

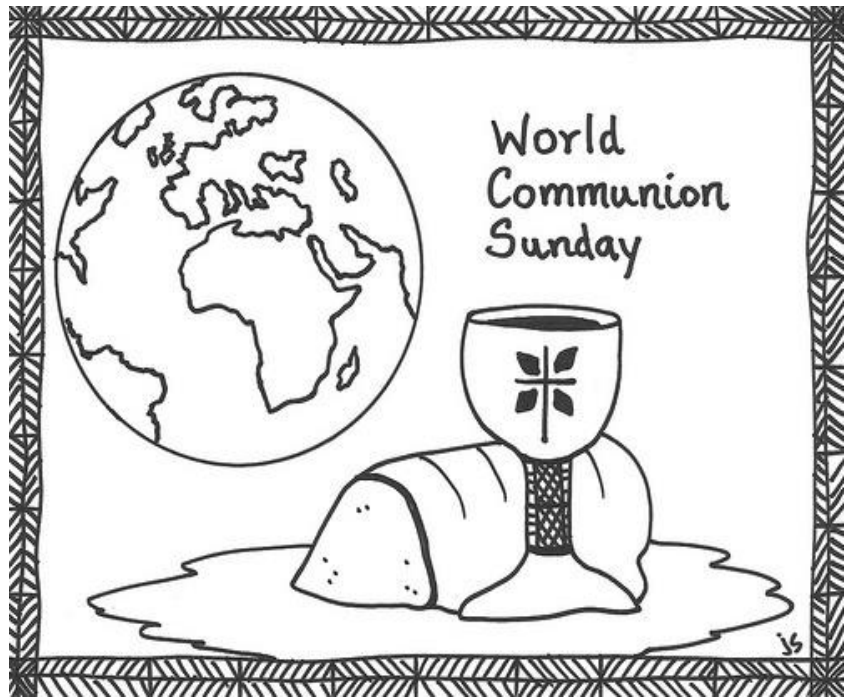
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED Church of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of Wisdom and Grace, teach us to respect one another. Help us to learn from those who express their faith in different ways. Deepen our understanding and appreciation of Life's beautiful diversity, and help us to recognize your Sacred Presence which is all around us. Amen.



Sunday October 1, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost – World Communion Sunday

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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October 1, 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Compassion, encourage us to stand with those who suffer and are in need. Inspire us to give in ways that can make a true difference in their lives. Help us to bring the Good News of your love to all people, not only through our words but also through our works of kindness and generosity. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

The Feast Is Ready

Kendrick

*[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble; David Pastor, Pastor Dave, guitar;
Youth Percussion Group]*

"The hungry heart God satisfies,
offers the poor sweet paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of our God."
Graham Kendrick, 1989

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the Table, all those who hunger and thirst,

People: For Christ is here to fill us and refresh us!

L: Come to the Table, all those who are hurting and alone,

P: For Christ is here with healing and comfort!

L: Come to the Table, all those who seek to serve the Holy One and humankind,

P: For Christ is here to guide and strengthen us!

L: As Christ' Living, Loving Body in this world,

P: We offer ourselves to help feed the hungry bodies and souls around us.

L: As we share of the One Bread and Cup,

P: The joy and peace of Christ unites us.

L: Though we come from many different places and backgrounds,

All: Christ's compassion and grace truly makes us One!

* Hymn of Praise

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

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*** Prayer of Confession**

All: Creating and sustaining Holy One, your great commandment in Christ is that we love one another as Christ has loved us. We confess that we fail to embrace your liberating love. We divide where you would unite. We exclude where you would embrace. Forgive our hardness of heart. Mend our broken Human Family. Breathe into us the living power of your amazing and abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Christ, our brother, example and friend. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and will never change: God has loved us, loves us still, 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.

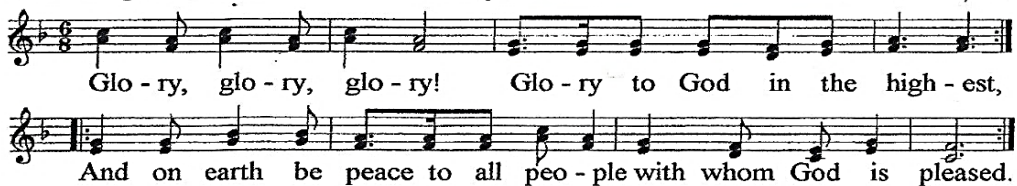
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 36:5-11

Pew Bible, page 510

The New Testament

I Corinthians 11:20-29

Pew Bible, page 173

The Continuing Testament from *Concerning Communion*

by John Shelby Spong

Youth Anthem

Feed Us Lord

Scheer

[Joyful Noise Choir; Youth Percussion]

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

One at the Feast

Courtney

[Becky Anderson, flute]

Sermon

Food for Thought

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Shadow and Substance

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[Hymn of the Month]

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

The Rice of Life

I-to Loh (Taiwan)

"The rice of God for all is meant;
no one who comes is turned away.
Believe in Christ whom God has sent;
in humble trust God's will obey."
J. Andrew Fowler, 1983

*** 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]**

**Eternal and abundant Holy One, the opportunity to share with others is a blessing
for which we are truly thankful. Your generous provisions for our lives, allow and
prompt us to be generous in return. We pray that you would accomplish your
loving purposes through these gifts and through us all. These things we ask in the
name of Jesus Christ, who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table
[verses 1 & 3]

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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 you thanks, Divine Source of all Life, for you have called us into your Church to serve you by serving the entire human family, and to proclaim your Good News to all the world. In gratitude we accept your call, and praise your Holy Name, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration [Unison]

Eternal Holy One, we spread your table with these gifts of the earth, and present to you our very lives. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this Bread and Cup, on our gifts, and on us all. Strengthen your Church throughout the world to be faithful in your work of justice and peace. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new. Amen.

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music Medley: The Bread and the Wine Are Here/ Your Only Son
Damon/Paris

[Assisted by Youth Percussion]

"Come in; sit down; there's room at the table;
enjoy the feast love has spread for you."

Daniel Charles Damon, 1993

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Bountiful Giver of Life, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table by granting us the presence of the Living Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #347

*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 Postlude-Cantique (Canticle) Dubois (France)

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Phyllis Molnar, Fred Pesek, 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 September 24, 2017 – Adults: 63 Kids: 10 Total: 73

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 Jill Black & Jim Duffy in Honor of our dear sister, and mother "Little Lou".

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, originally called World Wide Communion Sunday, originated in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. On the first Sunday in October, Communion was intentionally celebrated in all Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was encouraged that other denominations make use of this occasion, and after a few years the idea began to spread, particularly after the world-wide devastation of World War II.. Today Christians of every background and theological tradition around the world celebrate the fact that we are all One in Christ, and that the Table we gather around is not our own, but God's!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED (NIN) OFFERING, Today's Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry, which provides Christian ministry and witness to American Indians. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Two-thirds of the NIN offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service, to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Please give generously. Thank you!

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are available in the Commons. Please take yours - it saves the cost of mailing.

OUR “HYMN OF THE MONTH” for October is *Shadow and Substance* by Daniel Damon. Damon is an internationally published writer of hymn texts and tunes, and a jazz pianist in the San Francisco Bay area. He has a Master of Divinity Degree from Pacific School of Religion, and is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. According to Damon, what he seeks to do with today’s hymn, and with each hymn he composes is “To keep things simple and singable, while at the same time exploring the edges of our spoken and sung faith.”

HURRICANE RELIEF - Our UCC Disaster Ministries is already connecting with local congregations and agencies for long-term recovery work in the regions affected by the recent hurricanes. Your contributions help provide community support for holistic recovery for families and children, repairing houses and homes, and restoring dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of these catastrophic events. Gifts may be made to BUCC, marked for “Hurricane Relief” and they will be sent through our Ohio Conference office. Thank you!

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE would like you to meet us today at Luther Farm to enjoy an afternoon of hayrides, mazes, corn pool, and more at their annual Fall Festival from 12:30pm until 3:00pm. The farm is located at 5150 Alger Rd., Richfield, Ohio 44286. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and younger. There will be food available to purchase, as well as pumpkins, straw bales, and more farm goods. You can find more information at www.lutherfarms.com. Please wear your BUCC shirts!

SEASONAL CHOIR: Seasonal choir will begin preparing for this year's Christmas cantata on Thursday Oct. 12 from 7-8 PM. The cantata is scheduled for Sunday Dec. 10. If you enjoy singing in a group setting but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir is a wonderful opportunity for music, fellowship and spiritual preparation for Christmas. Listening CDs are provided to help make the learning process easier. High school students are welcome to participate. Contact Dave D. with any questions.

FREE CONCERT: On Sunday Oct. 29 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring the Obertones from Oberlin College. The Obertones are a men's *a cappella* choral ensemble that performs a broad range of current musical styles, including pop, alternative, R & B, and classic rock. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the performance. Plan on joining us on Oct. 29 to hear this highly recommended group.

AS OF FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, Phyllis Molnar's temporary address is with her son Terry at - **257 Carol Way, Wadsworth, OH 44281**. If anyone wants to send her a card or note she will get it quicker than if they send it to her address and it must be forwarded to Terry. Thanks!

Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 36:5-11

Your steadfast love, O Holy One, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Gracious One.

How precious is your steadfast love, O Compassionate One! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 11:20-29

Saint Paul writes, When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the Church of God, and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.

The Continuing Testament - from *Concerning Communion* - by John Shelby Spong
[edited]

I find the Eucharist [Holy Communion] a powerful symbolic act of Communion with God through Christ. As one of God's people, I also find it important to eat together in worship as a way of symbolically sharing the presence of Christ. I don't worry much about whether anyone understands what is going on. No human being understands God, but that does not stop us from seeking God's Presence or walking Christ's path.

Both the meaning of God and the meaning of the Eucharist must remain in the realm of *mystery*. Enjoy that mystery! One final thought: Whatever the Eucharist is, it should be an open table with no rules for who is qualified to receive the sacrament. I loved the sign I saw on the wall at Redeemer Church in Morristown, New Jersey, that read: "The only prerequisite for receiving communion in this church is that you be hungry." Occasionally a church gets it right!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 1	10:00 am	Worship Service – NIN Offering
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	12:30 pm	Luther Farms Fall Festival
Monday, October 2	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
Tuesday, October 3	7:00 pm	Facilities (*change of day for this month only*)
	7:00 pm	Welcome & Growth Task Force
Wednesday, October 4	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	<u>NO Recorder/Dulcimer</u>
Thursday, October 5	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, October 8	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
OCTOBER 1, 2017

Lay Reader:	David Ritchey
Head Usher	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Darlene Kelly, Fred Pesek Matt Wolbert, Diane Gressley
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
Counters:	Jim Duffy, Carole Snider
Servers:	Betty Kaul, Sue Stenzel
Clean Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks:	Max Roha, Jon Thompson

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
OCTOBER 8, 2017

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Bridget Sproul
Ushers:	Dot & Stu Bailey Betty Kaul, Sam Koch
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Jane Cribbs
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Kate Klonowski
Counters	Nancy Stella, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Marge Culver, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up:	Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Beth Rehling