

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Draw close to us, O Holy One, our Strength, our Rock, and our Redeemer. Revive us when trials and tribulations wear us down and weigh heavily upon us. Quench our thirst for understanding, with your wisdom and truth. Give us your grace and peace, so that we might faithfully continue to walk in your loving path. Amen.



**Sunday October 8, 2017 • 10:00 AM**

**Eighteenth 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**

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## October 8, 2017 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, when we feel powerless in the face of Life's evils and dangers, send us your Spirit of courage and strength. Keep us from surrendering to despair and hopelessness, and help us to stand-up for what is right and just. May we truly trust this day - and every day - that your love and grace will ultimately prevail. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

Elegy

L. Vierne

*[In honor of the slain and wounded victims  
of the massacre in Las Vegas last weekend.]*

### Bearing the Light of Peace

### Bearing the Light of Christ

**\* Call to Worship** - based on *Psalms 33*

Leader: Rejoice in the Holy One, all you people!

**People: Sing praise to the Holy One for the Creator's marvelous works!**

L: Every day Divine grace and goodness renew the earth,

**P: Divine compassion and mercy pour-down upon us!**

L: Our saving help comes, not from power or might;

**P: But by trusting in the strength of the Holy One's steadfast love.**

L: The Holy One delivers our hearts from despair,

**All: Our Gracious Redeemer rescues all those who call-out in times of trouble!**

### \*Hymn of Praise

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

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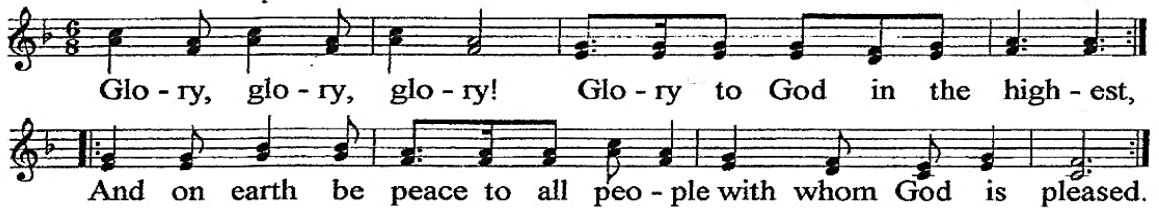
**\* Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

**Divine Source of Justice and Peace, you call us to be your family - daughters and sons to care for your world and all within it. Teach us to work together to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring hope and peace where there is grief and despair. Inspire us, with all your people, to rise-up and praise you with joy and thanksgiving! Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Micah 4:1-4

Pew Bible, page 864

**The New Testament**

Romans 12:9-21

Pew Bible, page 162

**The Continuing Testament**

*Personal Reflections*

by Bill Toneff

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Cornerstone

Hillsong

*[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]*

**Sermon**

*Holding on to what is Good*

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**

Hope

Mendelssohn

#### **\* 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, Source of our lives and Giver of every good gift: accept these offerings that we present to you today. May they serve as symbols of our commitment to you and to your saving work in this place and in this world. May they also be a sign of our willingness to give our whole lives in service to you and to your message of welcome peace, and love. This we pray in the gracious Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

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

I've Got Peace Like a River

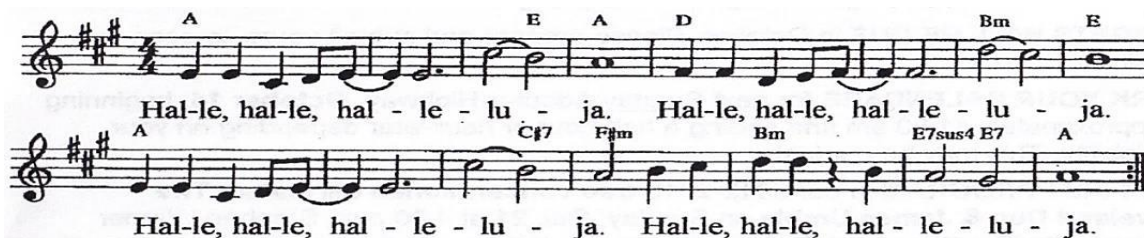
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#### **\* Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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**

**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 1, 2017 – Adults: 71 Kids: 13 Total: 84**

***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 Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett in Honor of our 22<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**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."

**OUR ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT IS THIS SATURDAY** October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am - 4:00 pm at the Hinckley Reservation, for BUCC members and friends - adults and teens. This year's theme is "Growing in our Faith - Personally, Relationally and Collectively". We will look at some Bible stories about growth and productivity, abundance and generosity. We'll also share some stories about times in our own lives when we've experienced personal growth, the generosity of others, or a sense of Divine Abundance and Blessing.

As an added bonus, we will hear some stories about *literal* growth - as Anne Melfo shares some of the exciting things that are happening with the West-side *Cleveland Roots* program that she and her family launched last year. We will also share a noon meal together, and take some time in the beauty of Nature getting to know one another a bit better. Please join us, and bring a friend!

**LAST SUNDAY'S NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED OFFERING** was \$502! Your generous giving will go far to help our neighbors - both near and far - with many of their basic daily needs. **THANK YOU ALL** for your caring contributions!

**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.

**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!

**SEASONAL CHOIR:** Seasonal choir will begin preparing for our 2017 Christmas cantata THIS 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 *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.

**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.

**OUR COMPLETE WORSHIP SERVICE**, including anthems, hymns, etc., is fed by our sound system to our new audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its location so that its continuing feed is not eliminated from the system.

**BUCC HAS THE LATEST**, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc. Just plug in one of our head phones, your favorite Walkman head phones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service.

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of your hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

One of our ushers and members of the Spiritual Life Ministry are ready to help you get started. Check with them before the service next Sunday. Your questions are gladly answered.

**AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH** - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

**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** - Micah 4:1-4

In days to come the mountain of the Holy One shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised-up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Holy One, to the house of the God of Jacob; who may teach us the Holy One's ways, that we may walk in righteous paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Holy One from Jerusalem. The Holy One shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away. They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid. For the mouth of the Holy One has spoken.

### **The New Testament** - Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **The Continuing Testament - *Personal Reflections* - by Bill Toneff [edited]**

During World War II, I hated the Germans. I was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division and we "liberated" a concentration camp. The sight of those half-dead slave-workers showed how bad Hitler and Nazi Germany were. I hated the Japanese. Most Americans hated them more than they hated the Germans, because of Pearl Harbor and other atrocities. But after the war, my faith and my intelligence took over, and my hate floated away, as it did for most Americans....

....Have you ever hated a boss, an employee, a coworker, an in-law, sibling or spouse? Think of the people who enjoy hating and enjoy telling how and why they hate Blacks or Jews, their boss or neighbor. Think of the volume of hate on the internet's social media. We all must realize that hatred leads to meanness, cruelty, murder and war. It is evil; it is sinful

Jesus says "love your enemies". Yet this is very, very hard to do. So, while getting angry is both human and okay, we must all try hard to not let that anger turn to hate. When it does, we must let that hate float-away. We have to stop hating first, before we can ever start loving.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

|                              |                  |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, October 8</b>     | <b>10:00 am</b>  | <b>Worship Service</b>             |
|                              | <b>11:00 am</b>  | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                 |
|                              | <b>5:30 pm</b>   | <b>Youth Percussion</b>            |
|                              | <b>6:00 pm</b>   | <b>Youth Ministry</b>              |
| <b>Wednesday, October 11</b> | <b>6:00 am</b>   | <b>Early Birds</b>                 |
|                              | <b>4:30 pm</b>   | <b>Recorder/Dulcimer</b>           |
|                              | <b>7:00 pm</b>   | <b>Council</b>                     |
| <b>Thursday, October 12</b>  | <b>1:00 pm</b>   | <b>Bible Study</b>                 |
|                              | <b>5:30 pm</b>   | <b>Joyful Noise</b>                |
|                              | <b>7:00pm</b>    | <b>Seasonal Choir</b>              |
|                              | <b>8:00 pm</b>   | <b>Choir</b>                       |
| <b>Saturday, October 14</b>  | <b>10:30 am-</b> | <b>Church Retreat - Ledge Lake</b> |
|                              | <b>4:30 pm</b>   |                                    |
| <b>Sunday, October 15</b>    | <b>10:00 am</b>  | <b>Worship Service</b>             |
|                              | <b>11:00 am</b>  | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                 |

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2017**

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| Lay Reader:   | Cliff Cribbs                             |
| Head Usher:   | Bridget Sproul                           |
| Ushers:       | Dot & Stu Bailey<br>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<br>Rehling         |

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2017**

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| Lay Reader:   | Darlene Kelly                                 |
| Head Usher:   | Sue Stenzel                                   |
| Ushers:       | Ed Lusk, Beth Rehling<br>Jim Pay, Jess Barnes |
| Acolyte:      | Jillian Davis                                 |
| Peace Candle: | Ben Davis                                     |
| Sound:        | Doug Fawcett                                  |
| Comns Grtr:   | Betty Kaul                                    |
| Flowers:      | Dottie Faust                                  |
| Nursery:      | Valerie Taylor                                |
| Counters:     | Marge Culver, Stu Bailey                      |
| Servers:      | Joanne Cook, Carole Snider                    |
| Clean-Up:     | David & Kathy Pastor                          |
| Snacks:       | Sue Stenzel, Marla Corrado                    |