

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 pray for the whole world and for all of its people and creatures. Forgive us for having a short-term, short sighted vision, and for taking this great gift for granted. Help us to follow Jesus' example of treating one another - and all of Life - with compassion and gentleness, grace and love. Amen.



Sunday May 27, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Trinity 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 27, 2018 – Trinity Sunday

Meditation Music

Ever-Creating, Ever-Redeeming, Ever-Inspiring Holy One: Help us to recognize your wondrous touch in all the world, and to joyfully celebrate your unfolding Presence throughout the cosmos and within our lives. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Eternal God Transcending Time

Celtic melody; harm.
Joncas

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Our Divine Source creates the world,

People: And asks us to care for it with love.

L: Jesus welcomes us as his sisters and brothers,

P: And invites us to become One Family.

L: The Holy Spirit fills us with power and compassion,

P: And calls us to transform the world with grace and peace.

L: The Holy One speaks to us in many ways,

P: So that we who are many, may learn to be One.

L: Let us joyfully raise our voices,

All: And praise the Holy One together!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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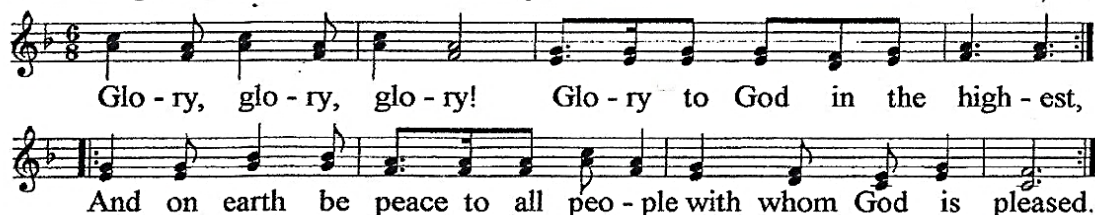
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Creator of our world, ourselves, and all that exists - we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself fully in the person of Jesus Christ, who fully shared his life with others. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to follow Christ's example and be fully present with and for one another today, and in all our days to come. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31

Pew Bible, page 590

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:16-2

Pew Bible, page 34

The Continuing Testament

from *With Us to the End of the Age*

by Kelly Johnson

Youth Anthem

Let the People of God
[Joyful Noise Choir]

Medema

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

Composer unknown, from *Southern Harmony*, 1854 edition;
arr. M. Treffinger Graham; words Keri K. Wehlander

*[Dedicated to the brave men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces,
especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives defending our
freedoms.]*

Sermon

Religion, or Relationships?

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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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

Go With Us, Lord

Tallis

"Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you."
Mary Jackson Cathey, b. 1926

*** 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]**

**Divine Source of us all, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, and for the many
ways in which we see your glory throughout Creation. We thank you for caring for
us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another.
May these offering help promote faith in you and honor to your name, our Creator,
our Redeemer, and our Sustaining Spirit. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

- * Hymn of Departure Creator God, Creating Still #278
- *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 Send Me Forth Hoffman

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy & Leroy Ford and their Grandson, Garion, 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 20, 2018 – Adults: 59 Kids: 9 Total: 68

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Mindy Harris in Honor of Lenore Harris' 87th Birthday, and in Memory of Bill Harris' 90th Birthday. With much Love, The Harris, Wade, and Anderson families.

BUCC PRESENCE AT PRIDE - This year we will again be participating in the Cleveland Pride March, this 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!

SUMMER MUSIC VOLUNTEERS - During coffee hour this morning, Dave Debick will continue recruiting singers and instrumentalists for BUCC's summer music program. Dave can help you choose music, and he rehearses with musicians as needed. He's hoping to finalize the schedule this week, so please let him know if you're interested in volunteering

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

SUMMER SCHEDULING FOR COFFEE HOUR.. Snacks for Coffee Hour will not be scheduled for June, July. If you have anything you would like to share please just leave in the kitchen and we will see that it is served. Hoping to be able to recruit some new volunteers. Questions let me know. Sue

DIRECTORY We will be publishing a new up-to-date BUCC Member Directory in the very near future. If you have any change of address, phone number, email address, or to add birthday, please contact Jeannette at 440-526-4364, or buccoh@sbcglobal.net

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Our book for this month is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. It is a horrifying story based on the Tennessee Children's Home which was used as a means for child trafficking from the Depression to 1950. Our discussion will take place in the Parlor on Monday June 4th at 1 p.m.

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!

Readings

The Old Testament - Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31

Does not Wisdom call, and does not Understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live....The Holy One established me first of all, the foremost of creation, long ago. I was made in the very beginning, at the first, before the world began. I was born before the oceans, when there were no springs of water. I was born before the mountains, before the hills were set in place, before the Creator made the earth and its fields or even the first handful of soil.”

“I was there when the Holy One set the sky in place and stretched the horizon across the ocean, when the clouds were placed in the heavens and the springs of the ocean were opened. I was present when the boundaries were set for the waters of the sea, and when the earth's foundations were laid. I was beside the Holy One like an architect, a daily source of joy, always happy in the Divine Presence - happy with the world, and delighted with the human race.”

The New Testament - Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

The Continuing Testament - from *With Us to the End of the Age* - by Kelly Johnson

Historically, Jesus’ “Great Commission” to “go and make disciples of all nations” has been sadly misused as an excuse for dominating people of other lands. The history of Christian missions cannot be told apart from the history of European colonialism, racism, and economic imperialism. This passage from Matthew can be twisted as a call to make everyone in the world “one of us”; which means getting control over them and wiping-out all that is different about them - for their own good, of course! This “Great Commission” sounds awfully close to granting permission for dominating those who are different from us.

Throughout his ministry, however, Jesus reveals a compassionate and caring Holy One; One who rejoices in allowing all creatures to live fully and freely. Jesus’ disciples are not an army ordered to make all nations subject; nor are they franchise owners sent out to increase the market-share for their exclusive brand. They are followers of the humble, serving, Crucified One; and they are sent to welcome into their motley, eclectic company all of the broken and beautiful people of the world.

Jesus’ followers are commissioned to teach everyone [and to keep learning for themselves] how to obey *all* that he taught them. This includes turning the other cheek when attacked, going the second mile, giving freely to all who ask, reaching-out to society’s disenfranchised and downtrodden. They are to love their enemies, and to welcome strangers and neighbors alike into their community. They are not called to conquer or manipulate others, but to freely share Christ’s love with them.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 27

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Mon., May 28

Office Closed

Happy Memorial Day!

Thurs., May 31

1:00 pm Bible Study

7:30 pm Choir

Friday, June 1

Office Closed

Sunday, June 3

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

****Hunger Meal – Bethany****

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

MAY 27, 2018

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Darlene Kelly, Betty Kaul Dave & Julie Bernard
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:	No Scheduled Class (for upper elem. only - they are welcome to join the younger elementary to assist if they wish!)
Counters:	Dave Bernard, Kate Klonowski
Servers:	Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean Up:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Bridget Sproul, Betty Kaul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JUNE 3, 2018

Lay Reader:	Kate Klonowski
Head Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	Bob Chandler, Diane Gressly Beth Rehling, David Ritchey
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	Heidi Spangler
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Caroline Chandler, Joy Garapic
Clean-up:	Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan

