

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Good and
Gracious One,
through your
friend, Mary
Magdalene,
we learn what it
means to be
your follower.
May we come to
respect and
appreciate
her model
and come to
follow you more
closely.



Sunday July 30, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Eighth 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 30, 2017 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Loving God, thank you for calling us together this day. May we always be grateful for the opportunity to gather in your name. Amen

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prélude

Nadia Boulanger

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: God of a thousand names,

People: You are Compassion and Healing.

L: You are Joy and Peace.

P: You are Friend and Consolation.

L: You are Strength and Courage.

P: Let us see you always in all ways,

All: Grateful for all you are!

*** Hymn of Praise**

We Praise You, O God

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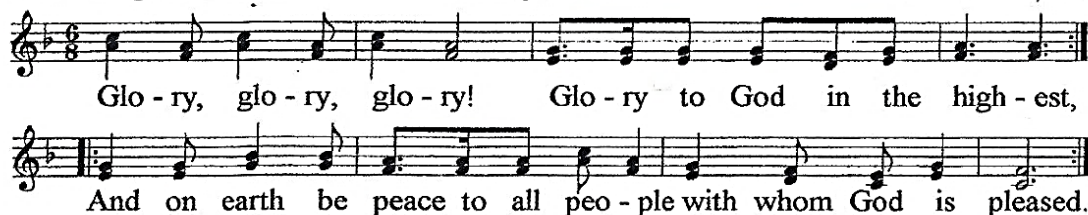
*** Prayer of Invocation**

**Good and Gracious God,
source of our joy,
you sent Jesus to show us how to live.
May we live his example
in all we do.
Amen.**

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Epistle

Romans 16:1-5a, 6-7

The Gospel

John 20:1-2, 11-18

The Continuing Testament

Gospel of Mary of Magdala

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Irresistible

Darlene Zschech

[Emma Novak, soloist]

Sermon

"Mary of Magdala: Apostle to the Apostles"

Rev. Ann P. Klonowski

Hymn of Reflection

Out of the Depths, O God, We Call

#554

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

Larghetto from *Four Pièces Fugitives*

Clara Schumann

*** 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]**

Good and gracious God, the gifts we have offered here today are so small. They can never measure up to your great gifts to us. But that is not what you call us to. You call us to use the gifts you have given us and to share them with one another. Then your divine self will be visible in this world and your reign of love will fill the world. Thank you for your gifts to us. Thank you for inviting us to build your reign right here, right now. Amen

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Renew Your Church

#311

*** 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

In Sacred Manner

Alice Parker

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 23, 2017 – Adult: 62 Kids: 13 Total: 75

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 Dorothy Faust in Memory of her Husband, John Faust.

SEND A CARD - Betty Gifford is recovering very well!. She will be turning a young 98 on August 8! Please consider sending her a Birthday card to her home address (13428 Chippewa Rd. – Brecksville, OH 44141). Thank you!

THANK YOU to everyone who kept me, my son, and family in your prayers, he is doing very well in his recovery. Thank you for the cards, letters, cookies, and phone calls it was such a comfort to us. I as always will keep you all in my prayers. Blessings to all, Jeannette XO

THE FACILITIES MINISTRY is looking anyone wishing to help maintain the landscaping. Weeding is the primary need and anyone who can help would be greatly appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Cliff Cribbs.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are ready to be picked up in the Commons area. This will save the cost of mailing. Thank you.

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.

THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP is reading *EVERYONE BRAVE IS FORGIVEN* by Chris Cleve, which is set in 1939 London when most of the city's children are evacuated except the mentally impaired, disabled or black. A totally inexperienced teacher is assigned these children as her first teaching experience. The book has been praised for its "ability to stay small and quiet against the raging tableau of war." This discussion begins at 1:00 in the parlor, August 7. All are welcome.

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.

BUCC HAS THE LATEST, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc. Just plug in one of our head phones, your favorite Walkman head phones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service.

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of you hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

One of our ushers and members of the Spiritual Life Ministry are ready to help you get started. Check with them before the service next Sunday. Your questions are gladly answered.

Readings

The Epistle

Romans 16:1-5a, 6-7

Sisters and brothers, I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchrea. Welcome her in the name of our God, in a way worthy of the holy ones, and help her with her needs. She has looked after a great many people, including me. Give my greetings to Prisca and Aquila; they were my co-workers in the service of Christ Jesus, and even risked their lives for my sake. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.

Remember me also to the congregation that meets in their house. My greetings to Mary, who has worked hard for you, and to Andronicus and Junia, my kin and fellow prisoners; they are outstanding apostles, and they were in Christ even before I was.

The Gospel

John 20:1-2, 11-18

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!” . . .

Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus’ body had lain.

They asked her, “Why are you weeping?” She answered them. “Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don’t know where they have put the body.” No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. He asked her, “Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, “Please, if you’re the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you’ve laid the body and I will take it away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned to him and said, “Rabboni!”—which means “Teacher.”

Jesus then said, “Don’t hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, ‘I’m ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!’”

Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. “I have seen the Teacher!” she announced. Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

The Continuing Testament

Gospel of Mary of Magdala 4:33-5:3

When the Blessed One had said these things, he greeted them all. “Peace be with you,” he said. “Acquire my peace within yourselves. ►

Be on your guard so that no one deceives you by saying 'Look over here' or 'Look over there.' For the Child of Humanity exists within you.

Follow him. Those who search for him will find him. Go then, preach the good news about the kin-dom. Do not lay down any rule beyond what I determined for you, nor promulgate law like the lawgiver, or else you might be dominated by it." After he said these things, he departed from them.

But they were distressed and wept greatly. "How are we going to go out to the rest of the world to announce the good news about the kin-dom of the Child of Humanity?" they said. "If they did not spare him, how will they spare us?"

Then Mary stood up. She greeted them all, addressing her brothers and sisters, "Do not weep and be distressed nor let your hearts be irresolute. For his grace will be with you all and will shelter you. Rather we should praise his greatness, for he has prepared us and made us true Human beings."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 30	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, Aug. 2	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thursday, Aug. 3	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, Aug. 4		*Office Closed*
Sunday, Aug. 6	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 30, 2017

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Matt Wolbert, Jim Pay Kathy Smith, Diane Gressley
Acolyte:	Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Linda Kriynovich
Flowers:	Dottie Faust
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Donn Whyte
Servers:	Darlene Kelly, Michele Namitka
Clean Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

AUGUST 6, 2017

Lay Reader:	David Ritchey
Head Usher	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Julie & Dave Bernard Sam Koch, Fred Peseki
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler
Counters:	Carol Snider, Nancy Stella
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel
Clean Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs