

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source
of enduring
promise, you
know our hearts
and minds. Fill
us with your
thoughts and
right actions.
Help us to be
loving and kind.
As you continue
to speak to us,
help us to
faithfully listen
for your wisdom
- now and in the
days to come.
Amen.



"Where There Is Love, God Is Truly Present."

Sunday May 13, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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, or transgender

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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May 13, 2018 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Meditation Music

Creating and Sustaining Holy One, we know you as Shepherd and Host, Mother and Father, Guardian and Friend. You are all of these and more to us. Help us to recognize your generous, all-embracing love - so that we may also be generous and compassionate toward others. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude

Dvořák

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** [from *Psalms* 113]

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Holy One,

People: From this time forth and for evermore!

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

P: Let us praise the name of our Creator!

L: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One,

P: To sing praises to the Source of all good things!

L: Let us declare our Maker's steadfast love in the morning,

All: Let us rejoice in the Holy One's faithfulness, day and night!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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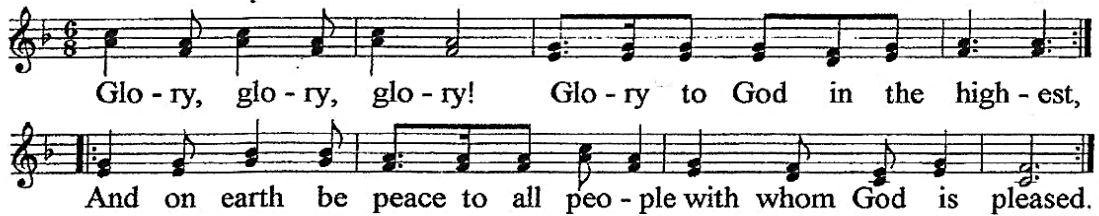
*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Holy Source of us all, your love and grace is for all people and all creation. Help us to share your Divine Compassion toward our troubled and hurting world. Bring your wisdom and power into our lives, that we may join you in bringing help and healing to those in need, that your Reign of Justice and Peace might be known among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 17-20

Pew Bible, page 167

The New Testament

John 14:23-29

Pew Bible, page 109

The Continuing Testament

by Jennifer Lasky

Edna House Director

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Seek Truth, Make Peace, Reverence Life

Haugen, adapt. Daigle

[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Sermon

Making a House, a Home

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

God Made from One Blood

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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

Andantino

Franck

* 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]

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

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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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

God, Thee I Love

16th century German

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy & Leroy Ford and their Grandson, Garion, The Family of Donn Whyte, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Bill Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary D'Agostino, 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, May 6, 2018 – Adult: 82 Kids: 8 Total: 90

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Bettina Ortiz in Honor of the birthdays of my daughter, Rachel Kubic (5/21/68), and granddaughters Grace & Julianna Kubic (5/15/2000).

SUMMER MUSIC VOLUNTEERS: This morning, Dave Debick will begin recruiting volunteers for BUCC's summer music program. If you'd like to share your musical gifts with the congregation sometime over the summer months, talk with Dave so he can sign you up for a Sunday that's convenient for you. He is glad to help you choose music, and rehearses with singers and instrumentalists as needed.

SUMMER MONTHS are busy. This is a fact. If you know when you will not be available to be included in the schedule please email me at stenzelsj@sbcglobal.net with the details. Sue Stenzel

TODAY WE WELCOME JENNIFER LASKY, Executive Director of Edna House who will share with us information about the important work that is done there. Also, we will be collecting donations to benefit Edna House, to help women who are in recovery from drug or alcohol abuse.

Readings

The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 17-19

Moses said “So now, O Israel, what does the Holy One require of you? Only to revere the Holy One, to walk in all God’s ways, to love God, and to serve the Holy One with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and decrees of your God that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.... For the Holy One is mighty and awesome, not partial and takes no bribe. The Holy One executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

The New Testament - John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Heavenly Parent will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Divine Source who sent me.

”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Holy One will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the my Heavenly Parent, because my Parent is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 13	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Edna House Offering
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, May 14	7:00 pm	Welcome & Growth Task Force – Parlor
Wed., May 16	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thurs., May 17	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday, May 18		*Office Closed*
Sunday, May 20	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 13 2018

Lay Reader:	Darlene Kelly
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
	Kate Klonowski, Kathy Smith
Acolyte:	Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Jess Barnes
C.E Teacher:	Tia Began
Counters	Jon Thompson, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Sue & Cliff Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Dave & Kathy Pastor
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Pat Rehm

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 20, 2018

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Sam Koch, Jess Barnes
	Carole & George Snider
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Jill Zedan
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Carole Snider
Clean-Up:	Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks:	Beth Rehling, Erin Tomlinson