



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, as you inspire and lead your people in every generation, stir-up our spirits and guide our lives today. Fill us with your compassion and peace, so that we might love and serve you and others more fully and faithfully. By your Holy Spirit, draw us closer to you and to one another. Amen.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Sunday November 5, 2017 • 10:00 AM

All Saints 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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November 5, 2017 – All Saints Sunday

Meditation Music

Loving and Compassionate Holy One, we thank you for those faithful people who have touched and blessed our lives in so many ways. Help us to follow their gracious examples, and also to walk in the pathway of Jesus Christ - so that all those around us might see Christ's love in action, and learn to trust in his message of grace and peace. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Tiona Nehenehe

French Polynesia

*[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble; Pastor Dave, guitar;
Becky Anderson and Erin Tomlinson, flute;
Youth Percussion Group]*

*[Translation: When Jesus comes again, we will all meet him in the beautiful, beloved
homeland of the saints.]*

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Today, we remember the faithful lives of those who have gone before us.

People: We give thanks for all those who helped enlightened our path!

L: Today we gather in unity with our sisters and brothers,

P: To celebrate the connectedness of all of our lives!

L: Today we raise-up One Bread and Cup,

P: Remembering the Risen Christ who lives among us!

L: Today we share that Bread and Cup with all who desire,

P: Remembering Christ's extravagant welcome and service to all!

L: Today we lift our voices in thanks and praise!

All: With all the Saints, we worship the Holy One!

*** Hymn of Praise**

For All the Saints

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*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Eternal Holy One, we look to your saving power and grace. Enter those parts of ourselves that disturb us and heal them. Use our broken places as the places where you bring us together in community. Transform our own weakness into compassion for the weakness of others. Give us that graceful combination of humility and self-esteem that we may see ourselves and others as you see us - your restored and loved people. 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.

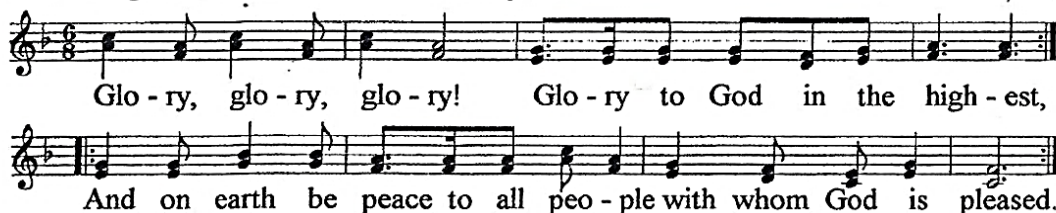
The Peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 84

Pew Bible, page 543

The New Testament

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, page 4

The Continuing Testament *The ABCs of BUCC Stewardship*

Diane Gressley

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

O Who Will Come

Original Sacred Harp,
1844; setting Parker

Sermon

*So, Who's **Your** Patron/(ess) Saint?*

Pastor Dave
Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

O God in Whom All Life Begins
[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 What Does the Lord Require of You Strathdee
"To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God." (on Micah 6:8)

*** 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]**

**Creator of all, we thank you that you have called us to be your people, the Church.
We thank you that you have given us all that we need to serve you. Help us to
willingly take our part in your service, by helping one another, by freely giving to
those in need, and by sharing the greatest gift we have: the gift of your love. This
we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your gift of love to us all. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

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

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: As Christ's inclusive Community of Saints, let us now consecrate these gifts of Bread and Cup through our praying together:

All: Gracious Holy One, we spread your Table with these gifts of the earth, and present to you the gift of our lives. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon this Bread and Cup, and upon us all. We pray that you would strengthen your Church throughout the world to be faithful in your service, that we might reflect your love and grace in all that we say and do. Amen.

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

From *Enigma Variations*

Elgar

Theme

Variation I (C.A.E.)

Variation IX (Nimrod)

**see program notes printed after bulletin announcements*

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

We give thanks, Divine Source of Life, that you have refreshed us at your Table of Grace. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

O Savior, for the Saints

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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*

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

The musical score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chords are indicated above and below the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

*Benediction

Postlude

Ephesians Hymn II

Toolan

"If you live by truth and love in the Lord Jesus,
God's great gift will be proclaimed in you."
S. Suzanne Toolan, 1971

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 29, 2017 – Adults: 98 Kids: 12 Total: 110

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.

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Carole & George Snider, in Honor of the marriages of 2 of our grandsons – Zachary to Amanda, and Neil to Claire.

FINANCE To all Committees-- please submit your budgets for 2018 as soon as possible.

OUR "HYMN OF THE MONTH" for November is ***O God in Whom All Life Begins*** by Carl P. Daw, Jr., who has authored many contemporary hymns. Daw, an Episcopal priest, served as the Executive Director of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada from 1996 to 2009. In this hymn, Daw expresses the idea that the Holy One, who is the Source of us all, also calls us all to join together in using our various gifts and talents to serve and love the world.

MEMBERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP Just a reminder that the Thanksgiving dinner is coming up on November 12 following service. If your name is not on the sign-up sheet please see Kathy Smith or David Pastor. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

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.

MITTEN TREE – The mitten tree is in place in the narthex. The weather is turning colder, and there are people who need warm hats, mittens, and scarves. Please respond to their need by placing these items on the mitten tree. This tree is magic, because it fills up two or three times over the cold months. The items are taken to a hunger center, and people can get these items when they pick up food items.

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 11 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 18.

BOOK DISCUSSION November 6th book discussion considers a science fiction classic FAHRENHEIT 451--the temperature at which book paper catches fire and burns. There is already lots of discussion from those reading this uncanny picture, copyrighted in 1951. Group meets in parlor at 1:00 pm. New readers are always welcome.

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!

THE CHANDLERS HAVE MOVED! Here is their new address, phone number, and email address:

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Medina, OH 44256
330-721-3103
rchandler@zoominternet.net**

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.

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF THE SERVICE? Please talk to any usher about the Williams Sound - Personal PA Receiver, available for your use. These simple-to-use units can help improve your worship experience, by amplify those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

DID YOU MISS last Sunday's service or do you just want to have a chance to rehear Pastor Dave's sermon. The Sunday services are recorded in their entirety on audio CDs each week. You can borrow a CD in the church office and listen to it at your convenience at home or in your car. Several recent weeks' recordings are always available. Check them out and check them out.

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

PROGRAM NOTES

Edward Elgar composed his ***Variations on an Original Theme***, [Op.](#) 36, popularly known as the ***Enigma Variations***, between October 1898 and February 1899. It is an orchestral work comprising fourteen [variations](#) on an original theme. (Today's Communion Music is an organ transcription by Dave Debick of Elgar's own piano version.) Elgar dedicated the work "to my friends pictured within", each variation being a musical sketch of one of his circle of close acquaintances. Those portrayed include Elgar's wife [Alice](#), his friend and publisher [Augustus J. Jaeger](#) and Elgar himself. In a programme note for a performance in 1911 Elgar wrote: "This work, commenced in a spirit of humour & continued in deep seriousness, contains sketches of the composer's friends. It may be understood that these personages comment or reflect on the original theme & each one attempts a solution of the Enigma, for so the theme is called. The sketches are not 'portraits' but each variation contains a distinct idea founded on some particular personality or perhaps on some incident known only to two people."

Theme (Enigma: Andante)

The unusual melodic contours of the G minor opening theme convey a sense of searching introspection. A switch to the major key introduces a flowing motif which briefly lightens the mood before the first theme returns, now accompanied by a sustained bass line and emotionally charged counterpoints.

In a programme note for a 1912 performance of his setting of [Arthur O'Shaughnessy's](#) ode *The Music Makers*, Elgar wrote of this theme (which he quoted in the later work), "it expressed when written (in 1898) my sense of the loneliness of the artist as described in the first six lines of the Ode, and to me, it still embodies that sense." Elgar's personal identification with the theme is evidenced by his use of its opening phrase (which matches the rhythm and inflection of his name) as a signature in letters to friends. The theme leads into Variation I without a pause.

Variation I (L'istesso tempo) "C.A.E."

[Caroline Alice Elgar](#), Elgar's wife. The variation repeats a four-note melodic fragment which Elgar reportedly whistled when arriving home to his wife. After Alice's death, Elgar wrote, "The variation is really a prolongation of the theme with what I wished to be romantic and delicate additions; those who knew C.A.E. will understand this reference to one whose life was a romantic and delicate inspiration."

Variation IX (Adagio) "Nimrod"

[Augustus J. Jaeger](#) was employed as music editor by the London publisher Novello & Co. He was a close friend of Elgar's, giving him useful advice but also severe criticism, something Elgar greatly appreciated. Elgar later related how Jaeger had encouraged him as an artist and had stimulated him to continue composing despite setbacks.

The name of the variation refers to [Nimrod](#), an Old Testament patriarch described as "a mighty hunter before the Lord" – *Jäger* being German for hunter. In 1904 Elgar told Dora Penny ("Dorabella") that this variation is not really a portrait, but "the story of something that happened". Once, when Elgar had been very depressed and was about to give it all up and write no more music, Jaeger had visited him and encouraged him to continue composing. He referred to [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), who had a lot of worries, but wrote more and more beautiful music. "And that is what *you* must do", Jaeger said, and he sang the theme of the second movement of Beethoven's [Piano Sonata No. 8 *Pathétique*](#). Elgar disclosed to Dora that the opening bars of "Nimrod" were made to suggest that theme. "Can't you hear it at the beginning? Only a hint, not a quotation." (from *Wikipedia*)

Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Ruler of hosts! My soul longs - indeed it faints - for your courts; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to your Living Presence. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altar, O Holy One, my Sovereign and my Strength.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of weeping, they make it a place of springs; the early rains will cover it with pools. They will go from strength to strength; the Sovereign of all will be seen in Zion.

O Ruler of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O Holy One of Jacob! Be our shelter, O Gracious One; look with favor on the faces of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand days elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Holy One, than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Holy One is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor. No good thing does the Holy One withhold from those who live virtuously. O Ruler of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!

The New Testament - Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Realm of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ►

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Realm of Heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 5	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Monday, November 6	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Facilities – Library
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life - Parlor
Wednesday, November 8	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday, November 9	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Saturday, November 11	9:00 am	Fall clean-up
Sunday, November 12	10:00 am	Worship Service/Stewardship
	11:00 am	Thanksgiving Dinner
		Advent Book Submissions Due Today

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Joe Wilson, Drew Wilson
Linda Kriynovich, Sam Koch
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr: Jill Zedan
Flowers: HARVEST
Nursery: Jonathan Cook
Counters: Bruce McCain, Carole Snider
Servers: Membership Ministry
Clean-Up: Stewardship Ministry
Snacks: Thanksgiving Dinner