



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Our Creative Source, you see and understand us more completely than we see and understand ourselves. Give us the capacity to recognize the beauty in all people and in all creation. Help us to trust the power of your transforming vision for our world, so that we might be faithful instruments of your love and justice. Amen.



**Sunday September 3, 2017 • 10:00 AM**

**Thirteenth 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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## September 3, 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### **Meditation Music**

Holy Source of Light and Wisdom, this world can be a confusing place, with many different things clamoring for our attention and devotion. Enlighten and guide us, so that as we navigate through the countless distractions, we may find our way to what truly counts: your everlasting love and grace. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Prelude for Full Organ

Krebs

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Light of Christ**

### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Our Divine Source creates the world,

**People: And asks us to care for it with love.**

L: Jesus welcomes us as his sisters and brothers,

**P: And invites us to become One Family.**

L: The Holy Spirit fills us with power and compassion,

**P: And calls us to transform the world with grace and peace.**

L: The Holy One speaks to us in many ways,

**P: So that we who are many, may learn to be One.**

L: Let us joyfully raise our voices,

**All: And praise the Holy One together!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Living God

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### **\* Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, we thank you for all those good things that fill our lives with joy: the love of family and friends, the comfort of food and shelter, the challenge of work and learning, and the ease of leisure and recreation. Too often, we take these things for granted, failing to see them as your precious gifts. Forgive us when we think that these blessings somehow make us better than others, and when we fail to share these gifts with those in need. Open our hearts, that we may live our lives with genuine gratitude and compassion. 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.

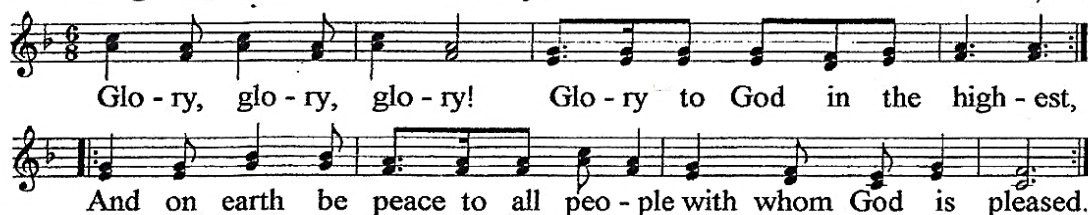
The Peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

### \* The Song of Praise

### Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Genesis 3:1-5

Pew Bible, page 2

The New Testament

Matthew 16:13-25

Pew Bible, page 18

The Continuing Testament

by David Ewart

in *Holy Textures*

### Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Glorious Is Thy Name  
[Betsey Wilson, flute]

Mozart/McKinney, arr. Fettke

Sermon

*From Saint to Satan in Sixty Seconds*

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Jesus, Still Lead On

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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**

**Come, All You People, Praise Our God  
*[In honor of laborers everywhere]***

**Gabriel**

**"To God our all we dedicate,  
to You we wholly consecrate  
the lives Your mercies bless."  
*Psalter, 1912***

### **\* 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 and Giving Holy One, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, for the ways  
in which we see your glory in all creation. Most of all, we thank you for caring for  
us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another.  
Accept these offerings that we present to you, and help us also to give ourselves  
fully and freely to the work of your Realm, that the love of Christ might shine  
through us and throughout the world. Amen.**

### ***Holy Communion***

### **Communion Hymn**

**Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread**

**#342**

## **The Thanksgiving**

L: The Holy One be with you.

**P: 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: It is truly good and right to give thanks to you, Divine Source of Light and Life, for you have manifested yourself in Jesus Christ, begotten from the very heart of your compassion. And so, with your people of every time and place, we praise your Name, saying,

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O gracious Giver of Life!**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Prayer of Consecration**

## **The Invitation**

## **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

## **Communion Music**

In the Singing  
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Young

"Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace."  
Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

## **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**

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

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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

Now Go in Joy

Caribbean folk melody/Bringle

### 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 Dagostino, 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 27, 2017 – \*Worship in the Park\***

## ***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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE CANCELLED** Today. We do not have a teacher, since many people will be out of town, for the holiday weekend, including me! Thank you, Heidi Spangler.

**LAST WEEK'S LOOSE OFFERING** at our Worship in the Park was \$240.00. This money will go to the **Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ**, to help support the Coalition's continued responsibility for the UCC's church-wide ONA movement, anti-bullying and suicide prevention efforts, and may other programs to prevent discrimination against LGBTQ people - in churches and in society.

**SHOWING HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS** is a Divine imperative in both the Old and the New Testaments. One important and rewarding way that several of our BUCC members are doing this, is through their volunteer work at Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers' Academy. Assisting these students who are newly arrived in our country not only helps them academically, it also acclimates them to their new culture and lets them know that they are welcomed and affirmed by good hearted people! If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please talk with Pastor Dave [440-526-4364].

**MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY** is celebrating Rally Day on September 10th with a potluck and school supplies collection. All are welcome to gather in Pilgrim Hall after church. Please bring a main dish item to share. You may drop it off in the kitchen before church, it will be kept warm or cold per your instructions.

In addition we are collecting school supplies this year for Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy. Several of our members volunteer at this school which welcomes children new to this country.

School supplies requested: composition books, spiral notebooks, kids scissors, 2 pocket folders (without the middle brads), 8.5X11" copy paper, Construction Paper, Crayons, Small Elmer's glue bottles and glue sticks. #2 Pencils, Pens. Thank You for your generosity in both food to share and supplies!

**THE FACILITIES MINISTRY** is looking for 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. [440-526-4728]

**BUCC MUSIC MINISTRY 2017-2018:** Autumn is upon us, and it's time for our music ensembles to begin practices again! Here's a list of starting dates, times, and age brackets for each group; more details can be found in September's Pillar.



**Joyful Noise Choir** (ages K-5th grade): First practice is Thursday Sept. 7 from 5:30-6:15. It would be awesome to welcome a few new children to the group! Songs, Bible stories, activities in an affirming, Christ-centered, laid-back environment.

**Adult Choir** (ages 16 through adult): First practice is Thursday Sept. 7 from 7:30-9 PM. Our primary roles: preparation of weekly anthems in a wide range of styles, and leading the congregation's hymn-singing at Sunday worship. Additional voices would be most welcome! Please consider checking us out. A great opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth through music-making.

**Soprano Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble** (all ages welcome): Wednesdays from 4:30-5 starting on Sept. 13. Dave D. is happy to give free lessons to anyone interested in learning either of these two easy instruments. We play preludes for Sunday services ~ once a month. Please contact Dave if you want to participate. Note: We have an extra dulcimer for someone to use, and free recorders are provided.

**Youth Percussion Group** (6th grade through high school): Our first practice will be Sunday Sept. 10 from 5:30-6 PM; youth ministry follows at 6:00. Note: This group meets ~ *every other week*, so please watch bulletins and Pillars for schedule. Playing percussion is a great way to release energy while connecting with our Divine Source. We provide accompaniment for incidental music, anthems, and Joyful Noise songs on as-needed basis

**Instrumentalists** (all ages welcome): If you are comfortable playing an instrument - either solo or with one of our choirs - you are most welcome and encouraged to share your musical gifts with the congregation. You'd be hard-pressed to find a more affirming, supportive group of listeners! Please let Dave know if you'd like to participate sometime on a Sunday.

**Seasonal choir** (ages 16 through adult): These singers help expand and reinforce our regular choir for the annual Christmas cantata and/or Holy Week. The cantata is scheduled for Dec. 10 this year; the first practice is Thurs. Oct. 12 from 7-8 PM.

**Private piano lessons** (all ages welcome): These lessons begin on Wed. and Thurs. Sept. 13 and 14. If you studied with Dave last year, he will be in touch to schedule. If you'd like to start lessons this year, contact Dave so he knows you're interested.

Please consider participating somehow in BUCC's music ministry this year, whether you're an adult or younger person. Give it some thought and prayer and see where the Spirit leads you! Feel free to contact Dave with any questions or concerns.

**WOMEN UNITED** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9/20 at 11:30AM in the Parlor. Please bring your lunch. Afterward we will continue and complete The Angel Project we have been working on for Heartland Hospice through Jan Renovitz. All supplies provided. Come and enjoy!

## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Genesis 3:1-5**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Holy One had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

### **The New Testament - Matthew 16:13-25**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Heavenly Parent. I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Realm of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it! This must never happen to you." But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on Divine things but on human concerns."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who try to save their life will lose it, but those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

**The Continuing Testament - by David Ewart - in *Holy Textures* [edited]**

Poor Peter. He calls Jesus, the Messiah. Seven short verses later, Jesus is calling him, “Satan.” Poor Jesus. His inner core of followers affirm that they have “got it” - that they understand his mission. Seven short verses later, Peter reveals that they still misunderstand it and/or are unwilling to follow it. As the one who proclaimed the highly honor status of Jesus, Peter is quite unnerved by Jesus’ teaching concerning his suffering and death. Peter was not only affirming a high status for Jesus, but was also affirming his loyalty to Jesus. And as such, Peter was also anticipating sharing in the rewards of Jesus’ honor as the Messiah. So Peter rebukes Jesus. Jesus rebukes Peter and calls him “Satan”. That is, Tempter, Side-Tracker of Mission, Setter of One’s Mind on Human Things. Well, fear of pain and death will do that to most people, and Peter was no exception.

What Jesus is setting out to do is take up his cross, lose his life to fulfil his life’s purpose, and thereby find his life. We all know how to lose our life so that it is lost. The trick is to figure out how to lose one’s life so that it will be found. The key to that, is to lose our life for Jesus’ sake, his purpose and his goal. Jesus’ purpose is to break-down the barriers that people set-up between themselves, and between themselves and God. Jesus’ goal is to build bridges of love to replace those barriers. A purpose and a goal like that truly is the key to finding our lives!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Sept. 3</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>*No Sunday School* Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Monday, Sept. 4</b>		<b>*Office Closed* Labor Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 5</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>“Welcome &amp; Growth” Taskforce- Par.</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 6</b>	<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>Early Birds</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept. 7</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Sunday, August 27</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service/Rally Day</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Rally Day Potluck</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Youth Percussion</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Ministry</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher	Caroline Chandler
Ushers:	Dot & Stu Bailey
	Dave & Julie Bernard
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Fred Pesek
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Kathy
	Pastor
Servers:	Betty Kaul, Joanne Cook
Clean Up:	Jill Zedan
Snacks:	Jim Pay, Susan Snyder

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

Lay Reader:	Diane Gressley
Head Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	David Ritchey, Kathy Smith
	Lindsey Maier, Jon Thompson
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Gina Cook
Counters	Dave Bernard, Donn
	Whyte
Servers:	Michelle Namitka, Darlene
	Kelly
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Beth
	Rehling