



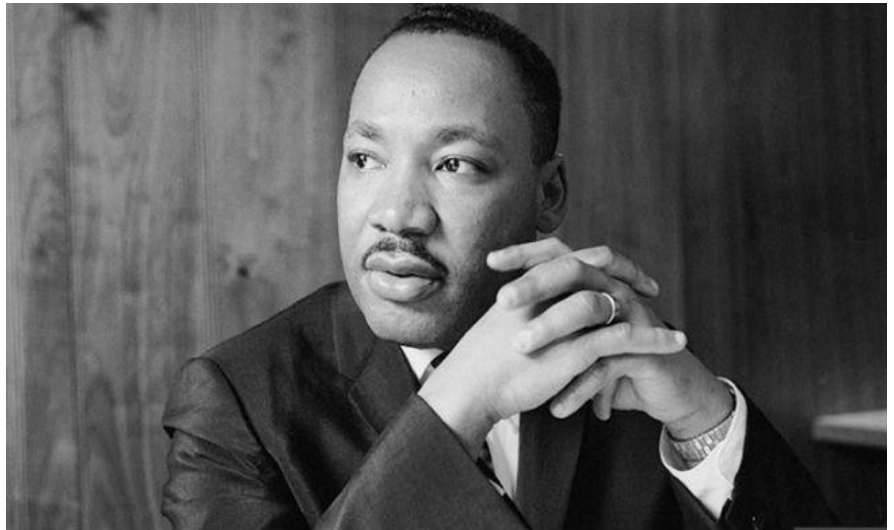
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Still-Speaking
Holy One, at
times you come
to us when we
do not know for
certain if it is
you who calls to
us. As we seek
to find ordinary
explanations for
the sound of
your voice,
keep us
from simply
dismissing your
call, and inspire
us to listen with
our whole
hearts. Amen.



***"In these days of worldwide confusion,
there is a dire need for men and women who will
courageously do battle for truth...."***

Martin Luther King Jr.

Sunday January 14, 2018 • 10:00 AM
Second Sunday After Epiphany

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.

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:00 - 12:00

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January 14, 2018 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Wisdom and Illumination, as we continue on our journey with Christ, the Light of the world, may we hear you speaking to us in the quiet of the night, in the morning around the breakfast table, and in the schools, workplaces, and volunteer efforts of the day. And may we faithfully respond to your call, and continue to follow. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

I Cannot Dance, O Love

Parker

"I cannot dance, O Love, unless you lead me on.

I cannot leap in gladness unless you lift me up.

From love to love we circle, beyond all knowledge grow,
for when you lead we follow, to new worlds you can show."

Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on the writing of Mechtilde of Magdeburg
(13th century Christian mystic)

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: This morning the Holy One calls us to expand our vision of what it means to people of faith.

People: We are called to look inward to what lies dormant, hidden, and undeveloped.

L: Today, we are invited to look for the potential, the possible, the wonderful;

P: We are called to embrace the Holy, and to be embraced by the Holy One in return.

L: Let us open our eyes to the signs of Divine Life and Love which are all around us;.

P: Let us open our ears to the Sacred Call to be a new and renewed people.

L: Let us seek together the power of God's transforming grace,

All: So that we might share that power and grace with others, wherever we go!

*** Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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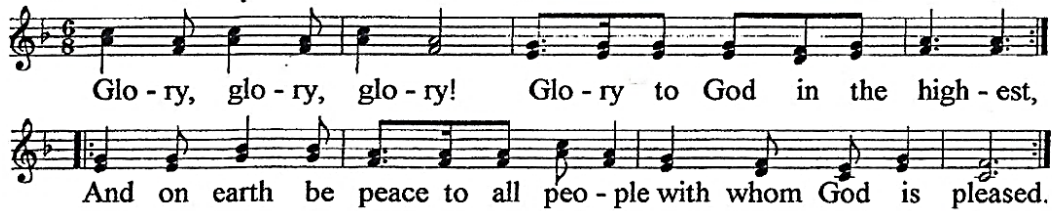
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

We encounter you, Gracious Holy One, in places we might not expect, in people we would never imagine. Sometimes we see you clearly and sometimes we pass by without seeing you at all. Open our eyes to see you here and now: to see you among the people in this congregation, and among the strangers we meet outside these doors. Open our hearts to welcome your Presence among us, through our extravagant welcome to all. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

I Samuel 3:1-10

Pew Bible, page 247

The New Testament

John 1:35-46

Pew Bible, page 92

The Continuing Testament

from *Strength to Love*

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

O Come and See!

Blakely/Neubauer, arr. Debick

Sermon

Step-up, Stand-up

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

#531

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

Sinfonia X

J. S. Bach

*** Offertory Hymn**

Winter has come, it's taken hold.

The days are short, the nights are cold.

The poor need food and light and heat.

We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

We offer ourselves with these gifts, Gracious Holy One, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see the signs of your love which surround us every day. Open our hearts to embrace new ways to serve you and others. Renew our compassion and inspire our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Hope and our Joy. Amen.

Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

#306

*** 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 image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. Chords are indicated above and below the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Go Now Forth into the World

Forscutt

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Donn Whyte, 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, 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 January 7, 2017 – Adults: 71 Kids: 12 Total: 83

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.

YEAR-END STATEMENTS are available in the Commons area. Please take them to eliminate the cost of mailing.

MANY THANKS go to the BUCC members and friends who responded so overwhelmingly to the blast asking for blankets and coats for the people attending the hunger meal last Sunday. The blankets, coats, and clothing were placed on tables, and people took what they needed to keep them warm in the cold weather. There were four bags of clothing left after the meal, and they were taken to St. Herman's along with the few food items left over. Needless to say, the items were warmly received (no pun intended).

WOMEN UNITED will not be meeting in January of February. Watch for further information in the Announcements.

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

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.

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.

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***.

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.

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.

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.

Readings

The Old Testament - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Holy One under Eli. The word of the Holy One was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple, where the ark of God was. Then the Holy One called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Holy One called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Holy One, and the word of God had not yet been revealed to him. The Holy One called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that God was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if you are called, you shall say, 'Speak, God, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Holy One came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The New Testament - John 1:35-46

John the Baptist was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" [which means Teacher], "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" [which is translated Anointed]. He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" [which is translated Peter].

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see!"

The Continuing Testament - from *Strength to Love* - by Martin Luther King, Jr.
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We are gravely mistaken to think that Christianity protects us from the pain and agony of mortal existence. Christianity has always insisted that the cross we bear precedes the crown we wear. To be a Christian, one must take up their cross, with all its difficulties and agonizing and tragedy-packed content, and carry it until that very cross leaves its mark upon us and redeems us to that more excellent way which comes only through suffering.

In these days of worldwide confusion, there is a dire need for men and women who will courageously do battle for truth. We must make a choice. Will we continue to march to the drumbeat of conformity and respectability, or will we, listening to the beat of a more distant drum, move to its echoing sounds? Will we march only to the music of time, or will we, risking criticism and abuse, march to the soul-saving music of eternity? More than ever before, we are today challenged by the words of yesterday, "Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 14	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Monday, January 15	7:00 pm	Welcome & Growth Task Force
Wednesday, January 17	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday, January 18	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday, January 19		*Office Closed*
Sunday, January 21	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Bowling – Northwood Lanes

Sunday, January 28, 2018, 11:00 am - Annual Congregational Meeting

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 14, 2018

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Kim & Tim Wallis, George & Carole Snider
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Carole Snider
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E. Teacher:	Beth Rehling
Counters	Jim Duffy, David Pastor
Servers:	Sue Stenzel, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up:	Jill Zedan, Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Diane Gressley
Snow Herder:	Chad Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 21, 2018

Lay Reader:	Sue Stenzel
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Jill Zedan, Matt Wolbert Katy & David Pastor
Acolyte:	Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E. Teacher:	Heidi Spangler
Counters:	Jon Thompson, Kate Klonowski
Servers:	Caroline Chandler, Joy Garapic
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks:	Marge Culver, Betty Kaul
Snow Herder:	Wes Novak