

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of Help and Strength: Hear our prayer and send us your aid. Fill us with your light and grace, so that we might be instruments of your love in our homes, our communities, and our world. Renew our trust in your vision of a creation that is whole and good and welcoming to all, we ask in the name of the loving Christ. Amen.



***“Zacchaeus, Hurry And Come Down; For I Must  
Stay At Your House Today!”  
Luke 19:5***

**Sunday October 30, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**24<sup>TH</sup> 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**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

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# OCTOBER 30, 2016 – 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **Meditation Music**

Gracious Holy One, we read again and again in the gospels that Jesus' arrival in a place changed so many things for the better. We pray that we might be true followers of Jesus, lovers of justice and compassion, and people who work together to bring positive changes wherever we may be. Amen.

## ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Great Our Joy

Parker

"God the Son shuts out none:  
in this kingdom all may share."  
Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Light of Christ**

## **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Holy One from this time forth and for evermore!

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us praise the name of our Creator.**

L: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to sing praises to the Most High.

**P: To declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness by night.**

L: People of faith, let us praise the Holy One together:

**All: Glory be to God on high!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

O My Soul, Bless Your Creator

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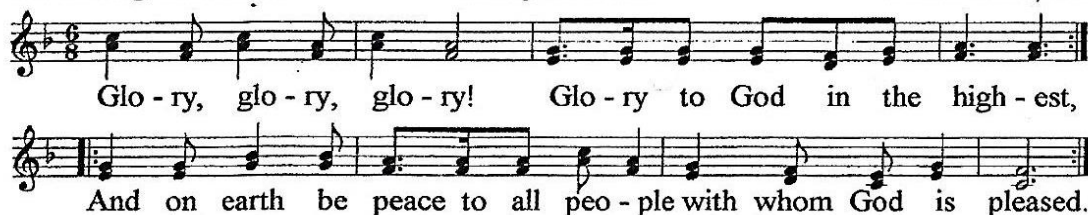
## **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Holy Source of All, your love and grace is for all people and all creation. Help us to share your Divine Compassion toward our troubled and hurting world. Bring your wisdom and power into our lives, that we may join you in bringing help and healing to those in need, that your Reign of Justice and Peace might be known among us. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**Old Testament**

Psalm 103:1-12

Pew Bible, page 554

**New Testament**

Luke 19:1-10

Pew Bible, page 82

**Continuing Testament**

Thoughts on *Stewardship*

Chad Sproul

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

The Lord Is My Light

Jefferson

**Sermon**

*Isn't That a Tufted Tax-Collector?*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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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**

Beloved, God's Chosen

Hobby

“Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment  
compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart.  
Above all, before all, let love be your raiment  
that binds into one every dissonant part.”  
Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

#### **\*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 thank you for entrusting to our care the richness of your  
Creation. Through our gifts and offerings, we seek to return to you a portion of that  
which you have given us. Bless these gifts, and our lives, that they may be used in  
the mission of outreach and love to which you have called us. This we pray in the  
name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ***Going with God's Love***

#### **\* Hymn of Departure**

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

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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

Fugue in G major

Handel

## 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 23, 2016 – Adult: 67 Kids: 8 Total: 75

## 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.

**THIS SUNDAY** 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!

**FALL CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, NOV. 5** - Please consider giving an hour or the morning to help with leaf clean up and the general tidying of the church property for the winter. There's a job for everyone. Children working with a parent are welcome. Work starts at 9:00am, but come when you can and leave when you must. Enjoy fresh air, exercise, fellowship and refreshments.

If blowing leaves is your thing, bring your blower. Someone is always needed to prune shrubs and trim the hedges. Please bring your favorite tools. See Jim Demko at coffee hour and add your name to his sign-up sheet.

**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 types 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 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](http://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 - Psalm 103:1-12**

Bless the Holy One, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. Bless the Holy One, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your strength is renewed like the eagle's.

The Holy One works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. God made known to Moses the way of compassion, through acts of kindness to the people of Israel. The Holy One is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God will not always accuse, nor keep angry forever. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who show God reverence; as far as the east is from the west, so far is the distance that God removes our transgressions from us.



## **The New Testament - Luke 19:1-10**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus said to Jesus, "Look, half of my possessions, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man is also a son of Abraham and Sarah. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Oct. 30**

10:00 am    Worship Service  
11:00 am    Coffee Hour  
4:00 pm      Case Jazz Ensemble

**Wed., Nov. 2**

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

**Thurs., Nov. 3**

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

**Sat. Nov. 5**

9:00 pm      Fall Clean-Up

**Sunday, Nov. 6**

10:00 am    Worship Service  
11:00 am    Coffee Hour  
5:30 pm      Youth Percussion  
6:00 pm      Youth Ministry

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**OCT. 30, 2016**

Lay Reader:	Bridget Sproul
Head Usher	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Linda Kriynovich, Matt Wolbert, Bob & Caroline Chandler
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Jane Cribbs
Narthex Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Tia Began
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Jim Duffy, Marge Culver
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean Up:	Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks:	Gina Cook, Peg Duffy

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**NOV.6, 2016**

Lay Reader:	Darlene Kelly
Head Usher	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Kathy Smith, David Ritchey, Wes & Evie Novak
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr:	Fred Pesek
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Donn Whyte
Servers:	Marge Culver, Joy Garapic
Clean Up:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snacks:	Vicki Szabo, Marla Corrado

