



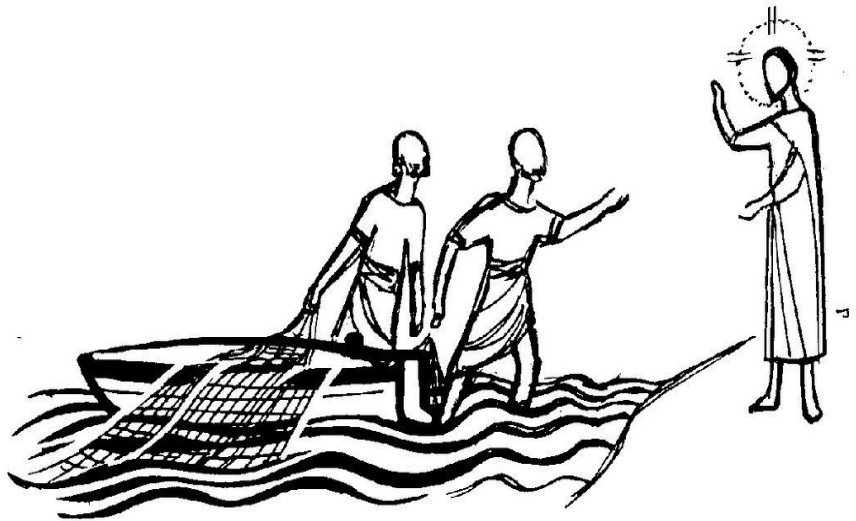
# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, we are wonderfully made in your image. Help us to discern our gifts for ministry in the midst of a deluge of information and needs in this world. Cast out our confusion, and draw us into your community that follows Christ's ways. Amen.



***“ Follow Me, And I Will Make You Fish For People.”  
Mark 1:17***

**Sunday January 21, 2018 • 10:00 AM**

**Third 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**

**Church Phone: 440-526-4364**

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## January 21, 2018 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

### **Meditation Music**

As Jesus called fishermen, tax collectors, and others to follow him, we find ourselves busy with our own tasks, surrounded by our modern nets, involved with our everyday activities. Help us to hear and see you. Help us set aside what is no longer essential, so that we may do extraordinary things worthy of your calling. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

#### **Prelude**

We Will Go, Lord

Cerneka/Johnson

"We will go, Lord, where you would have us go,  
and we will do what you would have us do.

Lord Jesus, we will follow you.

We will be strong. We will be strong."

Shannon Cerneka, b. 1975; and Orin Johnson, b. 1973

#### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Through the dim shadow of our lives, the Spirit of the Holy One shines forth!

**People: We are here to seek light and hope, grace and fulfillment.**

L: The Holy One calls us from apathy and separation, and love into community.

**P: We have come to find healing and peace, to experience forgiveness and acceptance.**

L: In the midst of the ordinary, the Sacred One comes; in our day-to-day living, the Holy One inspires us.

**P: Our Divine Source is our shelter, our strength, and our guide!**

L: Let us put our trust in the abundance of Divine Love,

**All: For the Holy One is with us, now and forever!**

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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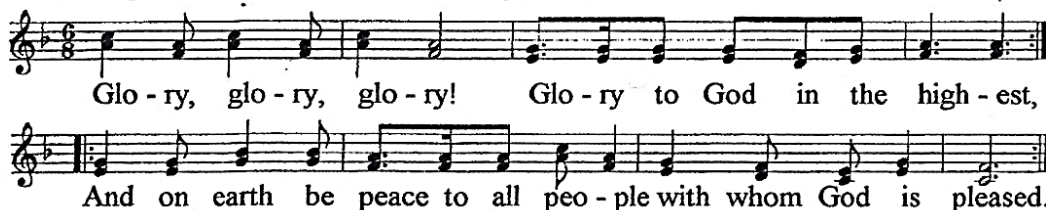
#### **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Creative Source of All, in our time of worship, and throughout the hours of our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. Hold us together as individuals and as a community of faith. In all of our seeking and doing, help us to focus our hopes on you. Be our passion, our balance, our source of loving support, through Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Jonah 3:1-5; 10

Pew Bible, page 860

**The New Testament**

Mark 1:14-20

Pew Bible, page 35

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Armchair Travelers*

by Melissa Bane Sevier

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Take the Path of the Disciple  
*[Becky Anderson, flute]*

Pratt, arr. Kraybill

**Sermon**

*Fish, Collect, Feed, Construct....*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

You Have Come down to the Lakeshore

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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**

Sanctus primus et secundus

from *Missa*  
*Apostolorum* Cavazzoni

### **\* 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 [Unison]**

We thank you, Gracious Holy One, for the opportunity to share in your creative and healing work in this world. Because you have blessed us in so many ways, we have much to give to others. May these offerings express our gratitude to you, and our desire to reach out to all your people, wherever they may be found. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

## ***Holy Communion***

### **Words of Institution**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Invitation**

### **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

### **Communion Music**

We Are Companions on the Journey  
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Landry

"We are companions on the journey,  
breaking bread and sharing life;  
and in the love we bear is the hope we share  
for we believe in the love of our God."

Carey Landry, b. 1944

### **The Blessing**

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure      We Love Your Realm, O God      #312

\*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      Fantasia No. 1      K. O. Rønnes (Norway)

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Janet Nicholas, 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 14, 2018 – Adults: 67 Kids: 12 Total: 79**

## ***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.

**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 Sherrill Witt, in Honor of the Church Community.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to approve our finalized 2018 Budget and Slate of Officers will be held next Sunday, **January 28<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following worship. Please plan to attend this important event!

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

**ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11** at 10:00 AM, Brecksville UCC will host a Mardi Gras service featuring live New Orleans-style music. Our ensemble regulars include Eric Seddon, clarinet; Pastor Dave Shackle, trumpet; Steve Ostrow, trombone; Mark Mazak, tuba; and Steve Kraus, banjo. The service will be followed by a gala potluck downstairs in Pilgrim Hall. Please plan on joining us for this festive event. Bring a friend!

**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 you 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.



## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Jonah 3:1-5; 10**

The word of the Holy One came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Holy One. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

And the people of Nineveh believed the word of the Holy One; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ....When the Holy One saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God relented concerning the calamity that would fall upon them, and did not do it.

### **The New Testament - Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the Divine Realm has come near; repent, and believe in the good news!” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

### **The Continuing Testament - from *Armchair Travelers* - by Melissa Bane Sevier [edited]**

When we think about Jesus calling his first disciples, we may need to remind ourselves of this obvious fact: not everyone is called to leave the boats and nets, to leave family and place. The vast majority of us are called to stay where we are as we serve the Holy One. But at the same time, the calling of Jesus all through the gospels is to get out of our comfort zone; to recognize that while we can keep on fishing right where we are, we must do it consciously. And we will bring Christ’s mission to as many aspects of our everyday lives as possible. ►

We will pay attention to the outcast, the sick, and the poor among us. We will challenge the status quo. We will seek justice and equality. We will live kindly among our friends and family and among strangers. We will allow our own faith and assumptions to be upended by new ideas and new experiences. We will tread lightly on the earth.

Can we do all this from home? You bet! But we do it best when we allow ourselves to journey with Jesus, even if we don't leave town.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Bowling – Northwood Lanes</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Recorder/Dulcimer</b>
<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Friday, January 26</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</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>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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  
Comns Grtr: Max Roha  
Flowers: Sue Stenzel  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
C.E. Teacher: Heidi Spangler  
Counters: Marge Culver, Kate Klonowski  
Servers: Caroline Chandler, Joy  
Garapic  
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Snacks: Marge Culver, Betty Kaul  
Snow Herder: Wes Novak

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**JANUARY 28, 2018**

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Ben Tomlinson, Jess Barnes,  
Dave & Julie Bernard  
Acolyte: Carli Began  
Peace Candle: Drew Demko  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler  
Flowers: Julie Bernard  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
C.E. Teacher: Anne Melfo  
Counters: Marge Culver, Dave Bernard  
Servers: Carole Snider, Joan Cook  
Clean Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul  
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Susan Snyder  
Snow Herder: Cliff Cribbs