



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of all, we thank you for the goodness of Creation. You have connected us to each other in ways that we ourselves could not have imagined or sought. When we feel isolated, forsaken, or lost, remind us that we are not alone. Help us turn to you for wisdom, guidance and strength; and inspire us to reach out to others who walk with us on Life's amazing journey. Amen.



God's Love Unites Us!

Sunday September 11, 2016 • 10:00 AM
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost/Rally Day

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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SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - RALLY DAY

Meditation Music

Creative Holy One, you gave the ancient peoples of the earth wisdom and knowledge to sustain their lives long before modern conveniences. Help us restore our connection to the earth and to all life around us. Teach us to live in harmony with one another, and with the beautiful and bountiful Creation which surrounds and sustains us each day. Amen.

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Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

March in D major

Camp

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day that the Holy One has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Our Divine Source has not forsaken us;

P: The Holy One has not forgotten us.

L: Like a loving Mother and Father,

P: Our Divine Creator holds us close.

L: The Compassionate One's everlasting love rests upon us,

All: In the Holy One's gentle care, we are all held secure!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

#73

*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Source of Wisdom and Light, we come into your Presence today seeking your guidance for lives. Open our eyes, that we may see your path of love and justice. Open our hearts, that we might faithfully follow that path, by showing kindness and compassion to all those we encounter. May our lives reflect the goodness and joy that we have come to know in person of Jesus Christ, in whose name and spirit we pray. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature of 6/8. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody, also in 6/8 time, with a repeat sign at the end. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Old Testament

Hosea 6:1-6

Pew Bible, page 838

The New Testament

Matthew 9:9-17

Pew Bible, page 9

The Continuing Testament - from *All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten*
by Robert Fulghum

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Wake Up, Church, Wake Up!

Choplin

Sermon

Everything We Need to Know...

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Spirit of the Living God
[sung twice]

#283

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

Blessing and Honor

DeMan

“And now we worship you,
lift up your name on high.
We give our hearts to you.
Nothing is greater than you.”
Gerard DeMan, 2007

***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]**

Receive and bless, O Holy One, the gifts that we bring; and bless us as we offer ourselves to be partners in your redeeming and healing work in the world. Give to us all your Spirit of kindness, generosity, forgiveness, and love; we ask in the name of Jesus, who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Help Us Accept Each Other

#388

***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

Great Is the Glory of God

Diemer

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Dorie Gabor, William Zmich, Lenore & Bill 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, September 4, 2016 – Adult: 71 Kids: 10 Total: 81

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 Bettina Ortiz in Honor of the birthdays of Daniel Stephen King (9/8/79), and Jenna Marie Kubic (9/20/2006).

RALLY DAY IS TODAY! SEPTEMBER 11TH We will be having another craft sale to raise funds for Brookside Hunger Center. Lanyards, stained glass jars, and other crafts we be on sale. Also, we are collecting school supplies for Cleveland Kids In Need.

Most requested items include: Construction paper, Copy paper, Filler (lined) paper, No. 2 pencils, Pens, Markers, Colored pencils, Crayons (24 pack). Please bring in any supplies you'd like to donate on Rally Day.

WOMEN UNITED This should be a really fun meeting. In honor of our Bicentennial Celebration we will be bringing our fondest memories, thoughts and recollections and sharing them with each other. Some of us have been members for a long time, others for just a few years but still have memories to add. It will be a happy, perhaps a tender and touching time for all. Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, at 11:30 AM. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages supplied.

BOOK DISCUSSION September's Book Discussion of **POSITIVE** will be in the parlor at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12th. Extra copies have been loaned and need to be returned so that the loaned sets from the library can be returned on time. If you read a copy and cannot be at the discussion, please leave your copy in the parlor by Sept. 12th with any comments about handling bullying that you might have. Questions or comments, call Dot Bailey 440-526-4881.

MUSIC MINISTRY – It's not too late to join one of our music ensembles here at Brecksville UCC! Here is a list of the groups, including rehearsal days and times:

Adult Choir – Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. High school students welcome.

Joyful Noise Choir – Thursdays from 5:30-6:15 p.m. ~K-5th grade.

Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble – Wednesdays from 4:30-5:00 p.m. All ages welcome.

Youth Percussion Group – Sundays from 5:30-6:00 p.m. before Youth Ministry at 6. Schedule is irregular based on church calendar, so check Pillar and/or bulletin for practice dates. 6th grade and older welcome, or talk with Dave D. if younger.

Instrumentalists - If you play an instrument and would like to share your musical gifts with the congregation at a Sunday service, please let Dave know.

Seasonal Choir - These singers help out with our Christmas cantata and/or Holy Week services. A nice choral opportunity for those who aren't able to commit to regular choir.

We'll start rehearsing for cantata on Oct. 6; these practices are on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. before regular choir starts at 8:00. High school students welcome. If you love making music and would like to share that joy with others, please consider participating in one of our musical groups. You are welcome to sit in on a practice and see/hear how much fun we have together. Don't hesitate to contact current members or Dave with any questions or concerns

PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE 9/18 & 9/25 – Caroline Chandler will not be available to help you with schedule switches on these dates – please plan accordingly. Thank you.

“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).

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

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 - Hosea 6:1-6

The prophet Hosea says, “Come, let us return to the Holy One; for it is God who has torn, it is God who will heal us; God has struck us down, yet God will bind us up. After two days God will revive us; on the third day, will raise us up anew, that we may live before God. Let us know this, and let us press on to know the Holy One - whose appearing is as sure as the dawn; who will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore I have laid them low by my prophets, I have devoured them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than your burnt offerings.

The New Testament - Matthew 9:9-17

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but to welcome sinners!”

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

The Continuing Testament - from *All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten* - by Robert Fulghum [edited]

All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 11	10:00 am	Worship Service *Rally Day*
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministries
Monday, Sept. 12	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:30 pm	Facilities
Wed., Sept. 14	6:00 am	Early Birds
	2-9pm	Directory Pictures
	4:30 pm	Recorder Dulcimer
	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., Sept. 15	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	2-9pm	Directory Pictures
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday, Sept. 16	2-9pm	Directory Pictures
Saturday, Sept 17	10-5	Directory Pictures
Sunday, Sept. 18	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Ministries Fair PH
	11:00 am	Open House – Arlington St.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

SEPT. 11, 2016

RALLY DAY

Lay Reader:	Tina Ortiz
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Ed Lusk, Beth Rehling Wes & Evie Novak
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Mike Westerberg
Comms Grtr:	Linda Kriynovich
Narthex Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Joanne Cook, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Bob & Caroline Chandler
Snacks:	Gina Cook, Tia Began

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

SEPT. 18, 2016

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Evie Novak
Ushers:	David Pastor, Darlene Kelly, Fred Pesek, Jill Zedan
Acolyte:	Carli Began
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comms Grtr:	Dot Bailey
Narthex Grtr:	Joanne Cook
Flowers:	Tina Ortiz
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Kathy Pastor, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Marge Culver, Vicki Szabo
Clean-Up:	Peg & Jim Duffy
Snacks:	Kate Klonowski, Marla Corrado