

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy Spirit, you call us from all directions and places to join together at your Table of Grace. As your faithful people, may we also invite and warmly welcome your children from near and far. Inspire us all to worship and work together, so that we might advance your worldwide Realm of Compassion, Justice and Peace. Amen.



Sunday October 2, 2016 • 10:00 AM

World Communion Sunday

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 2, 2016 – WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Meditation Music

From north and south, from east and west, the Divine Spirit of Love calls and gathers us all into One community of Compassion and Grace. May we, in turn, learn to set-aside those things which tend to divide us, and focus instead on those things which unite us. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Weave

Crow

*[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble;
Youth Percussion Group]*

Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together in unity and love.”
Rosemary Crow, 1979

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: In Christ there no East or West, in Christ no South or North;

People: There is just one world-wide community of faith, hope and love!

L: In Christ, the Bread and Cup that we share is not only for us;

P: It represents our call to be Christ's Body in this world!

L: As Christ' Living, Loving Body,

P: We strive to feed the hungry bodies and souls around us.

L: On this day, we connect with our brothers and sisters throughout the world;

P: In rural places and in cities, in great cathedrals and in humble chapels.

L: May the Spirit of Christ unite all our hearts today,

All: As we raise our voices together to praise the Holy One!

*** Hymn of Praise**

In Christ There Is No East or West

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* Prayer of Confession

All: Creating and sustaining Holy One, your great commandment in Christ is that we love one another as Christ has loved us. We confess that we fail to embrace your liberating love. We divide where you would unite. We exclude where you would embrace. Forgive our hardness of heart. Mend our broken Human Family. Breathe into us the living power of your amazing and abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Christ, our Brother, Example and Friend. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

L: One fact remains and will never change: God has loved us, loves us still, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life.

All: Thanks be to God!

* Passing the Peace

L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

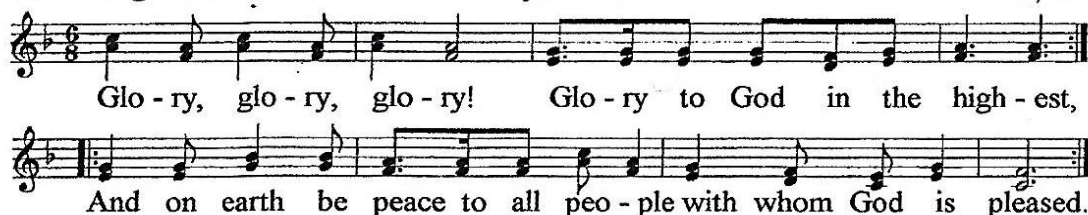
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 735

The New Testament

Luke 22:14-20

Pew Bible, page 86

The Continuing Testament

from *Faith*

by Bryan Findlayson

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Come to the Banquet
[Adult and Joyful Noise Choirs]

White

Sermon

Re-Membering Christ's Body

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

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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

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Urdu melody (India)

**"Jesus the Lord said, 'I am the Bread,
the Bread of Life for the world am I.'"
Dermott Monahan, 1962**

***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]**

**Eternal and abundant Holy One, the opportunity to share with others is a blessing
for which we are truly thankful. Your generous provisions for our lives, allow us to
be generous in return. We pray that you would accomplish your loving purposes
through these gifts and through our lives. These things we ask in the name of
Jesus Christ, who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table
[verses 1 & 3]

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The Thanksgiving

L: The Holy One be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: It is truly good and right to give you thanks, Divine Source of all Life, for you have called us into your Church to serve you by serving the entire human family, and to proclaim your Good News to all the world. In gratitude we accept your call, and praise your Holy Name, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Come, Share the Lord
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Leech

"No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs."
Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1984

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Bountiful Giver of Life, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table by granting us the presence of the Living Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of your Spirit! Amen!

Going with God's Love

* **Hymn of Departure** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing #77
[verse 1]

* **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 Sheng En (God's Grace) Yin-Lan (China)

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 25, 2016 – Adult: 72 Kids: 10 Total: 82

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, originally called World Wide Communion Sunday, originated in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. On the first Sunday in October, Communion was intentionally celebrated in all Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was encouraged that other denominations make use of this occasion, and after a few years the idea began to spread, particularly after the world-wide devastation of World War II. Today Christians of every background and theological tradition around the world celebrate the fact that we are all One in Christ, and that the Table we gather around is not our own, but God's!

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Jill Black & Jim Duffy in Celebration of the Birthday of their dear departed Sister & Mother, Louise Snyder Duffy Brown.

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.

THE HUNGER meal will be Today, October 2nd at Bethany UCC. The menu is posted on the sign – up board in the narthex, as well as the shift times (1st shift – 2:30 – 4 PM, 2nd shift – 4 – 6 PM). About 50 or 60 meals are anticipated.

SEASONAL CHOIR – Rehearsals will begin **THIS WEEK** on Thurs. Oct. 6 from 7-8:00 PM for our annual 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 great opportunity for music, fellowship and spiritual preparation for the Christmas season. High school students are welcome to participate.

FREE CONCERT 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.

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*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

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!

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF THE SERVICE? Please talk to any usher about the Williams Sound - Personal PA Receiver, available for your use. These simple-to-use units can help improve your worship experience, by amplify those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

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 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Holy One, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was like a spouse to them, says the Holy One. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Holy One," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The New Testament - Luke 22:14-20

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and his disciples with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Realm of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Divine Realm comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood that is poured out for you."

Continuing Testament - from *Faith* - by Bryan Findlayson [edited]

Faith is not some mysterious religious quality which only a few possess. Faith is not something reserved for the holy, perfect, religious person - something given to some, but not given to others. Nor is faith a religious quality we can use to make things happen, a tool to bend the will of God. Faith is none of these things.

Faith is a willing, but struggling trust in the good intentions of God; it is a confidence in God and God's promises and truthfulness. Such faith may be as small as a mustard seed, hesitant, uneasy, filled with doubts, and yet determined to hold onto God's promises through all the doubts and fears that assail us. Faith is a confident conviction in the Divine Design for this entire creation.... It is trusting in God's unbounded compassion and care for each and every one of us.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 2	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Neighbors in Need
		Offering
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Open House – Arlington St.
	2:30 – 6:00 pm	
		Hunger Meal (Bethany UCC)
Mon., Oct. 3	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:30 pm	Facilities
Tues., Oct. 4	7:00 pm	Bicentennial Ministry
Wed., Oct. 5	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	*NO Recorder Dulcimer*
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
Thurs., Oct. 6	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, Oct. 9	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

OCT.2, 2016

Lay Reader:	Tia Began
Head Usher	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Julie & Dave Bernard Diane Gressley, Cliff Cribbs
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Lucy Brown
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Dorie Gabor
Narthex Grtr:	Joanne Cook
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Carole & George Snider
Clean Up:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snacks:	Susan Snyder, Max Roha

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

OCT. 9, 2016

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Tim & Kim Wallis Kathy Pastor, Fred Pesek
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr:	Lenore Harris
Flowers:	Carole Snider
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler
Counters:	Marge Culver, Donn Whyte
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett
Snacks:	Betsey Wilson, Anne Demko