

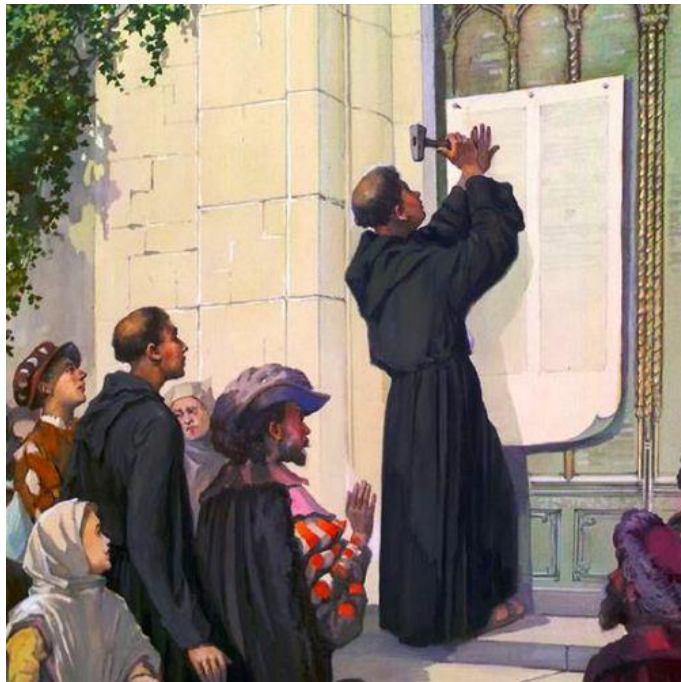
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of Life and Renewal, we thank you for the Living Water that you provide for us all. May we drink deeply from that Water, so that our thirst for your knowledge and truth might be satisfied. And may we graciously welcome others to join us, so that they too may be refreshed and their lives fulfilled. Amen.



Reformation Sunday – 500 Years

Sunday October 29, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Twenty First 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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October 29, 2017 – Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks for those who reformed the Church so long ago, and for those who are still reforming the Church today. Inspire us to stand with your faithful witnesses - from generation to generation - so that the Good News of your love and peace might be known to all. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

J. C. Bach

"Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy Church, that we
May sing your praise triumphantly."
Martin Luther (1483-1546);
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt.

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** [from *Psalms* 46]

Leader: The Holy One is our fortress and strength,

People: A very present help in times of trouble.

L: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

P: Though the mountains shake with its turmoil.

L: The Holy One makes wars cease throughout the earth;

P: The Compassionate One breaks the bow and shatters the spear.

L: Be still and know the Divine Presence,

All: The Exalted One, who is over all the earth!

*** Hymn of Praise**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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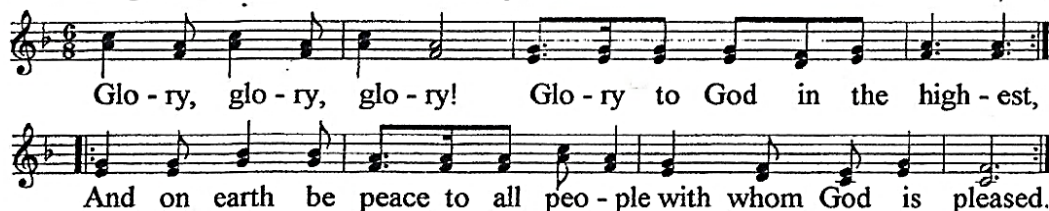
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, you open your arms to everyone, and your loving embrace reaches out to the whole Creation. As we come together today, teach us to welcome others as warmly as you have welcomed us. Open our eyes to see those who are waiting for an invitation, and open our hearts to be the welcoming people you call us to be. Enlighten us with your Spirit and guide us by your grace, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 735

The New Testament

Romans 3:20-28

Pew Bible, page 154

The Continuing Testament

Stewardship Thoughts

Kim Wallis

Youth Anthem

In My Life, Lord
[Joyful Noise Choir]

Kilpatrick

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

God Be Praised!

Larson

Sermon

Nailed It!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Shadow and Substance
[Hymn of the Month]

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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

O God of Mercy, God of Light

Barnby

"In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
Each other's burdens help us share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as though to you."
Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.

*** 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 your amazing love and grace,
not only through our giving, but also through our dedicated lives. We pray in the
name of Jesus Christ, our Light and Life. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

* Parting Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
[verse 1]

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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

Onward Goes the Pilgrim Band

Williams

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Phyllis Molnar, 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 October 22, 2017 – Adults: 77 Kids: 12 Total: 89

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Marge Culver, in Loving Memory of Richard Culver on our 50th Anniversary.

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."

STEWARDSHIP Our annual Stewardship 2018 is underway. Stewardship Sunday will be November 12. This year our theme is **Journey to Generosity: The Way of Jesus** and the scripture from Matthew 9:25 to 10:23 is the focus of reflection. Please take a few moments to read the insert included in this bulletin as well as reflect on what Stewardship means to you and to our broader church family. And note that by the end of October, you should receive a letter from our moderator that includes a pledge card. **What is stewardship?** Loving God and loving neighbor. We have an opportunity to make commitments — both material and symbolic — to help this congregation love God and love neighbor in the days, weeks, months, and year ahead.

ADVENT BOOK Please see Jon Thompson for the sign-up & copy of the scripture verse you would like to complete for the 2017/2018 Advent Book. The **absolute deadline** for emailing your contribution is **Sunday, November 12, 2017**. Please Email to Jeannette at buccoh@sbcglobal.net.

SAVE THE DATE: The fall cleanup of the church grounds will be Saturday, November 4 at 9 am. The Facilities Ministry would appreciate assistance from the congregation in completing this task. In the event of inclement weather, the alternate date will be November 11.

WOMEN UNITED There will be no set meetings for November and December, however, on Tuesday December 5th at 7:00PM Christ The Redeemer Lutheran Church will be presenting their Annual Advent Tea. Several of our women have attended this service in the last few years and found it truly meaningful and welcoming. If you would like to attend this year please meet in the lobby of CRLC and we will sit together. After an eventful service Tea and TRAYS of cookies are served in the Community Room. We highly recommend this opportunity to begin the Advent Season! Please Come!

THIS AFTERNOON 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 to hear this highly recommended group. Bring a friend!

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. So far BUCC Members have contributed **\$2,426** to this effort. Thank You!

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***.

Readings

The Old Testament - Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Holy One, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was like a faithful spouse to them. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Holy One: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Holy One," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Holy One; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The New Testament - Romans 3:20-28

For no human being will be justified in God's sight by deeds prescribed by the Law, for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from Law, the righteousness of the Holy One has been disclosed, and is attested to by the Law and the prophets - the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of Divine glory; they are now justified by Divine grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. God did this to show God's righteousness, because in Divine forbearance God had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that the Holy One is righteous, and justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the Law of Faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the Law.



Brecksville United Church Of Christ

Presents

The Obertones



A men's *a cappella* choir performs a broad range of current styles, including pop, alt, R & B, and rock!

Today, October 29, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Located near the intersection of Routes 82 & 21
at 23 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141.
Brecksville UCC is handicapped accessible.

Free-will offering,
Light reception following program.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 29	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	4:00 pm	Free Concert –“Obertones”
		Light reception following
Wednesday, November 1	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday, November 2	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Friday, November 3		*Office Closed*
Saturday, November 4	9:00 am	Fall clean-up
Sunday, November 5	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 29, 2017

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Lindsey Maier, David Ritchey
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: David Pastor
Commns Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Sue Stenzel, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Darlene Kelly, Michelle
Namitka
Clean-up: Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett
Snacks: Sue Stenzel, Dorie Gabor

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Lay Reader: Dot Bailey
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor
George & Carole Snider
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Jess Barnes
Counters: Matt Wolbert, Nancy Stella
Servers: Betty Kaul, Joanne Cook
Clean Up: Jill Zedan, Lynne Struck
Snacks: Dot Bailey, Julie Bernard