

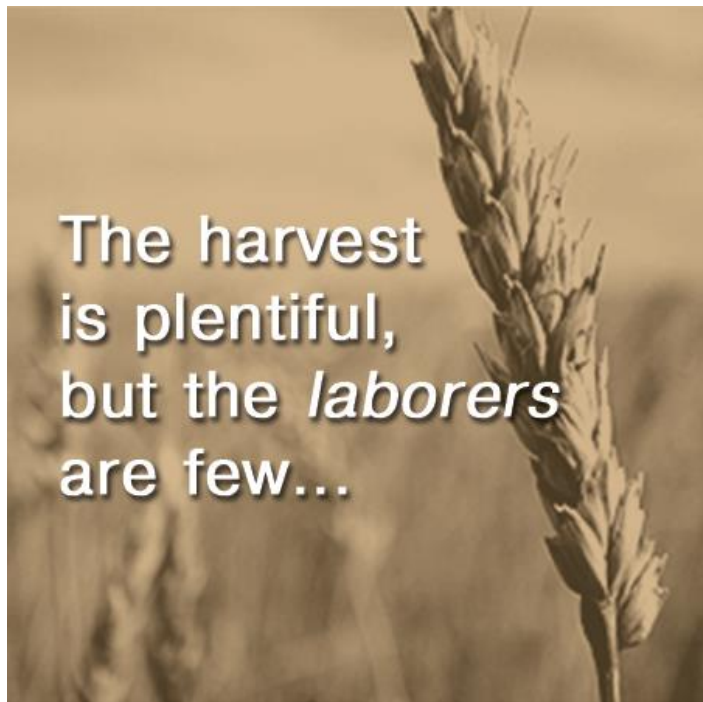
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Creative Holy One, you call us to be agents of change and instruments of compassion. Empower and inspire us so that we might willingly go out of our comfort zones to bring Christ's love and justice, grace and peace to our community and to our world. Amen.



Sunday September 10, 2017 • 10:00 AM – Rally Day!

Fourteenth 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 10, 2017 – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Rally Day!

Meditation Music

Divine Source of compassion and grace, open our ears to hear the calls of our sisters and brothers in need, wherever they might be. And open our hearts and minds so that we might respond to them with genuine kindness and care. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Festive Trumpet Tune

D. German

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 30

Leader: Sing praises to the Holy One, O faithful people of God!

People: Give thanks to God's holy name!

L: To you, O God, I cry out and make my supplication,

P: Hear me, O Holy One, and grant me your grace.

L: For you have turned my mourning into dancing,

P: You have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy!

L: Therefore my soul will praise you and not be silent,

All: I will give thanks to you, Gracious God, forevermore!

***Hymn of Praise**

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

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*** Prayer of Invocation** [unison]

Divine Source of Life and Love, Creator of this awesome universe, be with us today as we consider the longtime implications of our actions and our mission. Renew our faith, fill us with hope, and inspire us to be the difference we need to see in the world. Empower us to make the changes needed to leave behind a more sustainable and brighter future. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Covenant & Commissioning Service
for our BUCC Welcome & Growth Task-force
[Adapted from the *UCC Book of Worship*]

Leader: Saint Paul writes, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. [1 Corinthians 12:4-7]

Dear friends, you are embarking on an important venture for our congregation, our community, and for the Holy One we serve. So I ask you, will you listen to the wisdom and experience of those you meet during this time of service?

Task-force members: We will, with the help of God and one another.

Leader: Do you promise to share your talents, skills and energy, as you are able, serving alongside and with others?

Task-force members: We do, with the help of God and one another.

Leader: Will you remain open to discover new ways and new opportunities for sharing this church’s message of Christ’s inclusive love and grace with others?

Task-force members: We will, with the help of God and one another.

Leader: Members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ, we have heard the promises of our sisters and brothers who have answered God’s call to service. Let us now affirm our intention to support their work on our behalf.

All: We promise to support your efforts and keep you in our prayers. We promise to join with you in developing and implementing new and creative ways for reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ’s love.

Leader: Let us pray together.

ALL: Gracious Holy One, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given this particular ministry on our behalf. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Guide them in their work and honor their faithfulness, so that we might continue to grow as a community of Christ’s extravagant welcome and love. Amen.

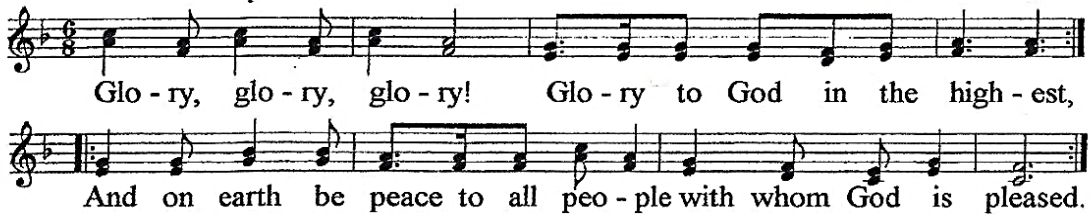
Leader: Let us now take a moment to greet one another with the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Numbers 11:16-17; 24-29

Pew Bible, page 129

The New Testament

Luke 10:1-12

Pew Bible, page 71

The Continuing Testament

from *A Portrait of Jesus*

by Joseph Girzone

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

God Welcomes All / Come, You People

So. African melody / J. F. D. Martin/E. Martin Cliffe

[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Sermon

Letting-go of the Excess Baggage

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise

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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

Help Us Express Your Love

Hastings, arr. Elser

"Help us express your love, O God -
committed to one world in thee!
Abundant gifts enhance our lives;
oh, free them for humanity!"
Cleo Hanthorne Moon (1904-2000)

*** 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, may the light of your love shine in and through us today. Bless these gifts, that they might be used to further Your work in this community and in our world. Bless and guide us as we seek to give of ourselves in serving You, by serving others. This we ask in the name of the One who gave himself for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

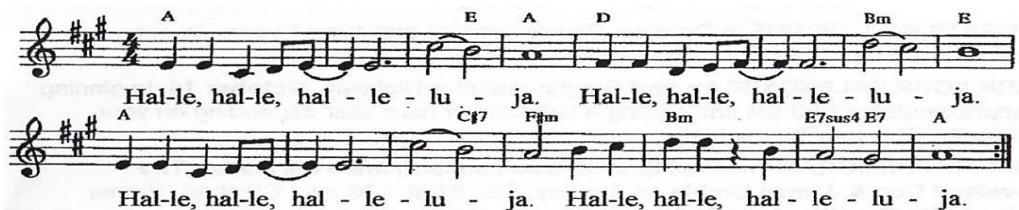
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***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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 and Fugue in C Major

Walther

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 September 3, 2017 – Adults: 62 Kids: 10 Total: 72

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.

OUR "HYMN OF THE MONTH" for September is *Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise*, by Fred Pratt Green. Green was born in Liverpool, England, in 1903, and ordained into the British Methodist ministry. He served as a pastor and district superintendent in Brighton and York. Throughout his ministry, Green tried to write new hymns "that could fill the gap between the hymns of the first part of this century and the 'far-out' compositions that have crowded into some churches in the last decade or more." ►

Today's hymn reflects Green's understanding of how the Church must continue to find relevance in each generation, and not simply rest on past achievements:

What changes, challenges, and tests the church of Christ survives....

*Still must the church proclaim to all that now, and evermore,
the house of God is open house, and Christ the Open Door.*

WELCOME TO OUR "WELCOME & GROWTH" TASK FORCE - Our thanks to these BUCC members who have agreed to serve on our year-long task-force which will focus on our congregation's welcome and outreach, ministry and messaging, growth and future:

Gina Cook, Jim Duffy, Leroy Ford, Diane Gressley, Ed Lusk, Anne Melfo, David Ritchey, George Snider, Sue Stenzel, Kathleen Stewart, Betsey Wilson, and Pastor Dave Shackle.

CALLING ALL BUCC YOUTH ages 12 and older! This evening we will be gathering in Pilgrim Hall from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for our first Fall meeting. We will spend some time getting to know each other, play some fun and challenging games, share some snacks and some ideas about our plans for the upcoming year. Please plan to attend and feel free to bring a friend! - Pastor Dave

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF - UCC Disaster Ministries is already gearing-up with local congregations and agencies for long-term recovery work in the region. Your contributions for Harvey survivors means providing 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 this catastrophic event. Gifts may be made to BUCC, marked for "Hurricane Harvey" and they will be sent through our Ohio Conference office. Thank you!

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!

WEEKLY PARTICIPANTS - It is time to review the list of participants who help each Sunday with our service and Coffee Hour. It takes 17-19 volunteers each week.

Signup sheets will be circulated during Coffee Hour on 9/10 and 9/17. If you are currently participating please add your name so we can have an up to date list. Anyone that has not had the opportunity to participate please feel free to sign up.

Please think about which jobs you are willing to help with on Sundays. It is definitely all right to sign up for more than one opportunity. Thank you in advance for helping.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY is celebrating Rally Day today! Please join us in Pilgrim Hall after service for a Pot-Luck lunch!

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]

MUSIC MINISTRY: Everyone who enjoys singing or playing an instrument is encouraged to consider participating in one of our ensembles at BUCC! Here's a list of rehearsal days and times for each group:

Joyful Noise Choir meets Thursday early evenings from 5:30-6:15. (Ages K-5th grade.) Songs, Bible stories, activities in an affirming, fun environment.

Adult Choir practices Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00. Ages 16 through adult are welcome to participate.

Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble rehearses Wed. afternoons from 4:30-5:00. All ages welcome. Dave D. offers free lessons on both these easy instruments to anyone interested. We have an extra dulcimer for someone to play, and the church provides free soprano recorders. If rehearsal day and time don't fit your schedule, individual practice times can be arranged so you can participate.

Youth Percussion Group meets ~ every *other* Sunday from 5:30-6:00; youth ministry follows at 6:00. First practice is tonight, Sept. 10 at 5:30. Watch bulletins and Pillars for schedule reminders. This group is for 6th grade through high school; talk with Dave if you're interested but younger than 6th grade.

Instrumentalists - If you're comfortable playing your instrument in public and would like to share your musical gifts with our (very affirming) congregation, let Dave know so he can put you on his list.

Seasonal Choir begins preparing for the annual Christmas cantata on Thursday Oct. 12 from 7:00-8:00. These singers help reinforce our regular choir for the holiday cantata. This year's program is scheduled for Sunday Dec. 10.

Private piano lessons begin this week on Wed. and Thurs. Sept. 13 and 14. All ages welcome. Contact Dave if you'd like to start lessons.

For more details about these musical activities at the church, please see the September Pillar, speak with current choir members or instrumentalists, or contact Dave. Feel free to come and "check out" any group that interests you. You'll be glad you did!

Readings

The Old Testament - Numbers 11:16-17; 24-29

The Holy One said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself.... So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Holy One; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Holy One came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all of God’s people be prophets, and that the Holy One’s spirit would be placed upon them all!”

The New Testament - Luke 10:1-11

After this Jesus appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the ruler of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The Divine Realm has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the Divine Realm has come near.’

The Continuing Testament - from *A Portrait of Jesus* - by Joseph Grizone [edited]

When you go through the Gospels, you begin to see that Jesus did exercise authority, but it was a unique kind of authority. He had authority over demons and over people's illnesses. He healed, he consoled, he comforted, he raised the dead to life, he gave sight to the blind. But most of all he taught with authority, not by threatening and doing violence to people's minds, but by the power of his word he made the truth as clear as humanly possible. What he did most of all, was teach by the beauty of his own life and example.

That was the kind of authority Jesus had in mind for his apostles - a gentle, kind authority that persuaded by the inherent power of the message itself. As powerful as Jesus was, he never bullied or used oppressive tactics to force people into submission. How beautiful and attractive Christianity would be if Christian leaders imitated Jesus' humility, gentleness, and courtesy in the exercise of their authority.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 10	10:00 am	Worship Service/Rally Day
	11:00 am	Rally Day Potluck
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Monday, September 11	1:00 pm	Book Discussion - Parlor
	7:00 pm	Facilities – Library
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life – Pilgrim Hall
Wednesday, Sept. 13	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
	7:00 pm	*Piano Lessons Start* Council
Thursday, Sept. 14	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, September 17	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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: Jan Renovetz, Donn
Whyte
Servers: Michelle Namitka, Darlene
Kelly
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Beth
Rehling

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Lay Reader: Ed Lusk
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Dan & Ian Stewart,
Jess Barnes, Kate
Klonowski
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Stu Bailey, Bruce
McCain
Servers: Marge Culver, Sue
Stenzel
Clean-Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks: Kathleen Stewart, Heidi
Spangler