

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

How good it is,
O Source of
Life, when your
grace finds
embodiment in
community.
How very good
it will be, O
Source of Love,
when we act
with greater
compassion,
and experience
deeper unity
than we have
yet known. Lead
us to where,
and to whom,
you would have
us go, so that
we might be
instruments of
your grace &
peace. In Jesus
Christ we pray.
Amen.



***Jesus said to her "O woman great is your faith; be
it done for you as you wish."
Matthew 15:28***

Sunday August 20, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Eleventh 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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August 20, 2017 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Compassionate Holy One, we have no excuse for not being aware of the pain and plight of our brothers and sisters from all across the globe, brothers and sisters who have been forced from their homes and who must live with fear and uncertainty. Make us always compassionate, thoughtful, persistent, and welcoming. May we never accept what is happening as normal, but work and pray for a new and better world. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

"Quiet" Prelude No. 1 (Modal)

Rowley

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When we are alone or when we are together,

People: Our Creative Source is with us.

L: Wherever we walk, or whenever we fall,

P: Divine Love raises us up and sustains us.

L: When we feel trapped or when we soar free,

P: Holy Compassion surrounds us.

L: When we are in shadow or in the light,

P: Divine Grace shines upon us.

L: In this time and place, and wherever we may go,

All: The Holy One is with us! Let us rejoice and give thanks!

***Hymn of Praise**

Creator God, Creating Still

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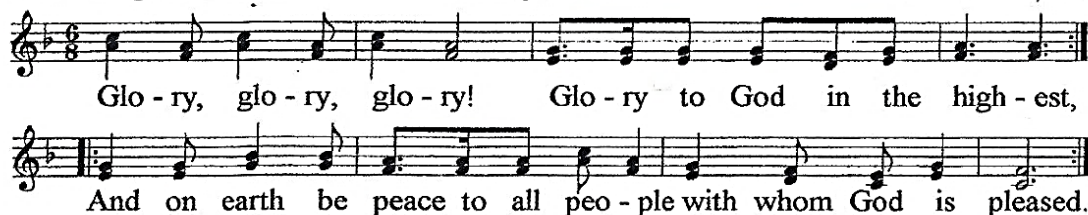
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

We encounter you, Gracious Holy One, in places we might not expect, and in people we would never imagine. Sometimes we see you clearly, and sometimes we pass by without seeing you at all. Open our eyes to see you here, among the people in this congregation, as well as among the strangers we meet outside these doors. Open our hearts to share your love with all those we encounter, just as you graciously share your love with us all. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Isaiah 56:1-8

Pew Bible, page 686

The New Testament

Matthew 15:21-28

Pew Bible, page 17

The Continuing Testament

from *Teaching Jesus*

by Barbara Lundblad

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

How Great Thou Art
[Erin Tomlinson, flute]

Swedish folk tune

Sermon

Overcoming our Racism!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

In Christ There Is No East or West

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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

We Lift Our Voices

Liles

"God, use our voices,
God, use our hands,
God, use our lives, they are yours;
we are an offering."
Dwight Liles, b. 1957

*** 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]**

Compassionate Holy One, you have called us to be your Church, your Living Body in this world. We thank you for the opportunities we have to grow together as your people, and we pray that you would continue to increase our outreach beyond these church doors. Bless these gifts and each of us, that we might extend your tender care to others in our community and throughout our world. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Is There One Who Feels Unworthy?
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Medema

"Now we come to ask forgiveness
and to claim renewing grace,
and to say that all are welcome
at this table, in this place." Ken Medema, b. 1943

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

O for a World

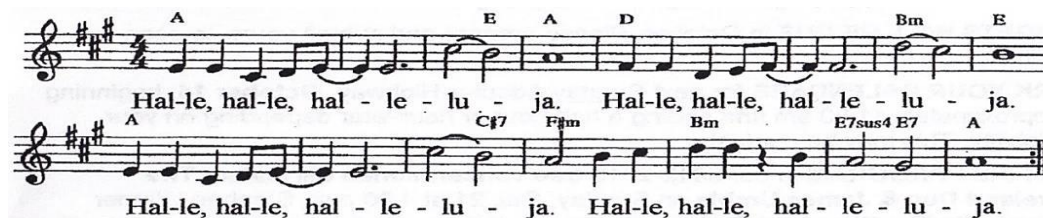
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*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Toccata

Sweelinck

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Phyllis Molnar, Fred Pesek, Evelyn Seager, Betty Gifford, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, 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 13, 2017 – Adults: 56, Kids: 5, Total: 71

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.

THIS WEEKS FLOWERS are given by Joy Garapic in Celebration of Julie & Vicki's Birthdays.

RALLY DAY POTLUCK Just a quick reminder that the Membership Committee will be having a potluck dinner on September 10 - Rally Day. Get your name on the sign-up sheet and plan to attend. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Smith 440 343 6354 or David Pastor 440-552-4403.

HUNGER MEAL- The next hunger meal will be on Sunday, September 27th at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. Because of a reception at PRUMC that day, we cannot get into the kitchen until 4 PM (the hungry folks arrive at 5 PM!). Therefore, a takeout meal will be prepared. It will consist of sandwiches(made at the church), fruit, and cookies, and will be a takeaway- type meal. Stations will be set up, and folks will pick up one of each item at each station and take the meal out. People are needed to prepare sandwiches and set up stations. Also we will need people to prepare cookies for dessert. Cleanup should be short. We did a similar meal in September of 2015, and it worked out well. The usual sign-up board is in the narthex for people to indicate where they can be of help.

SENT EMAILS I am still having trouble receiving all of the emails sent to the **buccoh@sbcglobal.net** (main office email). (Yes, I check Spam File! :). ☺ I will always reply to your email with a short sentence. If you do not get a reply from me – please resend your email. Thank You, Jeannette

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE CANCELLED September 3rd. We don't have a teacher, since many people will be out of town, for the holiday weekend, including me! Thank you, Heidi Spangler.

SCHOOL SUPPLY/BOOK DRIVE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!: Sometimes in the fury of purchasing supplies to go back to school in the fall, you end up with too many erasers...or maybe you just couldn't pass up that sale for buy-one-get-one-free crayons? If so, OCWM will be more than happy to get these (any any other new or gently used school supplies you might have lying around) to kids who need them! Also, if you are clearing out your bookshelves, (especially kids books!) please contact us to arrange for a pick-up. ►

Children's books will be taken to the Cleveland Kids Book Bank and adult books taken to the Books for Prisoners program. For more information and to schedule a pick-up (only bring small packages/boxes/items to church, please!) contact Kate Klonowski at keightykay@gmail.com or call/text (216) 534-3498 (she will also take other household items and women's clothing to Edna House if you give her extra hugs!).

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. 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 - Isaiah 56:1-8

Thus says the Holy One: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my saving help will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the person who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing evil.

Do not let the foreigner joined to the Holy One say, "God will surely separate me from God's people"; and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree." For thus says the Holy One: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Holy One, to minister to God, to love the name of the Holy One, and to be God's servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Holy One, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The New Testament - Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Continuing Testament - from *Teaching Jesus* - by Barbara Lundblad [edited]

The Gospel writer Matthew dares to give us a very human Jesus, and paints a specific picture of the woman who approaches him. She's a Canaanite woman. She is not one of Jesus' people. This should be no surprise, as Jesus has gone into the region of Tyre and Sidon. Yet she seems to know who Jesus is. She begs him to heal her daughter who is tormented by a demon. She's desperate and comes out shouting. The disciples want nothing to do with her: "Send her away!" they tell Jesus. But this Canaanite woman isn't going anywhere. She won't give up. "Lord, help me," she begs. This is where Jesus goes to the dogs: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But the Canaanite woman is feisty and stubborn. The life of her daughter is at stake. She picks up his words and throws them right back: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." When Jesus hears this, he says, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" Jesus finally heard and came to believe. Jesus was converted that day to a larger vision of the Realm of God. Jesus saw and heard a fuller revelation of God in the voice and in the face of the Canaanite woman.

Every generation sees some people as "other" and puts them under the table with the dogs. We could make a long list of people we see as different - different race, different customs, different religion. Two summers ago at a raucous Town Meeting I attended, a white woman spoke through her tears, "What happened to my America? I want my America back." I guess she meant an America where people look like her; and those who don't are somehow less deserving. The critical question for us today, then, is this: "If Jesus could grow and change, then why can't we?"

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 20	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, August 23	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thursday, August 24	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, August 18		*Office Closed*
Sunday, August 27	10:30 am	Worship in the Park
		With Richfield UCC
		Maps & direction in office
		Hunger Meal PRUMC

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
AUGUST 20, 2017

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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
AUGUST 27, 2017

***WORSHIP IN THE PARK**
WITH RICHFIELD UCC*

Ushers:	Dot & Stu Bailey
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