



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy  
One, Ground us  
in your love.  
Gift us with  
your abundant  
generosity.  
Grow our faith,  
hope and love.  
Give us the  
inspiration and  
dedication we  
need to serve  
you with our  
whole hearts,  
by serving one  
another. Amen.



**Guard  
against  
all kinds  
of greed.**

**Lk 12:15**

**Sunday July 31, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Eleventh 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 31, 2016 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Meditation Music

Compassionate Holy One, sometimes we feel overwhelmed by the scale of injustice and conflict in our world. May that not be an excuse for us to keep quiet or to stop working, but rather serve to stimulate us to strive more diligently for a fairer and safer world. Amen

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

Why Are You Afflicted, My Heart

Setting by Walther

“Why are you afflicted, my heart,  
why are you full of care and enduring sorrow  
only for temporal possessions?  
Place your trust in your God  
who has created everything.  
The rich man builds on his goods;  
I shall trust in God's care.”  
Attributed to Hans Sachs (1494-1576)

## Bearing the Light of Peace

## Bearing the Light of Christ

**\* Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 107

Leader: O give thanks to Holy One, who is good;

**People: Whose steadfast love endures forever!**

L: The Gracious One satisfies the thirsty,

**P: And fills the hungry with good things.**

L: Let us extol the Compassionate One in the congregation,

**P: And praise the Righteous One in the assembly.**

L: The Holy One turns the deserts into pools of water,

**P: And the parched land into refreshing springs.**

L: Let those who are wise give heed to these things,

**All: And consider the steadfast love of the Holy One!**

### \* Hymn of Praise

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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

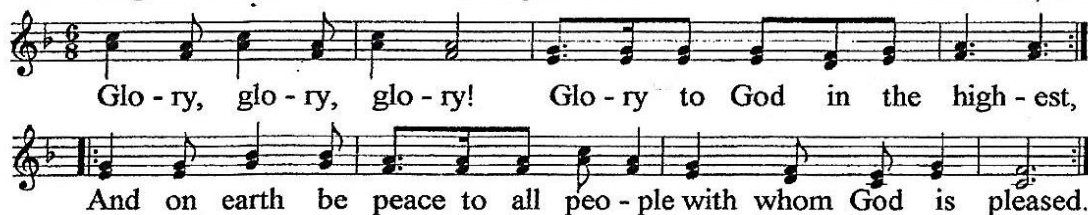
Holy Spirit, come among us today and touch us with the fulness of your grace. Enter our lives, free us from our fears, and guide us by your wisdom. Empower us to be your Church, today and every day. Impart to us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and in this world. Renew within us all, your abiding gifts of compassion and grace, so that we might continue to follow your light and praise you with joy! Amen!

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**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 17:5-11

Pew Bible, page 719

**New Testament**

Luke 12:13-21

Pew Bible, page 74

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Then What*

by John Jewell

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Beware of Darkness  
[David Pastor, bass]

Harrison

**Sermon**

*Talk about a Poor Choice!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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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**

**This We Shall Do**

**Bell**

**"This we shall do, this we shall do:  
act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with our God."  
Micah 6:8 (paraphrase)**

#### **\*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, bless 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 the fire of your Spirit may warm our hearts and radiate out  
from us as deeds of love and service. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our  
Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

### ***Going with God's Love***

#### **\* Hymn of Departure**

**Let Justice Flow Like Streams**

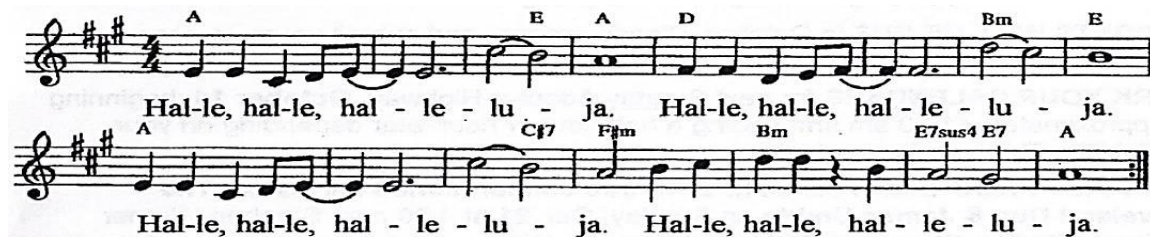
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#### **\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

**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

You Are Indeed My Rock

Adams

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Family of Jim Kaul, Jim Pay, 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 24, 2016 – Adults: 62 Kids: 13 Total: 75

## **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 Dottie Faust, in Loving Memory of her husband, John Faust.

**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 - Jeremiah 17:5-11**

Thus says the Holy One: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from God. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Holy One, whose trust is in God. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart of the devious, above all else, is perverse - who can understand it? I, the Holy One test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. Like the partridge hatching what it did not lay, so are all who amass wealth unjustly; in mid-life it will leave them, and at their end they will prove to be fools.

### **The New Testament - Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But Jesus said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable:

"The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store all my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' **(continued)**



But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And all those things you have accumulated, whose will they be?'

So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves, but are not rich toward God."

### **The Continuing Testament** - from *Then What* - by John Jewell [edited]

A reporter asked a young Wall Street broker on the fast track what his chief goal was in life. "To make my first million dollars by the time I am 28," was the answer. "Then what?" the reporter continued. "Well, I suppose I would like to become a multi-millionaire." The news man pressed on. "Then what?" Beginning to get a bit irritated, the broker said, "I want to have a family and enough money to retire at 40 and travel around the world."

Do you see the next question coming? "Then what?" Exasperated, the would be multi-millionaire said, "Well, like everyone else, I guess someday I will die!" The young man's last answer begs the question - "Then what?"

Like the rich man in Jesus' story, the difficulty with the young broker was not that he desired to have possessions - it was that his desire for possession had him. Jesus' warning is strong. "Watch closely! Be on your guard! When your desire for things gets its claws into your life, it can lead you down a very dangerous road!" In other words, desire for material things may grow into greed, which can distort and then destroy the meaning of your life.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, July 31</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
<b>Wed., Aug. 3</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
<b>Thurs., Aug. 4</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>Sunday, Aug. 7</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

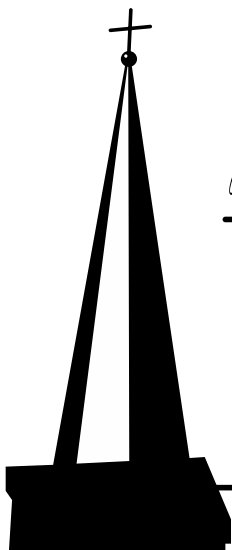
**JULY 31, 2016**

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:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Sue Stenzel, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Marge Culver
Clean Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Aug. 7, 2016**

Lay Reader:	Stu Bailey
Head Usher:	Kathy Smith
Ushers:	Linda Kriynovich, Sue Stenzel, Dan & Ian Stewart
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Lucy Brown
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	David Pastor
Narthex Grtr:	Jon Thompson
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Jill Zedan
Clean Up:	Bridget Sproul



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CELEBRATING  
200  
YEARS

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Enter, Rejoice & Come In!