

BRECKSVILLE

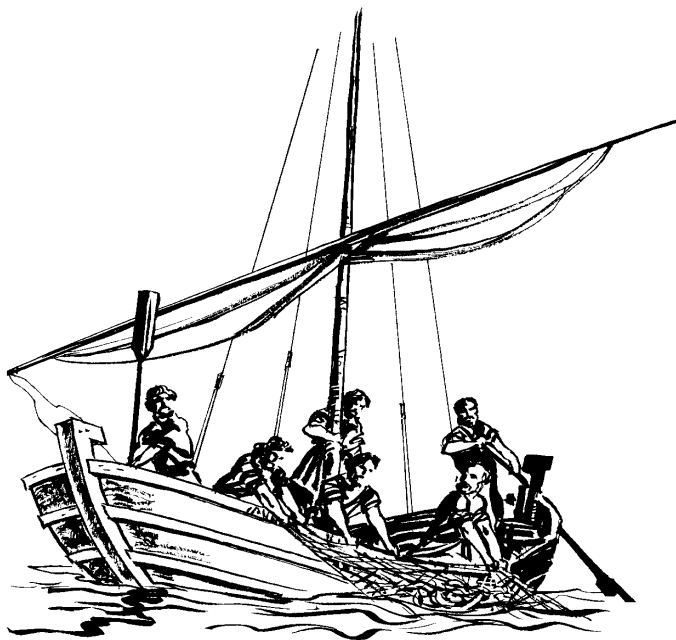
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

23 Public Square • Brecksville • Ohio • 44141 • 440-526-4364

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

Compassionate
Holy One, fill us
with a love that
both challenges
and cares.

Source of
Perfect Peace,
inspire us to
work diligently
for justice and
harmony. Spirit
of Steadfast
Strength, fortify
our resolve to
faithfully follow
in the gracious
way of Jesus
Christ. Amen.



***"Come, Follow Me, And Soon You Will Be Fishing For
People!"
(Matthew 4:19)***

Sunday January 22, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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

e-mail: buccoh@sbcglobal.net – web address: www.BrecksvilleUCC.org

January 22, 2017 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, open our ears to hear Christ's call to follow and to serve. Open our hearts to be sensitive to the cares and needs of those around us. And open our eyes to see and follow the light of Christ's Love - wherever it may lead us. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Fishers of People

Vincent

"Peter, John and James
Could never be the same
After they heard him say
I'll make you fishers of people."
Rhonda Vincent, b. 1962

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 27

Leader: The Holy One is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Holy One is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

L: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

P: Though conflicts arise all around me, I will still be confident.

L: For the Holy One will hold me securely in the day of trouble;

P: God will keep me safe and will set me firmly on a rock.

L: Teach me your ways, O Holy One, and lead me in your honorable path.

All: Let my heart take courage, as I await your Saving Presence!

*** Hymn of Praise**

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

#531

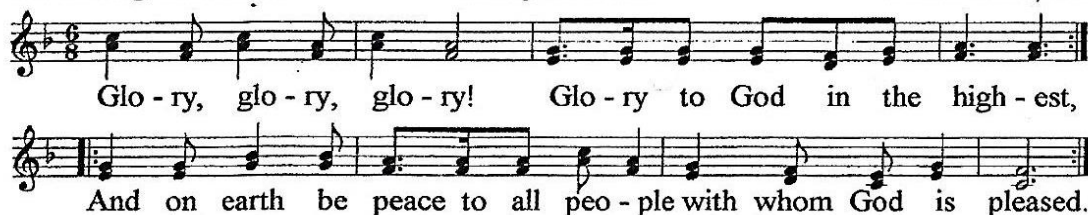
*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we are grateful that you have called us to faith and have welcomed us into the Church, the Body of Christ. We thank you for your warm and inclusive Family of Faith, gathered throughout the world. We rejoice that you continue to bless us, right here in this place. Together may we live in the Spirit, build-up one another in love, share in the life of the Church, and serve the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1-4

Pew Bible, page 638

The New Testament

Matthew 4:13-23

Pew Bible, page 3

The Continuing Testament

from *Fishers of People*

by David Lose

Youth Anthem

Change Our Hearts, O God
[Joyful Noise Choir]

Espinosa

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Dengler

Sermon

Forget Fishing, Try Following!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

You Have Come down to the Lakeshore

#173

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

Wintertime

Schumann

***Offertory Hymn**

Winter has come, it's taken hold.

The days are short, the nights are cold.

The poor need food and help and heat.

We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

We thank you, Gracious Holy One, for the opportunity to be a part of your creative and healing work within this world. Open our ears to hear, and our hearts to share, your Good News for all people. May these offerings express our gratitude for all you have done for us, and our desire to do more for others as your faithful and loving followers. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

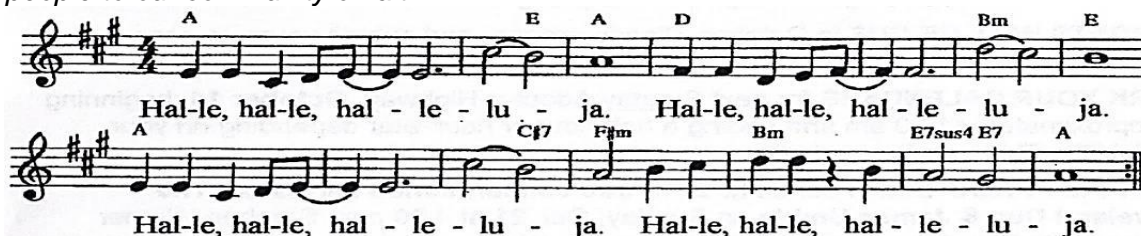
#493

***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**

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Don Butler, Jon Thompson, Marla Corrado & Family, Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Ann Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, 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, January 15, 2017 – Adult: 77 Kids: 10 Total: 87

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.

OUR BUCC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately after worship next Sunday, February 29th. Please plan to attend, as we will finalize this year's budget and our Church Council and Ministry Team members.

CHURCH SURVEY The Parish Staff Relations & Leadership Development Ministries have prepared a survey and we ask that you answer and respond to this survey no later than Sunday, February 12th. The results of this questionnaire will give the Parish-Staff Relations Ministry an opportunity to follow-up and work with the church staff and the ministries to better serve our church life. Those who receive email will receive a copy of the survey on Monday, January 30th. Those who prefer a hard copy can either ask the church office to mail them a copy or can pick up a copy during coffee hour on Sunday, January 29th. We thank you in advance for responding to the church survey.

FINANCE - Please pick up your Quarterly Statements in the Commons today.

BOOK CLUB - On February 6 at 1:00 the book club will meet to discuss "Still Life with Breadcrumbs". There are a few more books available in Joy's office.

DIRECTORY We are planning to put out a new directory in addition to the Pictorial Directory. Please let the office know if you have had a change of *name, address, email*, or if *your birthday* is not included, and you would like it to be. Either call Jeannette at 440-526-4364, or email me your changes to: buccoh@sbcglobal.net.

please send **updated email addresses to stay on top of the latest church information**

CHILDRENS BULLETINS are located in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.

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.

DID YOU MISS last Sunday's service or do you just want to have a chance to rehear Pastor Dave's sermon. The Sunday services are recorded in their entirety on audio CDs each week. You can borrow a CD in the church office and listen to it at your convenience at home or in your car. Several recent weeks' recordings are always available. Check them out and check them out.

BUCC HAS THE LATEST, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc. Just plug in one of our head phones, your favorite Walkman head phones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service. ►

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of your hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

One of our ushers and members of the Spiritual Life Ministry are ready to help you get started. Check with them before the service next Sunday. Your questions are gladly answered.

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***.

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 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.

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 Readings

The Old Testament - Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time, the Holy One held the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali in contempt. But in the latter time, the Holy One will make the seashore of Galilee - the land beyond the Jordan - a glory to the nations! The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing a treasure. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The New Testament - Matthew 4:13-23

Jesus left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the Divine Realm has come near."

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Come, follow me, and soon you will be fishing for people!" Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the Good News of the Divine Realm, and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Continuing Testament - from *Fishers of People* - by David Lose [edited]

Here's my theme in a nutshell: Jesus called ordinary people right in the middle of their ordinary lives to do extraordinary things...and he still does.

Jesus issues the same call to us - to be in genuine and real relationships with the people around us, and to be in those relationships the way Jesus was - and is - in relationship with his disciples and with us: bearing each other's burdens, caring for each other and especially the vulnerable, holding onto each other through thick and thin, always with the hope and promise of God's abundant grace. Sometimes that call - to be in Christ-shaped relationship with others - will take us far from home, and sometimes it will take shape in and among the persons right around us. But it will always involve persons - not simply a mission or a ministry or a movement, but actual, flesh-and-blood persons.

So perhaps we might re-imagine just what it is that Jesus is calling these first disciples to be: fishers of *people*. *People*, implies *relationships*! Jesus calls these first disciples [and us] into relationship - with himself, with each other, and with all the various people they will meet over the next few years and, indeed, the rest of their lives.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 22

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

Wed., Jan. 25

6:00 am Early Birds

Thurs., Jan. 26

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

Sunday, Jan. 29

10:00 am Worship Service/
 Congregational Mtg.
11:00 am Coffee Hour
2:00 pm Bowling/Cloverleaf Lanes

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JAN. 22, 2017

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Bridget Sproul
Ushers:	Beth Rehling, Ed Lusk Jess Wolbert, Joe Wilson
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	George Snider
Narthex Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Flowers:	Kathy Pastor
Nursery:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Sue Stenzel, Kathy Pastor
Servers:	Sue Stenzel, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks:	Anne Melfo, Bettina Ortiz
Snow Herder:	Chad Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JAN. 29, 2017

Lay Reader:	Evie Novak
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Kate Klonowski, Vicki Szabo, Caroline Chandler, Cliff Cribbs
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr:	Chad Sproul
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Donn Whyte, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Joy Garapic
Clean Up:	Kathy & David Pastor
Snacks:	Kate Klonowski, Vicki Szabo
Snow Herder:	Cliff Cribbs