



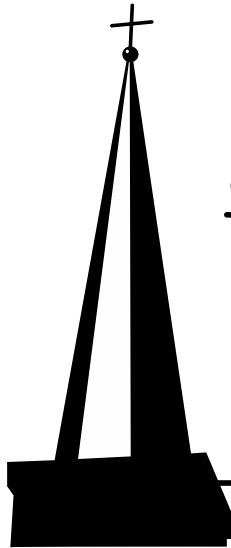
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, inspire us to be faithful witnesses of your Good News. Help us to freely share the new life and abundant love that we see and experience in Jesus Christ. Strengthen us as individuals and as a community, so that we might joyfully show others your marvelous compassion and care. Amen.



Brecksville United Church of Christ

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

Enter, Rejoice & Come In!

Sunday October 16, 2016 • 10:00 AM

22nd 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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OCTOBER 16, 2016 – 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Joy and Celebration, we pray that we may be tuned to the call of your Spirit, which beckons to us in many different ways. May we each find our particular calling, and may we all work together to carry-forward your acts of kindness and justice, grace and peace. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

For The Troubles And The Sufferings
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Neto (Brazil)

“For the troubles and the sufferings of the world,
God, we call upon your mercy:
the whole creation's laboring in pain!

We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice,
to cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord!”

Rodolfo Gaede Neto, b. 1951; trans. Simeí Monteiro and Jorge Lockward

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

Call to Worship - from *Psalms* 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Holy One;

People: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations!

L: I will declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

P: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens!

L: The heavens are yours, and the earth as well;

P: The world and all that is in it, for you have founded all things.

L: Happy are those who shout your praises;

All: Who walk in the light of your presence, O Holy One most high!

*** The Hymn of Praise**

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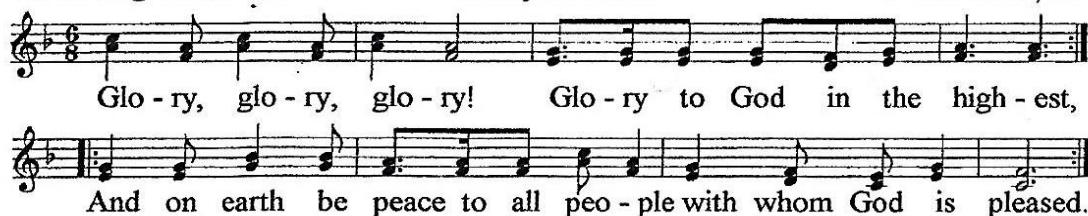
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Source of us all, you open your arms to everyone and your loving embrace reaches out to the entire Creation. As we come together today, teach us to welcome others as joyfully as you have welcomed us. Open our eyes to see those who are waiting for an invitation, and open our hearts to be the welcoming people you call us to be. Enlighten us with your Spirit and guide us by your grace, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Leader, Example, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Isaiah 43:16-21

Pew Bible, page 672

The New Testament

Matthew 5:38-48

Pew Bible, page 5

The Continuing Testament - from *Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* –

by Anne Lamott

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

To Thee, O Jesus Christ, We Cry

Brahms

Sermon

That Ever-Changing Constant

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Forward through the Ages

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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.**

Choral Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

Good Spirit of God

van der Cauter (Belgium)

"Great Spirit of God, source of all justice,
in your war against hatred keep us faithful;
in protecting the poor keep us watchful;
in our search for the household of peace still protect us."
Didier Rimaud (1922-2003); trans. Erik Routley, UK

***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, we offer our gifts from the abundance entrusted to us. Bless
these gifts, that they may be used to help bring the light of your love to people and
places where it is needed. Help us to bear witness to your amazing love and grace,
not only through our giving, but also through our dedicated lives. We pray in the
name of Jesus Christ, our Light and Life. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

Communion Music

Adagio Sostenuto

Rachmaninoff

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Sent Forth By God's 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

I Will Always Bless The Lord

Gaelic traditional, arr. Bell

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, October 9, 2016 – Adult: 77 Kids: 15 Total: 92

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 Dottie Faust in Loving Memory of her brother, Harry Tallant.

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.

HALE FARM DRIVING DIRECTIONS are in the office on the counter. There are directions for both I77 & Brecksville Road.

SEASONAL CHOIR – It's not too late to join our seasonal choir as we prepare for this year's Christmas cantata, which is scheduled for Dec. 11. If you enjoy singing music in a group setting but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a wonderful opportunity for music, fellowship and spiritual preparation for the Christmas season. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7-8:00. High school students are welcome to participate.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS Budget figures can be picked up in the Commons today.

ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 30 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring the Case Jazz Ensemble. Under the direction of Paul Ferguson, the ensemble will perform original works by Mr. Ferguson, along with several of his arrangements of traditional hymn tunes. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the program. We hope you can join us for this unique musical experience!

WOMEN UNITED Hi Ladies of BUCC and friends. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 19. at 11:30 AM. Jan Renovetz will be leading us in making paper angels from the used Christmas cards she has been collecting. The angels will be given to the residents and patients of Heartland Hospice at Christmas. Please remember to bring a SCISSORS, a sandwich or a bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS Have a Need for Beads...If anyone has beads that they would like to donate, we could use them in our classroom. The type most wanted are colorful, clear or wooden. If you'd like to donate money towards the project or get a gift card for Catan's Craft center please see Tia Began. We will be making sun catcher 'streamers' for the classroom window!

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.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin, Monthly Pillar, and Online Calendar – BUCC Website.***

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

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 43:16-21

Thus says the Holy One, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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 *Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* - by Anne Lamott [edited]

If we stay where we are, where we're stuck, where we're comfortable and safe - we die there. We become like mushrooms, living in the dark, with manure up to our chins. If you want to know only what you already know, you're dying. You're saying: Leave me alone; I don't mind this little rathole. It's warm and dry. Really, it's fine.

When nothing new can get in, that's death. When oxygen can't find a way in, you die. But new is scary, and new can be disappointing, and confusing - we had this all figured out, and now we don't. Nevertheless...New is Life!"

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 16

10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour
5:30 pm Bicentennial Banquet
 Hale Farm

Wed., Oct. 19

6:00 am Early Birds
11:30 am Women United
4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer

Thurs., Oct. 20

1:00 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Joyful Noise
7:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Oct. 23

10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:00 am Parish Relations/
 Leadership Dev.
 Parlor

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

OCT. 16, 2016

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Vicki Szabo, Dan Stewart Wes Novak, Lindsey Maier
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Mike Westerberg
Comns Grtr:	Chad Sproul
Narthex Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Dottie Faust
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	David Pastor, Bruce McCain
Servers:	Marge Culver, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey
Snacks:	Sue Maier, Jon Thompson

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

OCT. 23, 2016

Lay Reader:	Evie Novak
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	George & Carole Snider Joanne Cook, Ed Lusk
Acolyte:	Carli Began
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr:	Fred Pesek
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Jon Cook
Counters:	Kathy Pastor, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Darlene Kelly, Michele Namitka
Clean Up:	David & Kathy Pastor
Snacks:	Diane Gressley, Marge Culver