



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED Church of CHRIST

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

Giver of Life,
may we join the
chorus of your
praise, lifting
our voices with
the sun, moon,
and stars;
feeling the
heartbeat of all
creation, as we
give you thanks
for all we have
received. Set
us free from
the constraints
that bind
our hearts.
Renew within
us with a spirit
of gratitude for
your abundant
love, which is
endless,
eternal, and all
around us.

*Your faith
has made
you well.*



Sunday October 9, 2016 • 10:00 AM

21st 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 9, 2016 – 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Generous Holy One, may we heed the line in St Francis' famous prayer, "For it is in giving that we receive." May we not feel bad about feeling good when we are gracious in our giving, and may our compassion spill over to all in need, regardless of any prejudice we may harbor. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

All Glory Be to God on High

Armsdorff

"God bends an ear to every call,
And offers peace, goodwill to all,
And calms the troubled spirit."

Nikolaus Decius (1490-1541); trans. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 66

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Holy One, all the earth!

People: Sing glory to God's name; give the Holy One glorious praise!

L: Say to your Creator, "How awesome are your deeds!

P: All the earth worships you and sings praises to your name!"

L: Come and marvel at what the Sacred One has done for our people!

P: God turned the sea to dry land, and they passed safely through it!

L: Then they rejoiced in their Redeemer, whose power rules forever!

All: Let the sound of the Holy One's praise be heard throughout the earth!

* Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Living God

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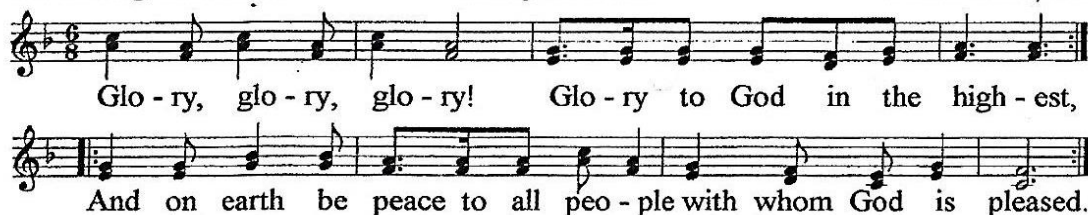
*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Compassionate Holy One, in your mercy you offer wholeness and restoration to all your children. Help us to extend to others the same love, grace, and welcome that you extend to us. Empower us with your Holy Spirit, that we might work together to bring renewed hope and light to people who are struggling and hurting. Inspire us, and all your children, to be beacons of light, hope and peace. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

from Leviticus Chapter 14

Pew Bible, page 100

The New Testament

Luke 17:11-19

Pew Bible, page 80

The Continuing Testament - from *Gratitude Is More Than Saying Thanks* –

John Thomas

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Jesus, Friend of Sinners

Hall/West, arr. Crumpton

[Don Seager, bass; assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Sermon

I Don't Want to be Rash....

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

An Outcast among Outcasts
[sung to the tune *Passion Chorale*]

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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

Couplet: Fugue sur les jeux d'anches
(Translation: Fugue on the reeds)

Couperin

*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

Eternal Holy One, you have created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to all living things. We thank you for all the gifts of Creation and for the gift of Life itself. Accept and bless these gifts and offerings, that they may help others in need and advance the work of your Realm in this place and throughout your world. This we pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

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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

Jesus Christ, Our Living Lord

Szokolay

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 2, 2016 – Adult: 77 Kids: 16 Total: 93

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 Gina & Jonathan Cook In Celebration of their 5th Wedding Anniversary.

LAST SUNDAY'S NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED OFFERING was \$941.00! Your generous giving will go far to help our neighbors - both near and far - with many of their basic daily needs. THANK YOU ALL for your caring contributions!

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.

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!

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

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 - from Leviticus Chapter 14

The 13th Chapter of Leviticus describes the variety of rashes and blemishes that a priest must look for in determining if a person is a “leper”. The 14th Chapter of Leviticus describes the detailed steps that must be taken [if the rash clears] in order for that person to be declared officially “clean”.

The Holy One spoke to Moses, saying: This shall be the ritual for the leprous person at the time of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest; the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall make an examination. If the disease is healed in the leprous person, the priest shall command that two living clean birds and cedarwood and crimson yarn and hyssop be brought for the one who is to be cleansed. The priest shall command that one of the birds be slaughtered over fresh water in an earthen vessel. He shall take the living bird with the cedarwood and the crimson yarn and the hyssop, and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was slaughtered over the fresh water.

He shall sprinkle it seven times upon the one who is to be cleansed of the leprous disease; then he shall pronounce him clean, and he shall let the living bird go into the open field.

The one who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and bathe himself in water, and he shall be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, but shall live outside his tent seven days. On the seventh day he shall shave all his hair: of head, beard, eyebrows; he shall shave all his hair. Then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe his body in water, and he shall be clean.

The New Testament - Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Continuing Testament - from *Gratitude Is More Than Saying Thanks* - by John Thomas [edited]

Why do you suppose the Samaritan came back to thank Jesus? After all, Jesus hadn't made a formal "thank you" part of the bargain. He simply told them to go and show themselves to the priests. The Samaritan's nine partners, obviously, felt no need to return. Why the Samaritan? Perhaps he had a mother who drummed into him the obligation to write thank-you notes for birthday and Christmas gifts! More likely, the answer may be found in the identity of the man himself. He is a leper like the other nine. But alone among the 10, he is a Samaritan. As such, he is twice scorned, twice rejected, twice removed from the community. Perhaps this Samaritan leper suffered more, and thus his healing evokes a more profound gratitude.

Maybe Mom was onto something more important than just proper etiquette, in reminding us to say "thank you". It's important to remember that we live in a profoundly interdependent world, and that the strength of our communities and the health of our souls comes not as entitlement, but as gift. Saying a prayer before meals acknowledges that my life depends on God's bounty - and on a host of people who grew, processed, distributed, prepared, and served the food. Saying a prayer by a hospital bed admits that my health rests in God's love - as well as in the skills of scientists, physicians, nurses, and a host of people who maintain these places of care.

Giving thanks is an expression of our awareness that the best gifts - and many of the joys of life - are not things we can give ourselves, but come from beyond us. Each "thank you" becomes a way to practice gratitude, so that more and more our lives are weaned away from the myth of entitlement, arrogance, isolation, and independence. Each "thank you" becomes a way to practice gratitude, so that more and more our lives are shaped by the truth of our belonging to others - and to God!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Wed., Oct. 12

6:00 am Early Birds
4:30 pm Recorder Dulcimer
7:00 pm Council

Thurs., Oct. 13

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

Sunday, Oct. 16

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT 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