's where compassion starts. This requires more than just feeling sorry for them, or giving money to causes that support them. It requires recognizing "that every human face is the face of a neighbor." [Henri Nouwen, *The Wounded Healer*]

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 10	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Ice Cream Social
Monday, July 11	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
Wed., July, 13	6:00 am	Early Birds
	6:00 pm	Pinwheels
	7:00 pm	Bicentennial Ministry
Thurs., July 14	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Sunday, July 17	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 10, 2016

Lay Reader:	Ed Lusk
Head Usher:	Evie Novak
Ushers:	Linda Kriynovich, Matt Wolbert Diane Gressley, Sam Koch
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Lucy Brown
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Marge Culver, Donn Whyte
Servers:	Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 17, 2016

Lay Reader:	Sue Stenzel
Head Usher:	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Julie & Dave Bernard Jim Duffy, Beth Rehling
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Dot Bailey
Narthex Grtr:	Dorie Gabor
Flowers:	Tina Ortiz
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Stu Bailey
Servers:	Joanne Cook
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz