

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Good and Gracious God, you promise to fill us with every good thing. You, Loving Parent, know better than we what is best for us. Thank you for reminding us that your grace is always with us, especially when it feels so distant.

Lord
Teach
us to
Pray
Luke 11:1

Sunday July 24, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Tenth 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 24, 2016 – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Good and Gracious God, thank you for providing us the strength we need to live in interesting times. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

How Deep Is God's Love for Us

Townend

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: We rejoice in knowing our God is good!

People: A goodness we don't always understand.

L: Our God is a mother hen!

P: She keeps us safe beneath her wings.

L: Our God is our shield and protection.

P: We give thanks to the One who holds us close!

L: We give thanks to the Spirit, who consoles us!

All: We give thanks to the Holy One, who loves us, protects us, and keeps us close.

* Hymn of Praise

What a Covenant

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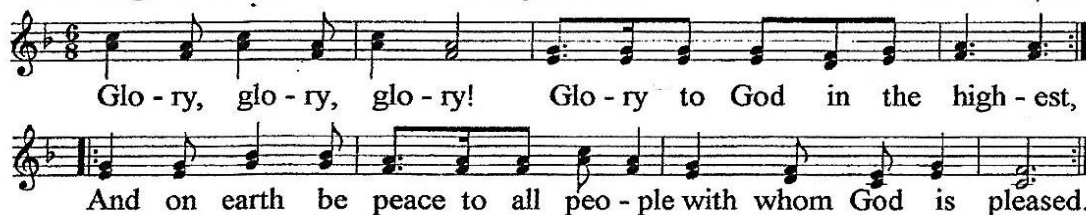
* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Good and Gracious God, thanking you for blessing this nation and all who live here. Thank you for reminding us that to whom much is given, much is required. Thank you for reminding us of our responsibility to be critical thinkers, mindful of the values you have placed in our hearts, and loving members of this society. This we pray in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament	Genesis 18:20-32	Pew Bible, page 14
The New Testament	Luke 11:1-13	Pew Bible, page 57
The Continuing Testament	from Thomas Merton	<i>Thoughts in Solitude</i>

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering Personent Hodie 14th century German, arr. Dover
[Ann Klonowski, Kate Klonowski Soprano, Matt Wolbert, Tenor]
[Jan C. Scott, Accompanist, Betsey Wilson, Flute]

Sermon “Rabbi, Teach Us To Pray.” Ann P. Klonowski, RCWP

Hymn of Reflection Renew Your Church #311

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

"Jesus, I come trusting your kindness,
knowing my need, lost in my blindness:
you are the sense giving life its meaning,
you are the truth from the beginning."

Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

***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 and Holy One, thank you for blessing us so well and for calling us to
share our blessings with this community and with those who most need our care.
Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Joyful Joyful We Adore You

#4

***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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' written below the notes. Chord symbols are written above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A. The score ends with a double bar line.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

setting by Goudimel

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Family of Jim Kaul, Jim Pay, Bridget Sproul, Family of 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 17, 2016 – Adults: 58 Kids: 10 Total: 68

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'S FLOWERS are given by Max Roha in Loving Memory of David J. Roha (5/7/50-9/18/13), Mary C. Roha (8/4/22-7/21/01), Lois L. Wallin (3/29/23-7/21/06).

THE ANNUAL BUCC PICNIC will be held on Saturday July 30th at The Fields - 8938 Broadview – Broadview Hts. – beginning at 3:00pm. ***We are looking for grills and grill masters for hot dogs and hamburgers. Contact David Pastor 440-552-4403 or ridave@hotmail.com***

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

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. (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 - Genesis 18:20-32

Then our God said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

So the travelers turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before our God. Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And our God said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to our God, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking?

Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And God said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” God answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let our God be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” God answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to our God. Suppose twenty are found there.” God answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let our God be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” God answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The New Testament - Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Abba God, hallowed be your name. May your reign come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

Jesus said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, a neighbor, and you go to your neighbor at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for friends of mine have arrived, and I have nothing to set before them.’ And your neighbor answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though your neighbor will not get up and give you anything out of friendship, at least because of your persistence your neighbor will get up and give you whatever you need.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, with all your sins, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will our heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!”

The Continuing Testament – Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 24	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Wed., July, 27	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thurs., July 28	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Saturday, July 30	3:00-5:00 pm	
		Church Picnic The Fields – Broadview Hts.
Sunday, July 31	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 24, 2016

Lay Reader:	Tia Began
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Wes Novak, Fred Pesek Tim & Kim Wallis
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns 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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 31, 2016

Lay Reader:	David Ritchey
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Dan Stewart, Ian Stewart Vicki Szabo, Chad Sproul
Acolyte:	Carli Began
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Stu Bailey
Narthex Grtr:	Lenore Harris
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Sue Stenzel, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Marge Culver
Clean Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy