



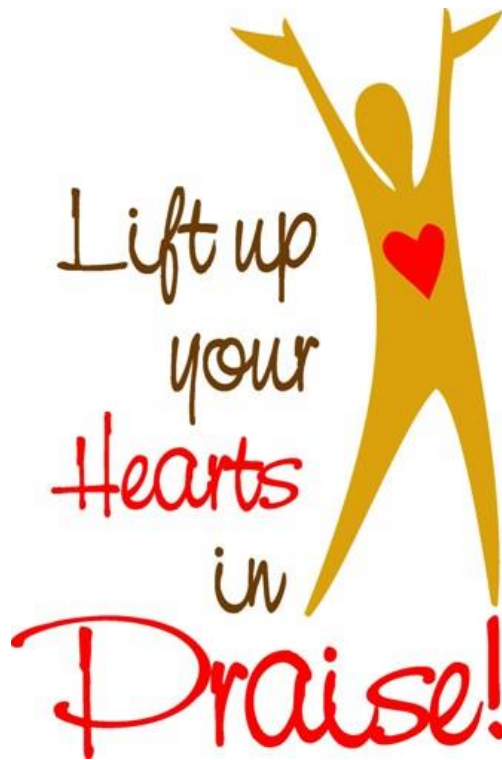
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, Help us to be present to the aliveness of each moment you offer us: in the sights we see, in the foods we taste, in the experiences that open our hearts. Help us to also be aware of the ways in which we can share these moments with others, and with You. In Christ we pray. Amen



Sunday July 9, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Sixth 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

Church Phone: 440-526-4364

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

July 9, 2017 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Breathe in deep. As the air fills your lungs delight in this stuff that gives you life. Let go of your breath. Breathe in once more, and, as you do, remember that your body enables you to move and live in the world. Think of all the delightful things you encounter. Breathe out and give thanks to the Holy Source behind it all.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Scottish traditional melody

"I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad."
Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** [from *Psalms* 149]

Leader: Praise the Holy One! Sing a song of joy to our Creator!

People: Sing the Holy One's praises in the assembly of the faithful!

L: Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

P: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their Ruler.

L: Let them praise the Righteous One's name with dancing,

P: Making melody to the Holy One with harp and tambourine.

L: For it is the Holy One's pleasure to lift up the downhearted;

P: The Sovereign One delights in granting victory to the lowly.

L: Let the faithful rejoice in the Redeemer's glorious ways;

All: Let all the people sing for joy!

* Hymn of Praise

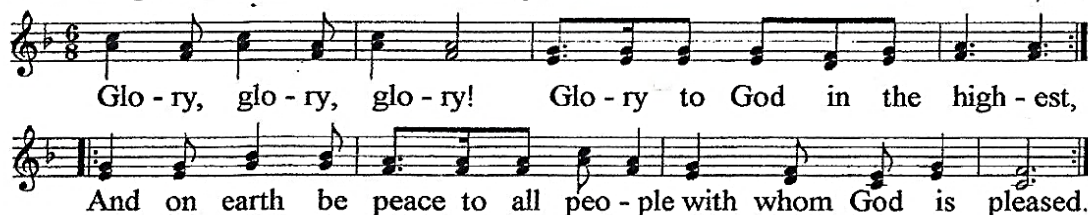
Sing Praise to God

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*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 100

Pew Bible, page 1552

The New Testament

Matthew 11:16-19; 28-30

Pew Bible, page 11

The Continuing Testament

from *Amazing Grace*

by Kathleen Norris

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

In the Palm of Your Hand

Block

[Diane Gressley, soprano; Dave Debick, baritone]

Sermon

Humor Me....

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Out of the Depths, O God We Call

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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

Humbly in Your Sight Trad. N. Malawian melody
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

"Our whole selves are yours, we give them to you, Lord;
take us now and keep us yours for evermore."
Tumbuka (Malawian) hymn, J. P. Chirwa (d. 1940)

*** 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, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see and to embrace new possibilities. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our restricted thinking, bringing help to others and glory to your name. We pray in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Parting Hymn**

There's a Spirit in the Air

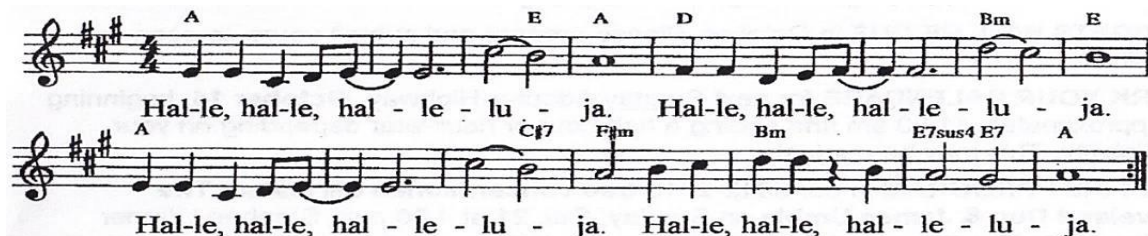
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***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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

Thanks to God

Martin

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty Gifford, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, 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, July 2, 2017 – Adult: 56 Kids: 6 Total: 62

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 Betty Kaul, in Celebration of the life of Jim Kaul.

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

OUR HYMN OF THE MONTH for July is *Out of the Depths, O God We Call*, written by Ruth C. Duck. This hymn reminds us that as we deal with Life's past wounds, or face our future fears, we are not alone. We are blessed and strengthened by a gracious and caring community of faith. In and through this community we are touched, healed and held by the Holy One. Remembering this and trusting it, is certainly a tremendous benefit in today's disjointed and distressing world.

Ruth Duck is professor of worship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and an ordained pastor of the United Church of Christ. In addition to teaching and writing hymns, Ruth also is involved with ministry through the arts in worship - including music, movement, and visual arts.

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

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 **TODAY!**
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!

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.

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.

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.

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 100

Make a joyful noise to the Holy One, all the earth!

Worship the Holy One with gladness; come into God's presence with singing!
Know that the Sovereign One is God. - the One who has made us, the One to whom we belong.

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and bring your joyful praises into God's inner courts.

Give thanks to the Holy One, and bless God's name!

For the Holy One is good; whose steadfast love endures forever, whose faithfulness lasts throughout all generations.

The New Testament - Matthew 11:16-19; 28-30

Jesus says, "To what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John the Baptist came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Continuing Testament - from *Amazing Grace* - by Kathleen Norris [edited]

I have come to suspect that when people complain about "organized" religion, what they are really saying is that they can't stand other people. At least not enough to trust them to help work out a "personal" spirituality. How can they possibly trust these unknown others, people with whom they may have little in common, to help them along on their religious journey?

Joining a church is not like joining a hobby club; you will find all sorts of people there, not all of whom will share your interests, let alone your opinions. But there is a vast difference between the giant abstraction called “Organized Religion” and religion as people actually live it. Many Roman Catholics seem to thrive in the tension that exists between the fussy structure of the church hierarchy and the faith as it is lived.

In the rural area where I live, churches are the only institution capable of sustaining community ministries such as a food pantry and a domestic violence hot line. But they provide something more, that even the most well-intentioned “social services” cannot replace. It is called *salvation*, but it begins small, at the local level, in a church that provides a time and space for people to gather to meet a Holy, Unifying Presence who has promised to be there with them and within them!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 9	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Church Picnic
Monday, July 10	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
Wednesday, July 12	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thursday, July 13	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, July 14		*Office Closed*
Saturday, July 15		*Pillar Deadline*
Sunday, July 16	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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:	Caroline Chandler, Marge Culver
Clean-Up:	Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 16, 2017

Lay Reader:	David Pastor
Head Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	Linda Kriynovich, Kate Klonowski, Bridget & Chad Sproul
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Marge Culver, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Juile Bernard
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs