



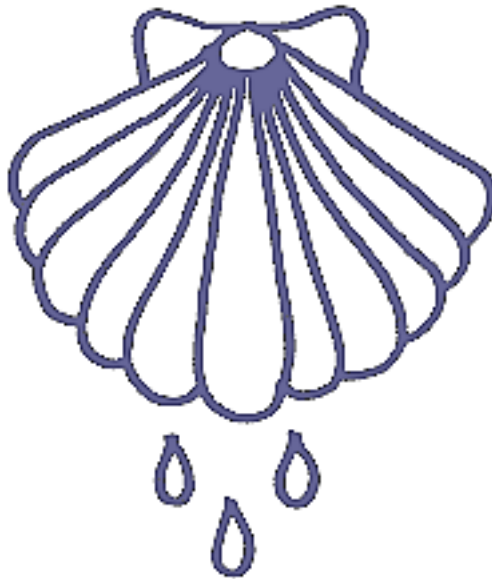
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source
of Life and
Love, send us
your Holy Spirit
to renew and
refresh our
spirits this day.
Inspire our
hearts and
minds to follow
more closely in
the way of
Jesus Christ, so
that we may
show and tell
the Good News
of your
awesome Realm
of everlasting
Grace and
Peace. Amen.



***"We Were All Baptized By One Spirit Into One Body...."
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Sunday August 14, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Thirteenth 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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August 14, 2016 –THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Grace, we pray for all those who have lost faith. We feel for those who have been disappointed by the Church, or the government, family or friends. May your loving Spirit encourage them to find new people and perspectives, views and beliefs in which their faith can be restored. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Bind unto Myself Today

Irish melodies

“Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.”

Attributed to Saint Patrick (372-466)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: With the dawning of this new day, the Divine Gift of Life is renewed in you and me.

People: We give thanks for the Creative Spirit around us and within us!

L: Today we come to pray and reflect and to hear the Good News!

P: We rejoice that the Holy One is with us! We welcome-in the Spirit!

L: Let us listen and respond to the Holy One, who encounters us in many ways.

P: Let us praise the Sacred One, who meets us throughout Life's journey.

L: May the Holy One inspire, lead, and guide us today;

All: That we might live fully and freely, each and every day!

* Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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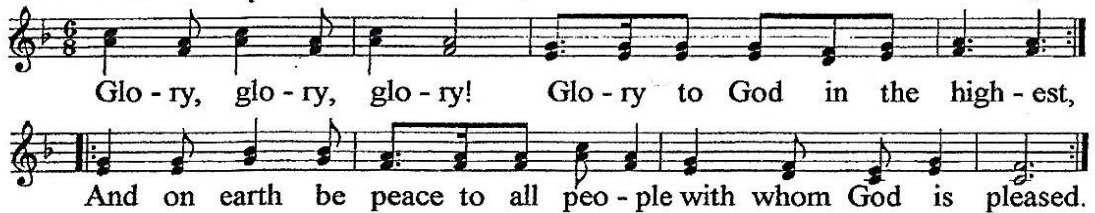
* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, be with us now and stay with us always - as we worship, as we work, as we share the challenges of living our faith each day. By the power of your Holy Spirit, turn our fear into courage and our confusion into confidence. Touch us with your transforming love, and speak to us through your compassionate Word. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Example and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Time with Young Worshipers

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism bears witness to the Divine Love and Grace that is extended to each of us at every stage of our lives.

P: Today we celebrate that gift of Divine Love for Mira Corrado, and offer ourselves as instruments of that love in her life.

L: When parents brought their children to Jesus so that he might touch them, his disciples rebuked them; but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

P: "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Realm of God.

L: Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Realm of God like a little child, shall not enter it."

P: Then Jesus took the children into his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is an outward and visible sign of Divine Grace.

Because the promise of the Gospel is not only to us, but also to our children, Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's Church. It is the sign and seal of their participation in Divine forgiveness, and marks the beginning of their growth in grace and faith.

P: Out of the Water of Holy Baptism we rise with new life and forgiveness, grace and peace as members of the One Body of Christ.

Promises of the parents and Godparents

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage her to resist the power of evil, and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach and encourage her that she may be inspired to know and follow Jesus Christ?

All: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise to grow with her in the Christian faith, to help her be a faithful member of the Church - by celebrating Christ's presence here, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering her the on-going nurture of the Church?

All: We do, with the help of God.

The Congregational Promise

Pastor: Members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ: As witnesses of this Baptism, will you pray for Mira and her family as they grow together in faith?

People: We promise them our prayerful support, as they carry Christ's love with them from this place.

Baptismal Act and Presentation

The Old Testament	Isaiah 55:6 13	Pew Bible, page 685
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The New Testament	Matthew 5:38 48	Pew Bible, page 5
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The Continuing Testament	from <i>The Myth of a Christian Religion</i>	by Gregory Boyd
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Musical Offering	<i>Baptism Song</i> Ian Stewart, soloist	Kau
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Sermon	<i>No Exceptions, Exclusions, or Exemptions!</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
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Hymn of Reflection	I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry	#351
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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

Berceuse

Gounod

*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]

**Marvelous and Majestic Holy One, we are thankful that you have created us all in
your image and proclaimed that each of us is precious in your sight. Bless these
gifts that we offer, that our giving may promote the proclamation of your
compassion and grace, justice and peace throughout the world. This we pray in
Christ's name. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

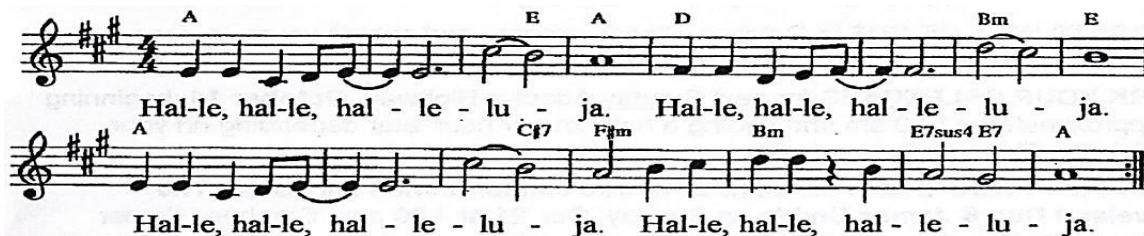
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*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Glory to God

Traditional

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, August 7, 2016 – Adults: 67 Kids: 12 Total: 79

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WELCOME MIRA CORRADO, daughter of Mike and Marla Corrado, into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. A special welcome also to her Godparents Amy Torowski and Dan Lasko, and to other family and friends visiting with us on this special day!

WE OFFER YOU the use of one of our Williams sound receivers to help enhance your hearing experience during worship. It helps avoid the noise from others in your pew, distracting sounds of Route 82 traffic, and echoes within the sanctuary. They are easy to use and each has a volume control for your optimum hearing. The units will work whether you have hearing devices or not. You can bring your preferred head phones from home to use or borrow one of ours. If you wear a hearing device, an even better experience awaits you having your audiologist set your device with the option for telecoil pick up and using one of the teleloops which are available. Please talk to any usher and take advantage of our latest technology.

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.

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Vicki Szabo in Loving Memory of Vic Szabo.

WOMEN UNITED Meeting Wednesday August 17th at 11:30 AM. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. Joy will share a video which was broadcast on Channel 25's Montage Series. Her mother, Eva Nenadel, was the subject of one segment and it will follow her piano playing and enjoying camp with The Society for the Blind. **ALL ARE WELCOME, bring a friend.**

WORSHIP IN THE PARK - SUNDAY AUG. 28th - Come join us in Richfield Woods Park for coffee, juice and bagels at 10:00, followed by worship at 10:30 with our friends of the Richfield UCC. Maps to the park and to the Richfield UCC [in the unlikely event of rain] are available in the Church Office.

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 - Isaiah 55:6-13

Seek the Holy One while the Holy One may be found, call upon God while God is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Holy One, who will have mercy on them, and to God, who will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Holy One. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth. It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Holy One as a memorial, as an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The New Testament - Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus says, “You have heard that it was said of old, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Heavenly Parent; who makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Parent is perfect.”

The Continuing Testament - from *The Myth of a Christian Religion* - by Gregory Boyd [edited]

Just as God is indiscriminately kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, and causes the sun to shine and the rain to fall indiscriminately on the evil and the good, so followers of Jesus are to be distinguished by our ability to love indiscriminately. It makes no difference whether the person is friend or foe. And this, Jesus emphasizes, is the condition for our receiving the Divine Realm and for our becoming “children of our Heavenly Parent.” Our willingness to go against our nature, and to love and serve enemies rather than resort to violence against them, is the telltale sign that we are participants in that Divine Realm.

Notice that there are no exception clauses found anywhere in the New Testament’s teaching about loving and doing good to enemies. Indeed, Jesus’ emphasis on the indiscriminate nature of love rules out any possible exceptions. The sun doesn’t decide on whom it will and will not shine. The rain doesn’t decide on whom it will and will not fall. So too, Jesus’ followers are forbidden to decide who will and will not receive the love and good deeds we’re commanded to give.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 14	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour/Leadership Development - Library
Wed., Aug. 17	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
Thurs., Aug. 18	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Sunday, Aug. 21	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

AUG. 14, 2016

Lay Reader:	Diane Gressley
Head Usher:	Evie Novak
Ushers:	Wes Novak, Beth Rehling George & Carole Snider
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Jill Zedan
Narthex Grtr:	Fred Pesek
Flowers:	Kathy Pastor
Nursery:	Jon Cook
Counters:	Stu Bailey, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Joy Garapic
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

AUG. 21, 2016

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Joanne Cook, Vicki Szabo Matt Wolbert, Fred Pesek
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Dot Bailey
Narthex Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Sue Stenzel, Marge Culver
Servers:	Carole Snider
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs