



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

While we live in a non-shepherding culture, O Holy One, still we know the power of the image we hold of you as our loving shepherd. You care for us in limitless and timeless ways, caring for each of us as your very own. Thank you. Amen.



Sunday May 7, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 7, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Meditation Music

Although none of us would like to be described as sheep, may we be mindful of the positive aspects of guidance, of being gently led, and of being present and willing to “shepherd” others along the Way. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

El Señor es mi pastor/My Shepherd Is the Lord
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Villarreal

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: As a shepherd cares for the entire flock,

People: Our loving Creator cares for us all!

L: Today, we flock together as people of faith,

P: Trusting that the Holy One is with us, leading us forward.

L: Through Christ's example, we are led to welcome all those around us,

P: To reach out to one another with compassion and acceptance.

L: Through Christ' teaching, we learn to care for those around us,

P: To feed the hungry with bread, to touch the hurting with hope.

L: Through the Spirit's Presence, we receive strength and joy;

All: Come, let us praise the Holy One together!

*** Hymn of Praise**

From All that Dwell below the Skies

#27

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Eternal Holy One, we look to your saving power and grace. Enter those parts of ourselves that disturb us and heal them. Use our broken places as the places where you bring us together in community. Transform our own weakness into compassion for the weakness of others. Give us that graceful combination of humility and self-esteem, that we may see ourselves and others as you see us - your restored and loved people. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, 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.

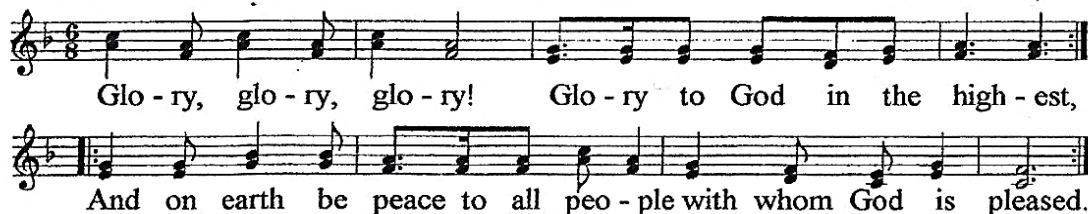
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 23

Pew Bible, page 501

The New Testament

John 10:1-5; 11-1

Pew Bible, page 103

The Continuing Testament

from *How to Love Like a Mother*

by Anne

Sutherland Howard

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Southern Harmony, 1854,
arr. Parker

Sermon

To Protect and to Serve

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#252

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

Waltz in B major, Op. 39 No. 1

Brahms

* 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 love we share our gifts. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication [Unison]

**We bring you our offerings, Gracious Holy One, in thanksgiving for what you have
first given us: Ourselves, our time, and our possessions - signs of your goodness
and love. Bless our gifts and bless our giving, we ask in the name of the One who
freely gave himself for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Communion

Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread
[sung twice]

#788

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: 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: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, 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

Pastorale in G major

C. Wesley

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#347

***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

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

Patterson

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, April 30, 2017 – Adult: 77 Kids: 18 Total: 95

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.

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Maureen Stanley in Loving Memory of her Mom Edna Stanley (5/3/22-3/29/15)

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN! This year, OCWM's Mother's Day collection (May 14th) 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!

MOVIE The Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence and Summit County Progressive Democrats Gun Violence Prevention Issue Team are sponsored a movie night at BUCC Monday, May 15 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!

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 - Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The New Testament - John 10.1-5; 11-16

Jesus says, "Truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers....

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as my Heavenly Parent and I deeply know one another. And I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must also bring them in, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The Continuing Testament - from *How to Love Like a Mother* - by Anne Sutherland Howard [edited]

I am not a shepherd, so the best way I know how to describe the work of a shepherd, is as a mother. I believe that what we need in our churches and our schools and our homes and our public squares is a kind of love that looks something like a mother's love. The kind of love that - like a shepherd's - is both tender, and fierce....

It means paying attention, knowing what time it is and what the weather's like out there. It means naming danger when it threatens, and meeting it with savvy and with courage. It means teaching the difference between right and wrong. It means being responsible for our words and our actions, and calling on others - like public officials who block common sense gun laws - to take responsibility for their actions.

It means showing up, being present, caring, not expecting somebody else to handle it. It means having a strong sense of identity and belonging, coupled with a profound respect and appreciation for others. It means compassion, knowing that we are all in this together. And of course it means getting your heart broken, which opens you to hold the pain - as well as the beauty - of being fully human.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 7	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Akron Rubber Ducks Baseball Game
Monday, May 8	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
Wed., May 10	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., May 11	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, May 14	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Edna House Offering *Happy Mother's Day!*
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 7, 2017

Lay Reader:	David Pastor
Head Usher	Bridget Sproul
Ushers:	Ed Lusk, Kathy Smith Jill Zedan, Jess Barnes
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Dave Bernard
Flowers:	Maureen Stanley
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Carole Snider
Servers:	Betty Kaul, Joy Garapic
Clean Up:	Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan
Snacks:	Beth Rehling, Max Roha

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT 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
Comns Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Donn Whyte
Servers:	Sue Stenzel, Marge Culver
Clean-Up:	Bob & Caroline Chandler
Snacks:	Jon Thompson, Jane Cribbs