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# UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Creative  
Source of all  
Life, we are  
truly thankful  
that you are  
with us at all  
times and in  
all places. May  
we always be  
aware of your  
Gracious  
Presence,  
particularly in  
our most  
difficult and  
challenging  
moments.  
Amen.

## *Perfect Love Casts Out All Fear*

*~ I John 4:18 ~*

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**Sunday August 13, 2017 • 10:00 AM**

**Tenth 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](mailto:buccoh@sbcglobal.net) – web address: [www.BrecksvilleUCC.org](http://www.BrecksvilleUCC.org)**

## August 13, 2017 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Meditation Music

Holy Love, fill us with the compassion that changes our hearts. Steadfast Strength, firm-up our faith to trust in the gracious way of Jesus Christ. Perfect Peace, sharpen our skills and our desire to work for true peace and justice in this world. Amen.

### ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

Faith Begins by Letting Go

Gounod

*"Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,  
taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:  
pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God."*

Carl P. Daw Jr, 1995

### Bearing the Light of Peace

### Bearing the Light of Christ

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: This is a day to celebrate the wonderful gift of Life:

**People: To open our eyes to the beauty of Creation,**

L: To open our ears to the world's Sacred Sounds,

**P: To open our hearts to all our sisters and brothers around us!**

L: This is a day of gladness and joy!

**P: We give thanks for Jesus, who welcomes us all:**

L: We give thanks to the Spirit, who brings us hope,

**All: We give thanks to the Holy One - who loves us, restores us, and renews our !**

### \* Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Might Power of God

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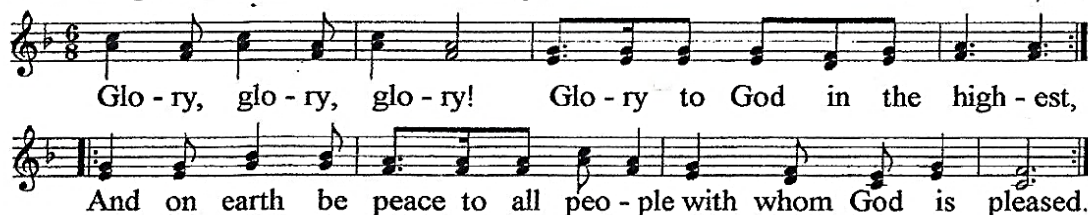
### \* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

**Divine Source of us all, come among us today and touch us with the fulness of your grace. Enter our lives, free us from our fears, and guide us by your wisdom. Empower us to be your Church, today and every day. Impart to us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and in this world. Renew within us all, your abiding gifts of faith, hope, and love, so that we might continue to follow your light and praise you with joy! Amen!**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Genesis 12:1-9

Pew Bible, page 10

**The New Testament**

Matthew 14:22-33

Pew Bible, page 16

**The Continuing Testament** from *In the Storms of Living*

by Christopher Burkett

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Desiderata  
*Jim Duffy, reader*

Erhmann

**Sermon**

Those Faithful Walker-Walkers

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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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**

Fugue in C Major

Handel

### **\* 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 our gifts from the abundance entrusted to us. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to help bring the light of your love to people and places where it is needed. Help us to bear witness to you amazing love and grace, not only through our giving, but also through our dedicated lives of faith. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Light and Life. Amen.

## ***Going with God's Love***

### **\* Hymn of Departure**

Forward through the Ages

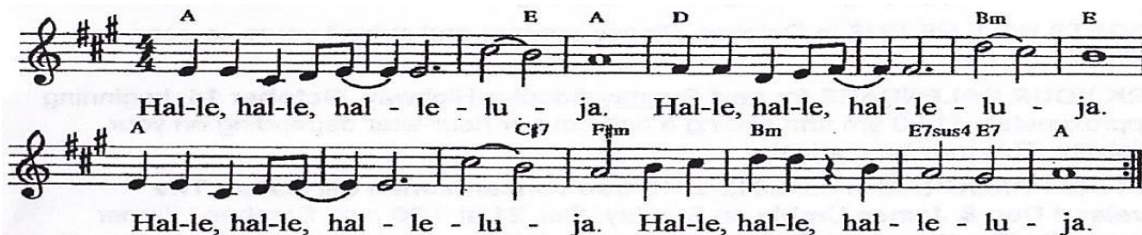
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### **\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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**

You Shall Go Out with Joy  
*Assisted by Youth Percussion Group*

Dauermann

**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 August 6, 2017 – Adults: 68, Kids: 8, Total: 76**

## ***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.

**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.

**WOMEN UNITED** – On Wednesday, August 16, at 11:30 AM, we will be meeting in the Parlor for lunch. Afterward, we are cutting angels out of used greeting cards for Jan Renovetz. This is for a Christmas project that Jan does yearly for Heartland Hospice. Bring a sharp scissors, willing hands and be ready for some lively chatter! All are welcome!

**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.

**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](http://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 - Genesis 12:1-9**

*Now the Holy One said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

*So Abram went, as the Holy One had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.*

*Then the Holy One appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Holy One, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Holy One and invoked the name of the Holy One. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.*

### **The New Testament - Matthew 14:22-33**

*Immediately [after feeding the 5,000] Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come."*

*So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got back into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."*

***The Continuing Testament*** - from *In the Storms of Living* - by Christopher Burkett  
[edited]

*The story of Peter sinking and being saved by Jesus is a strange one. Yet it represents something that really did happen to Peter. Surely it is a reference to his denying Jesus during the Passion, and his restoration after the Resurrection. Peter is full of faith as he sets out across the water - but this is bravado in the literal sense of the word. We remember his brave words at the Last Supper: "Even though all may fall away because of you, I will never deny you!" But then comes doubt and cowardice, and he begins to sink, so Jesus has to rescue him. Peter stands for every disciple in every age, caught between faith and doubt.*

*Yes, sometimes our forebears in the Faith were weak and fearful. Or to put it more directly, they were just like us! Like them, we can convince ourselves that we are indeed full of faith; but when trouble comes we surprise even ourselves by how little faith we have. But also like them, it is at that point we turn to Christ for help and find him there. Even there, in our weakest moments, we find the strength of the Holy Presence - even if we often only realize it later.*

*Faith doesn't save us from trials and tribulations. What it does is give us strength to face them. The person who has faith has a source of strength and inspiration, especially when trouble strikes. It's not we who keep the Faith. It's the Faith that keeps us.*

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, August 13</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 15</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Leadership Development</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 16</b>	<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>Early Birds</b>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Women United</b>
<b>Thursday, August 17</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday, August 18</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, August 20</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**AUGUST 13, 2017**

Lay Reader:	Betsey Wilson
Head Usher:	Bridget Sproul
Ushers:	Beth Rehling, Betty Kaul, George & Carole Snider
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer - Westerberg
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters	Stu Bailey, David Pastor
Servers:	Marge Culver, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	David Pastor

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**AUGUST 20, 2017**

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Tim & Kim Wallis Joanne Cook, Jim Pay
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Chad Sproul
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Jim Duffy, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Julie Bernard, Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul