



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Creating and Sustaining Holy One, we know you as Shepherd and Host, Mother and Father, Guardian and Friend. You are all of these and more to us. Help us to recognize your generosity and all-embracing love, so that we may also be generous and compassionate toward others. Amen.



*“...They Broke Bread In Their Homes, And Shared Their Food
With Glad And Generous Hearts...”
Acts 2:46*

Sunday May 14, 2017 • 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

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, bisexual, or transgender

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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May 14, 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Compassion and Community, you create us to live and grow and thrive together. As the first disciples discovered ways to nurture one another with material and spiritual gifts, help us also to develop generous and joyful hearts. Inspire and empower us to seek the best for all those in our community and throughout our world. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One!

People: Let us give thanks to the Creating One, who fills the earth with blessings!

L: Let us praise the Gracious One, who fills our lives with joy!

P: Let us worship the Compassionate One, whose love is always with us!

L: Today we gather together in hope and faith,

P: To praise our Divine Source of Life and Love.

L: The Holy One who creates heaven and earth, renews and refreshes us this day!

All: Let our hearts and voices rejoice with praise and thanksgiving, everyday!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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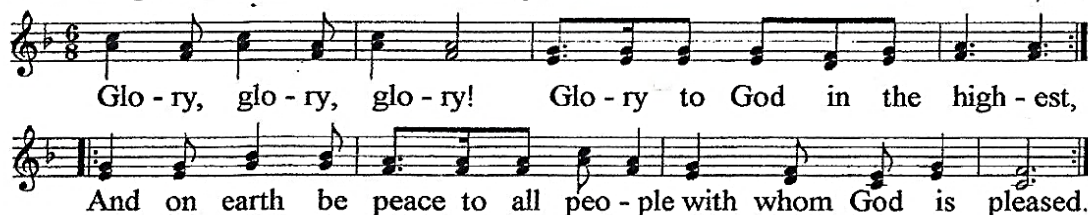
***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Source of Life and Love, we give thanks that you have not abandoned us to the fearful forces of sin, death and despair, but have raised us up anew. In this time of worship and throughout all our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. Strengthen and inspire us as individuals and as a community of faith, that we might know the power of the Resurrection in our daily lives, through Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 17-20

Pew Bible, page 167

The New Testament

Acts 2:37-47

Pew Bible, page 120

The Continuing Testament

by Andrea DeBiasio

Edna House Director

Youth Anthem

I Am The Way, The Truth And The Life
[*Joyful Noise Choir*]

Yeo

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Come And Fill Our Hearts

Berthier (Taizé Community)

[*Becky Anderson, Erin Tomlinson, Betsey Wilson, flute*]

Sermon

Spread the Love Around

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

In the Midst of New Dimensions

#391

The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

The Prayer of Jesus

*[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

Our Parent, by Whose Name

Edwards

"Our Parent, by whose name all parenthood is known,
who in your love proclaim each family your own:
direct all parents, guarding well,
with constant love as sentinel,
the homes in which your people dwell."
J. Bland Tucker, 1939; alt.

* 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]

**Divine Source of us all: All good gifts around us come from you. You have given us
life and new life in Christ. May our giving be acceptable in your sight, and may our
gifts and our lives be used to serve you and to serve others. This we pray in the
name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us all. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#76

*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 Know Whom I Have Believed

McGranahan

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Bill 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, May 7, 2017 – Adult: 68 Kids: 5 Total: 73

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Fred Pesek in Honor of our Mothers.

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN! This year, OCWM's Mother's Day collection (TODAY!) will support **Edna House for Women**, a residential community that assists "women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction by providing a safe, sober place to live and to teach life skills to maintain sobriety throughout their lifetime." You can learn all about them and see a list of specific needs for items at ednahouse.org. Of course, monetary donations are ALWAYS appreciated!

(If you would like to donate via check through BUCC, please write "Edna House" in the memo line). If you have any comments or questions or would like to request an at-home pick up, please contact Kate Klonowski at keightykay@gmail.com or (216) 534-3498 (text ok). Thanks!

OUR HYMN OF THE MONTH for May is *In the Midst of New Dimensions*, written by Julian Rush. Rush integrates Native American spiritual imagery with Hebrew imagery in this 1985 text. He composed the tune, *New Dimensions*, along with the words. An ordained minister of the United Methodist Church, Julian Rush was the founding director of the Colorado AIDS Project in 1983.

If you find a particular hymn with words that move you, or a melody that intrigues you, please let Pastor Dave or Dave Debick know, and we will try to use it as a future Hymn of the Month.

LAST CHANCE! A new Directory will be completed, and passed out next Sunday. If you have any changes or additions, ***name, address, phone numbers, email, birthdays, etc.*** Please call or email Jeannette at 440-526-4364 or buccoh@sbcglobal.net

MOVIE The Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence and Summit County Progressive Democrats Gun Violence Prevention Issue Team are sponsored a movie night at BUCC tomorrow at 7:00 pm. The Movie is "Under the Gun" by Katie Couric; and we will also have Sandy Philips as a speaker. Her daughter Jessie was killed in the Aurora Theater shooting. All are welcome to attend!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sunday, June 11 after Service. Please get on sing-up sheet so we can know what is needed.

CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, July 9 at 2:00pm. Swim, fish, games, fun! Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided. Watch for Sign-up sheet for side dishes!

SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY: Later this month, Dave Debick will be recruiting volunteer musicians to sing or play their instruments at Sunday services over the summer months. If you're interested in volunteering, please let Dave know. He can help you choose music and rehearse with you prior to your scheduled Sunday. Youth are welcome to participate!

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.

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***.

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.

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.

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.

Readings

The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 17-19

Moses said “So now, O Israel, what does the Holy One require of you? Only to revere the Holy One, to walk in all God’s ways, to love God, and to serve the Holy One with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and decrees of your God that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.... For the Holy One is mighty and awesome, not partial and takes no bribe. The Holy One executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

The New Testament - Acts 2:37-47

Now when the crowd heard Peter’s words, their hearts were deeply moved and they said to Peter and to the other apostles, “What should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone to whom the Holy One calls.” And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the praying of prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread in their homes and shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising the Holy One and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Holy One added to their number those who were being saved.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 14	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Edna House Offering *Happy Mother's Day!*
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, May 15	7:00 pm	Movie "Under the Gun" PH
Wed., May 17	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thurs., May 18	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Saturday, May 20	1:00 pm	Ann Toneff Memorial Service
Sunday, May 21	10:00 am	Worship Service Teacher/Music/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 14, 2017

Lay Reader:	David Ritchey
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Dave & Julie Bernard, Jim Duffy, Vicki Szabo
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	David Pastor
Comms Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Flowers:	Fred Pesek
Nursery:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Sue Stenzel, Marge Culver
Clean-Up:	Bob & Caroline Chandler
Snacks:	Jon Thompson, Jim Pay

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 21, 2017

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs Lindsey Maier, Chad Sproul
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	George Snider
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Donn Whyte, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Julie Bernard, Vicki Szabo
Clean-Up:	Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Gina Cook



Happy
Mother's
Day

