



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source
of us all, on this
Pentecost may
we experience
the rush of your
Spirit and feel
the heat of
your glowing
compassion.
Grant us this
day, and every
day, the
conviction and
courage to
boldly follow
you into the
world as
instruments of
your message
of peace and
love. Amen.



Sunday June 4, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Pentecost Sunday

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

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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June 4, 2017 – Pentecost Sunday

Meditation Music

Come, Holy Spirit and gather us as One. Gather us here, for worship and praise. Gather us now, to be transformed by your Word and your ways. Come Holy Spirit and scatter us. Scatter us as your faithful people, so that we may carry the fire of Divine Love wherever we go! Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound *Union harmony, 1836*
[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble; assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

"Mold our actions to your will, you our service giving;
move in our community, transform now our living!"
John A. Dalles, 1983; rev. 1993

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** [adapted from *Bread for the Journey*]

Leader: A Mighty Wind has blown,

People: And tongues of fire have danced!

L: The presence of the Holy Spirit is with us,

P: Just as Jesus promised!

L: The Spirit of the Holy One invites and gathers us into community.

P: The Spirit of Divine Compassion calls us to lives of welcoming and nurturing, caring and celebrating.

L: Let us marvel at the Creating One's power and grace!

All: May the fire of Divine Love burn brightly, in and through us!

* Hymn of Praise

Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound

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*** Prayer of Confession** [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your One Family, to care for your world and all within it. You challenge us to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring hope and comfort where there is grief and despair. Forgive us when we fail to do so. Mend our broken human family. By your Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power of your amazing and abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Brother, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

L: People of the Holy One, rejoice and give thanks! The Holy Spirit is here with power to heal our brokenness, forgive our sins, and fill us with newness of life and purpose!

All: Thanks be to God!

* Passing the Peace

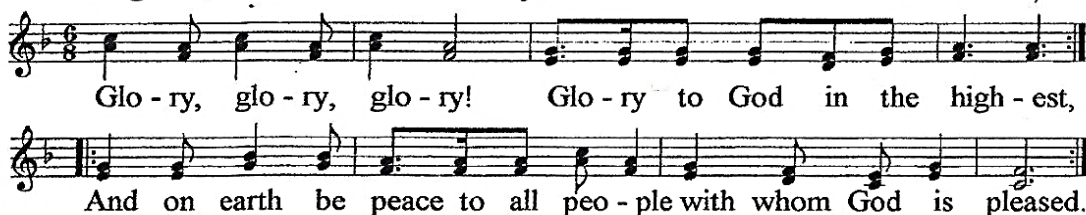
L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you!

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Genesis 11:1-9

Pew Bible, page 9

The New Testament

Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible, page 119

The Continuing Testament

from Indoors/Outdoors

by Melissa Bane

Anthem

Send Forth Your Spirit

Schuetky, arr. Hopson

Time with Young Worshipers

Sermon

The Best Translation App Ever!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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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

Sweet Delight, Most Lovely

Morris

"Save me, hold me, ever steady,
Now in life as after death:
Consolation, ever ready,
Everlasting, vital breath."

Paul Gerhardt, 1648; trans. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

*** 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, bless us now and the gifts that we bring. May your redeeming
word of hope be spoken through us and through our gifts, in this place and
throughout our world. Grant that the fire of your Spirit may warm our hearts and
radiate out from us as deeds of love and service. This we ask in the name of Jesus
Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

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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: Baptized by your Spirit into One Body, we testify to your faithfulness toward people of every time and place, language and nation, 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

Theme in B major

Fine

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**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

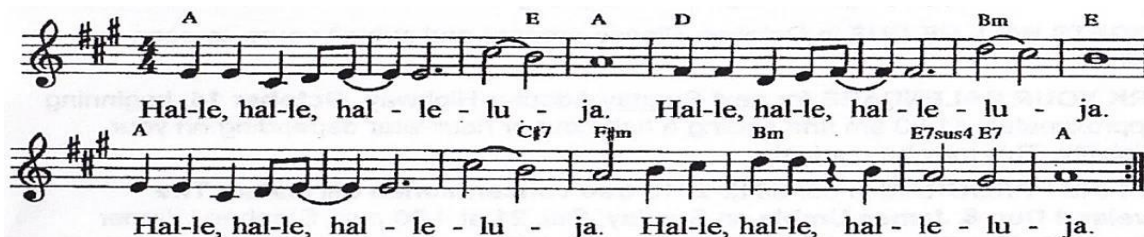
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***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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

How Can We Be Silent

Mahler

"None can stop the Spirit burning now inside us. We will shape the future. We will not be silent!"

Michael Mahler, 2003

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 28, 2017 – Adult: 68 Kids: 16 Total: 84

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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sunday, June 11 after Service. Please get on sign-up sheet so we can know how much good stuff to get

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

CHRISTIAN ED will be organizing a group to march in the Cleveland Pride Parade on June 24th. This is a great opportunity for the whole congregation to participate in welcoming all people in the community to BUCC. Please see Anne Melfo or Heidi Spangler to sign up to participate in the parade.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM - There are only a couple openings left in August for summer music volunteers. Please see Dave Debick during coffee hour if you're interested in singing or playing your instrument at a Sunday service later this summer.

SUMMER MONTHS are busy. This is a fact. If you know when you will not be available to be included in the schedule please email me at stenzelsj@sbcglobal.net with the details. Sue Stenzel

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 - Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

The Holy One came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Holy One said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Holy One scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Holy One confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Holy One scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The New Testament - Acts 2:1-18; 21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about the Holy One's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, the Holy One declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy'.... Then everyone who calls on the name of the Holy One shall be saved."

The Continuing Testament - from *Indoors/Outdoors* - by Melissa Bane Sevier [edited]

Pentecost was the inaugural event in the life of the Church. It started indoors, but it quickly moved outdoors. There it joined with the people from Jerusalem and all over the world. If we take this as a metaphor for today's Church, we can't help but see the beauty of it. The Spirit gives the *gathered* community the courage and gifts to be the *scattered* community! Yes, Spirit comes - quite dramatically - to those who are praying and waiting. But just as dramatically, they are drawn to the street. The Church is given the ability to speak in ways in which all people can understand. Do we have good news to share? Absolutely. Is there also good news to be proclaimed in the street? Definitely!

We move to the other side of our stained glass and engage, because we come to recognize that the Spirit is already active there. We have much to give and much to learn if we don't stay indoors. We begin to have the vision and understanding to see tongues of fire resting on *all* the people we pass. We see them as sisters and brothers, as friends and family. This is the movement of the Spirit today. From an indoor community, to an outdoor one. From prayer, to action. From one small room, to one beautiful world full of possibilities.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 4	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
		Hunger Meal Bethany UCC
Monday, June 5	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
	7:30 pm	Facilities - Library
Friday, June 12		*Office Closed*
Sunday, June 11	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	*Ice Cream Social*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 4, 2017

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	Darlene Kelly, Kate Klonowski, Sam Koch, Beth Rehling
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comms Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Kathy Pastor
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler
Counters:	Nancy Stella
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean Up:	Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan
Snacks:	Jim Pay, Susan Snyder

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 11, 2017

Lay Reader:	Diane Gressley
Head Usher:	John Thompson
Ushers:	Stu & Dot Bailey Dan & Ian Stewart
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr:	Lenore Harris
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Marge Culver
Servers:	Joanne Cook
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Kathleen Stewart