



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Living Holy  
One, may we  
make time and  
space in our  
lives of  
busyness to be  
with you. May  
we find your  
Presence in this  
time and space;  
listening for  
your Living  
Word, feeling  
your hand hold  
our very being,  
knowing that  
your love  
surrounds each  
moment. Amen.



***Mary Sat At Jesus' Feet And Listened To  
What He Said" Luke 10:39***

**Sunday July 17, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Ninth 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**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

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# July 17, 2016 – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **Meditation Music**

Still Speaking Holy One, may we listen for your Word as we face the challenges of our day. May we think before we speak, pause before we act, learn from our mistakes, and be prepared to witness to the power of your Presence in our lives. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Air (from "Water Music Suite")

Handel

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Light of Christ**

## **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: This is a day to celebrate new life!

**People: To open our eyes to the beauty of creation,**

L: To open our ears to the sounds of God's world,

**P: To open our hearts to God's people all around us!**

L: This is a day to give thanks for Life's many blessings!

**P: This is a time to remember God's love for us all!**

L: Today we give thanks for the Spirit, who brings us new life!

**All: We give thanks to the Holy One, whose compassion is everlasting!**

## **\* Hymn of Praise**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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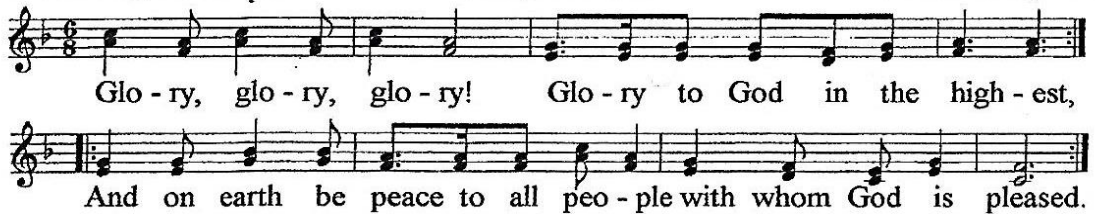
## **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Divine Creator of our world, ourselves, and all that exists - we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself fully in the person of Jesus Christ, who fully shared his life with others. Help us to follow Christ's example and be fully present with and for one another today and in all our days to come. Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Amos 8:4-12

Pew Bible, page 856

**The New Testament**

Luke 10:38-42

Pew Bible, page 72

**The Continuing Testament** - from *The First Duty of Love Is to Listen* -

by Gordon  
Livingston

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Near to the Heart of God  
*[Lenore Harris, soprano]*

McAfee

**Sermon**

*The Listening-Love-Link*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

O Day of God, Draw Near

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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**

Lyric Reverie

Tchaikovsky

**\*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]**

**Accept, O Gracious One, these offerings that we present to you, and grant that the causes to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance and bring glory to your name. Help us also to give ourselves fully and freely to the work of your Realm, that the love of Christ might shine through us and throughout the world. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**The Blessing**

**Communion Music**

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure      Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing      #77  
[verse 1]

\*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      Break Forth into Joy      Bach

### 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 10, 2016 – Adults: 62 Kids: 10 Total: 72

## ***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 Marge Culver in Loving Memory of Richard Culver.

**AS OF LAST SUNDAY**, we received an additional \$550 toward our Father's Day "Baby Bottle" fund-raiser for Womankind, bringing our total monetary contributions to \$1772.04 - plus baby clothing and supplies! THANK YOU ALL for your generous giving!

**PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION** until July 25<sup>th</sup>. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor David Durkit at 216-832-3453.

**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.

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

**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.

**"SAVE THE DATE!** A celebration 200 years in the making will take place at HALE FARM & VILLAGE on Sunday evening, OCTOBER 16TH. Please mark your calendar TODAY!"

**"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. 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. (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.

**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 - Amos 8:4-12**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the New Moon celebration be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the product small and the price great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the worthless parts of the wheat." God has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Holy One, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.



I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only child, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Holy One, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but a great hunger for hearing the message of God. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of God, but they shall not find it.

### **The New Testament - Luke 10:38-42**

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Teacher, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

### **The Continuing Testament** - from *The First Duty of Love Is to Listen* - by Gordon Livingston [edited]

No single characteristic reveals as much about a person as their ability to pay attention to others. As a therapist I wish I could say that people benefit most from the wisdom and brilliant insights that I bring. Truthfully, most of what I do is sit in silence and try to formulate questions that will assist patients to figure out what they should do to change their lives. To do this I must pay close attention to what they are saying. Why would people spend good money to engage in such a process with another human being whose own life may be no happier than their own? The answer is that most people find it beneficial to be listened to non-judgmentally. Many benefit equally from similar [and less expensive] interactions with their hairdresser, bartender, or clergy.

To be able to focus on the expressed needs and desires of another person, reflects a generosity of spirit that is not randomly distributed in the population. It conveys a respect for the person being listened to that is unmistakable, and satisfies our deepest human longing for connectedness.

If it is true that we enter and leave this world alone, few of us can live that way for very long without going mad. People alone on desert islands do not flourish.

Little wonder then that we crave the experience of being listened to, and respond gratefully to anyone who will do this for us. We are aware at some level that the ability to listen is highly correlated with other desirable traits such as kindness, unselfishness, and empathy. The opposite is also true. The most obvious characteristic of people who are unable to listen, is a basic lack of interest in what the other person is saying, and a general lack of concern for that individual. To really listen to another is more than good manners; it is an affirmation that the person who is speaking has something to teach us.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

|                        |          |                 |
|------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Sunday, July 17</b> | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
|                        | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour     |
| <b>Wed., July, 13</b>  | 6:00 am  | Early Birds     |
| <b>Thurs., July 14</b> | 1:00 pm  | Bible Study     |
| <b>Sunday, July 17</b> | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
|                        | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour     |

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JULY 17, 2016**

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|---------------|---|
| Lay Reader:   | Sue Stenzel                                     |
| Head Usher:   | Caroline Chandler                               |
| Ushers:       | Julie & Dave Bernard<br>Jim Duffy, Beth Rehling |
| Acolyte:      | Naomi Klonowski                                 |
| Peace Candle: | Drew Demko                                      |
| Sound:        | Kevin Smith                                     |
| Comms 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, Pat Bailey                        |

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JULY 24, 2016**

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|---------------|---|
| Lay Reader:   | Tia Began                                 |
| Head Usher:   | Anne Melfo                                |
| Ushers:       | Wes Novak, Fred Pesek<br>Tim & Kim Wallis |
| Acolyte:      | Ryan Stewart                              |
| Peace Candle: | Garrett Demko                             |
| Sound:        | David Pastor                              |
| Comms Grtr:   | Jane Cribbs                               |
| Narthex Grtr: | Joanne Cook                               |
| Flowers:      | Betty Gifford                             |
| Nursery:      | Jon Cook                                  |
| Counters:     | Jim Duffy, Kathy Pastor                   |
| Servers:      | Dottie Farwell                            |
| Clean-Up:     | Anne Melfo                                |