



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED Church of CHRIST

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

Holy Spirit of
Life and Love,
on that
Pentecost long
ago, people
from all over the
known world
were gathered
and inspired by
your gracious
Presence. May
we in our time
welcome that
same Spirit
of inclusion,
diversity, and
compassion
that is at the
heart of
the Gospel
message. Amen



Sunday May 20, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Pentecost 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, 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 20, 2018 – Pentecost Sunday

Meditation Music

Divine Source of us all, may the gift of your Holy Spirit flow in and through our lives today. Inspire us to be open, compassionate and welcoming toward others - especially those who we perceive as different from ourselves. Keep us grounded in your love and grace, so that we might continue to follow Christ's path of welcome and service. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Spirit of Faith, Come Down
*[Recorder/dulcimer/guitar ensemble;
assisted by Youth Percussion Group]*

Sacred Harp, 1840

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Mighty Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us today!

People: Fiery Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

L: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our fractured lives!

P: Inspiring Hope of the Spirit, stir our hearts to action!

L: Guiding Light of the Spirit, lead us in your path!

All: Loving Power of the Spirit, fill us with your joy!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

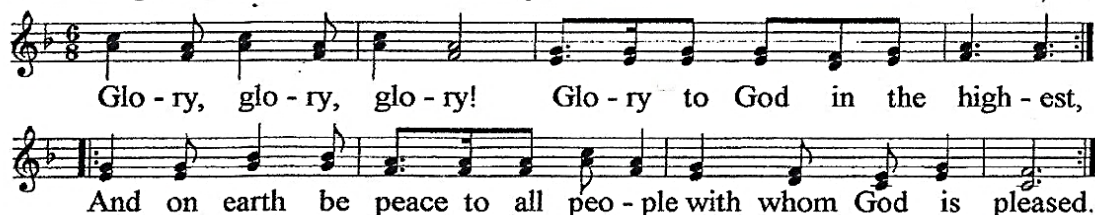
Holy Spirit, come among us today and touch us with the fullness of your grace.

Enter our lives, free us from our fears, and guide us by your wisdom. Empower us to be your Church, today and every day. Impart to us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and in this world. Renew within us all, your abiding gifts of faith, hope, and love, so that we might continue to follow your light and praise you with joy! Amen!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Isaiah 58:6-10

Pew Bible, page 688

The New Testament

Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible, page 119

The Continuing Testament from *The Power of the Holy Spirit*

by Janet Hunt

Time with Young Worshipers

Recognizing our Beautiful BUCC Volunteers

Anthem

Now Is the Time

Kendzia

Sermon

E Pluribus Unum

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound

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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

Spring Dance

Grieg

*** 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, bless us now and the gifts that we bring. May your redeeming word of hope be spoken through us and through our gifts, in this place and throughout our world. Grant that the fire of your Spirit may warm our hearts and radiate out from us as deeds of love and service. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Breathe

Barnett

"This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me."
Marie Barnett, 1995

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling #59

*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 (from "10 Pièces") Gigout

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 13, 2018 – Adults: 82 Kids: 12 Total: 94

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.

BUCC PRESENCE AT PRIDE - This year we will again be participating in the Cleveland Pride March, on Saturday June 2nd. The Parade steps-off at noon from the staging area located at E. 17th and Lakeside, and concludes at Public Square where the Pride Festival is being held. [approx. 1 mile]. Those interested in walking are invited to meet at the church at 10:30 to car-pool, or you can join us at the Parade starting point. And, as with all our events, please feel free to invite a friend!

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Carole & George Snider in Celebration of the Marriage of our granddaughter Jennifer Caster to Rocky Love – that took place May 12th.

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.

SUMMER MUSIC VOLUNTEERS: During coffee hour this morning, Dave Debick will continue 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

OUR COMPLETE WORSHIP SERVICE, including anthems, hymns, etc., is fed by our sound system to our new audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its location so that its continuing feed is not eliminated from the system.

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.

Readings

The Old Testament - Isaiah 58:6-10

Thus says the Holy One: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break-forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring-up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, and the light of the Holy One shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Holy One will answer; you shall cry for help, and the Holy One will say, "Here I am!" ►

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The New Testament - Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about the Holy One's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, the Holy One declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy'.... Then everyone who calls on the name of the Holy One shall be saved."

The Continuing Testament - from *The Power of the Holy Spirit* - by Janet Hunt
[edited]

Beyond the wind and fire, I find it especially interesting that the power of the Holy Spirit is known most profoundly through people who - just moments before - had no understanding of one another. Suddenly, they do! We may tend to believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are intended to help and empower us individually. Instead, the gifts of the Spirit which are ours, are meant to bring us together with those people we perhaps have only begun to understand. The gifts of the Holy Spirit as described on Pentecost are only experienced by people who are together: in long standing community, or in community which has just suddenly been formed.

In the same way, the Holy One puts us together on this journey of faith, so that all together we have the right gifts and tools to do what needs to be done. Perhaps the most amazing thing God does on the day of Pentecost is to break-down those things which divides us from one another. The real Power of the Holy Spirit is not found in the wind and the flames; it is discovered between us and among us and through us. It all begins with us understanding one another. After that, anything is possible!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 20

10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour
5:30 pm Youth Percussion
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

Wed., May 23

4:30 pm Recorder/Dulcimer

Thurs., May 24

1:00 pm Bible Study
7:30 pm Choir

Friday, May 25

Office Closed

Sunday, May 27

10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S 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, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Carole Snider
Clean-Up:	Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks:	Beth Rehling, Erin Tomlinson

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

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