



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, you hold your grace open to us; it is offered to us like a cool cup of water on the hottest day. May we take it with thanks, and pass it further on to all who thirst for your love and goodness. This we ask in the name of the Compassionate One, Jesus Christ. Amen



Sunday July 2, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Fifth 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, 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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July 2, 2017 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Our Divine Source of comfort and strength, while we may find our rest in you, we know there are many for whom rest and safety often seem out of reach. We pray for the grace and courage to offer true hospitality and welcome, without restraint, to those against whom the deck may seem stacked. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Come, O Come, Let Us Praise
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Shwe (Myanmar)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: With the dawning of this new day, the Divine Gift of Life is renewed in you and me.

People: We give thanks for the Creative Spirit around us and within us!

L: Today we come to pray and reflect and to hear the Good News!

P: We rejoice that the Holy One is with us! We welcome-in the Spirit!

L: Let us listen and respond to the Holy One, who encounters us in many ways.

P: Let us praise the Sacred One, who meets us throughout Life's journey.

L: May the Holy One inspire us, and guide our lives today;

All: That we might be empowered to be God's faithful people, each and every day!

*** Hymn of Praise**

God of the Ages

#592

*** 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.

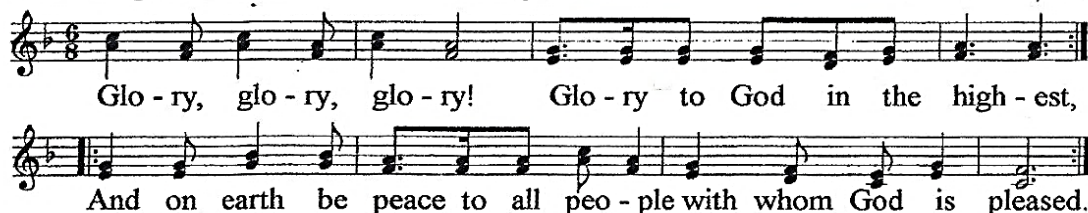
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 89:1-7; 14-17

Pew Bible, page 545

The New Testament

Matthew 10:40-42; 11:1-6

Pew Bible, page 11

The Continuing Testament

from *Guests of Honor*

by David Sellery

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Ragged Old Flag
[David Pastor, narrator]

Cash

Sermon

The Ripple Effect

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

#539

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

Theme in F major

Debick

* 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

Eternal Holy One, you have created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing. We thank you for all the gifts of Creation and for the gift of Life itself. Accept now these gifts and offerings, that they may help others in need and advance the work of your Realm. This we pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

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

Élévation

Franck

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**

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

#573

***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

Earth and All Stars!

Johnson

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty Gifford, Joan Doyne (on the death of her Husband, Jeff), Lenore Harris, 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, June 25, 2017 – Adult: 57 Kids: 9 Total: 66

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Tia Began for our family July Birthdays, especially the guys!

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.

CONSTRUCTION ON RT. 82 between Rt. 21 & I-77 will begin this Wednesday, July 5. Both east and west bound lanes will be affected. It is anticipated that the project will take and estimated 55 weeks.

Traffic lanes and patterns will be changed at different phases of construction. Please be advised that commute times on Rt. 82 through the entire City of Brecksville are expected to be delayed substantially! Please allow extra time, be patient and drive safely!

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

TEA TIME FOR PEACE: An Interfaith Dialogue - Concerned about fear of and hate and violence toward members of faith traditions different from your own? "Be the change" you want to see in the world! Meet your Muslim neighbors and other members of the interfaith community. Join us as we learn about, share and celebrate the rich diversity of our different cultural and faith traditions with tea and treats!

Wednesday, July 12, 2017
7:00 - 9:00 PM (registration from 6:30 - 7:00 PM)

St. Malachi Parish Hall
2459 Washington Avenue
(Corner W. 25th & Detroit)
Cleveland, OH 44113
Please RSVP by July 10, 2017 to Stephanie Riccobene riccobene726@gmail.com or 216-799-6015

MEMBERSHIP: The Annual Picnic Is Coming Up On July 9
9256 Highland Drive Brecksville
2-6 pm

Please bring a dish to share as we will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. This year our dessert contest for adults will be a dessert made with fruit. The children can participate in a cookie contest - 15 years old and under. Plan on a fun day with swimming, fishing, card games and more.

If you have questions call Kathy Smith 440 343 6354. Don't miss this great event and get your name on the sign-up sheet. If you are not able to attend church or cannot locate the sign-up sheet – please notify the church office and tell them you want to attend.

JUST THE SPOKEN WORDS are amplified by our sound system into the sanctuary during our worship service. The musical offerings do not normally need amplification. However the complete worship service, including the anthems, hymns, etc., is fed to our audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). ►

Our sound operators continuously select and adjust the output from one or more of the six or seven microphones normally in use during a typical worship service to provide what they hope is optimum, seamless sound in the sanctuary as well as in the narthex and for the CD recorder. If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its original location so that it is not eliminated from its next planned use.

Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 89:1-7; 14-17

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Holy One, forever! With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Majestic One, and your faithfulness be proclaimed in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies can be compared to you? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Holy One, a God revered in the council of the holy ones, great and awesome above all others?

....Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk in the light of your countenance. They exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness continually. For you are the glorious source of their strength; by your favor their souls are exalted.

The New Testament - Matthew 10:40-42; 11:1-6

Jesus says, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet, will receive a prophet's reward. Whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person, will receive the reward of the righteous. And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you - shall not lose their reward."

....Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities. When John [the Baptist] heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, "Are you the One who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ►

Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

The Continuing Testament - from *Guests of Honor* - by David Sellery [edited]

How much of the hospitality we offer is merely an exchange for hospitality we receive or anticipate receiving? Christian charity doesn't work that way. It's not transactional. And it's not selective. It is a witness to the unconditional love of Christ. It is not reserved for family and friends, but deliberately directed to the least among us; or as Christ calls them "little ones". That's the theory, anyway.

Sadly, the world is not awash with Mother Teresas. Too many of us hide-out in gated communities and upscale zip codes. We only see poor people on television, and promptly change the channel for happier fare. But despite an increasingly cynical world, hope survives. Christ's love is alive. It is all around us. We have many proven, practical ways to follow Christ's command. Call them parish outreach programs; call them community food pantries. They are one of the great unsung success stories of grassroots faith at work; not just for the obvious support they give to the needy, but for the vehicle of love that they provide for the faithful.

Beyond all the political uproar on immigration, there are the basic human needs of vulnerable strangers struggling in our midst. Jesus didn't speak English. He was hounded from place to place. See *him* in our undocumented brothers and sisters! This is the basis of Christian hospitality: an active awareness that all these "little ones" are our guests of honor. Welcome them as you would welcome Jesus. Love them, as Christ loves you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 2	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, July 3	*No Facilities Meeting in July*	
Tuesday, July 4	*OFFICE CLOSED* HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!*	
Wednesday, July 5	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thursday, July 6	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, July 7	*Office Closed*	
Sunday, July 9	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Church Picnic

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 2, 2017

Lay Reader:	Darlene Kelly
Head Usher	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Julie & Dave Bernard Ed Lusk, Lindsey Maier
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Tia Began
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Stu Bailey, Nancy Stella
Servers:	Joanne Cook, Betty Kaul
Clean Up:	Lynne Struck, Sue Stenzel

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 9, 2017

Lay Reader:	Ed Lusk
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	David Ritchey, Jess Barnes Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Fred Pesek
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters	Sue Stenzel, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Marge Culver
Clean-Up:	Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett