



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

We thank you,
Creative Holy
One, for
your vision
of justice,
peace and
wholeness for
our world. May
our choices
promote that
compassionate
vision, as we
seek to work
with you in
transforming
our world into
the inclusive
and caring
community you
intend us to be.
Amen.



***“Whoever Does The Will Of The Holy One Is My
Brother And Sister And Mother.”
Mark 3:35***

Sunday June 10, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Third Sunday After Pentecost

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 pangender

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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June 10, 2018 – Third Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, fill our hearts and lives with your wisdom and compassion, so that we may better understand and follow your ways. Help us to be sensitive to the needs and concerns of others. Help us to heed your voice, by listening to each other with patience and understanding. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Allegro con brio from Sonata in C

Handel

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us praise our Creative Source of Life!

People: Let us praise the Holy Spirit, who fills our lives with blessings!

L: Let us praise the Christ, who lives among of us:

P: To set the captive free;

L: To give insight to those who refuse to see;

P: To raise up all who are oppressed;

L: To fill our hearts with joyous Good News!

All: Let us rejoice together in the holy One's amazing love and grace!

* Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Living God

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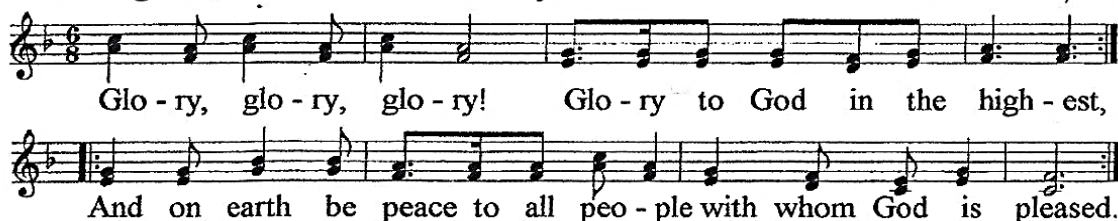
* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, in whom we live and move and have our being: we have gathered in your presence to sing your praise and to hear your Word for our living. Gather-up the prayers of each of our hearts into one harmony of worship and service, that we might truly be One Family in Christ. Amen.

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament	Psalm 138	Pew Bible, page 577
The New Testament	Mark 3:20-35	Pew Bible, page 37
The Continuing Testament	from <i>Ministry that Gets Us in Trouble</i>	by Patrick Johnson

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering	Who Is My Mother [<i>Diane Gressley, soprano; Dave Debick, baritone</i>]	Klusmeier
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Sermon	<i>Don't Get too Comfortable!</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
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Hymn of Reflection	Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls	#383
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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	I Waited Patiently for God	Billings
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**"Great wonders you have done, O God,
all purposed for our good.
Unable everyone to name,
I bow in gratitude."
The Iona Community, 1993**

*** 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 thank you, Holy Source of Life, that you have entrusted to us the responsibility of sharing with others the vision of New Life which Jesus Christ came to reveal. Accept these offerings, that they may be a sign of our love for you and for others. Use these gifts and use our lives to advance your Realm of peace and justice on earth. This we ask in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

We Love Your Realm, O God

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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

People of the Lord

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PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Terry Heiman and Family, Kathy & Leroy Ford and their Grandson, Garion, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, 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, June 3, 2018 – Adults: 66 Kids: 8 Total: 74

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 the Wilson Family in Honor of Drew's Graduation, and all of the 2018 Graduates.

WOMEN UNITED is meeting on June 20th at 11:30am in the Parlor. Bring a light lunch. Coffee is provided. Our speaker is Peg Duffy. Peg will speak on the benefits of Physical Massage and Meditation.

FROM OCWM: Sunday, June 24 we will have the opportunity to support the ***Strengthen the Church*** special mission offering.

This offering supports the expansion and vitality of the United Church of Christ both locally and nationally and is asking for your continued support to fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in ministries and practices that help meet the ever growing needs of local communities.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift on June 24th. Thank you for your support.

CLEVELAND ROOTS would like to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to the entire BUCC congregation – the goal was \$3,000 and you gave us \$6,000! Not only have we been able to install fencing around 1 square acre, we have also cleared additional acres for future planting.

On Sunday July 1st, we are inviting any and all to the farm for a tour. It will be after that Sunday's service, so bring your boots with you that morning! If you have concerns about your ability to navigate irregular terrain, don't be dissuaded – we can drive folks around the property as well.

We look forward to showing you how your contributions are being used!

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.

FLOWER MINISTRY - Flowers are placed in the front of the church each Sunday to honor/celebrate your family/friends/events. We need your help to get this information to our office manager, Jeannette Kroeger, before she prepares the Bulletin on Wednesdays. It's easy as 1-2-3.

1. Put your name on the chart hanging on the west wall just inside the double doors to the Narthex.
2. Fill out the information form found in the pocket below the chart. **If you are providing the flowers yourself, please check that box on the form and let me know so there are no mix ups.
3. Turn this information and money in to Joy Garapic, our financial secretary.

The flower ministry does not want to miss sharing your joy by not having the correct information. Thank you, Janet Renovetz

"ART CONNECTIONS 2018" is an art exhibit highlighting the talents and gifts God gives us, and encouraging the appreciation of those gifts. Many different forms of art will be displayed, and nothing is for sale. The event is Saturday afternoon, June 23rd, from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Come, enjoy the art, the fellowship, refreshments, and live music as you stroll through the exhibit at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Rd, Brecksville.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule on the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

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.

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.

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.

Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Holy One, with my whole heart; I sing your praise! I bow down toward your Holy Temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Holy One, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of your ways, for great is your glory. For though you are high and exalted, you lovingly regard the lowly; but the haughty and proud, you perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Holy One's purpose is fulfilled in me; your steadfast love, O Gracious One, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands!

The New Testament - Mark 3:20-35

The crowd gathered around Jesus again, so that he and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” So Jesus confronted them, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. And a house divided against itself cannot stand. If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.... Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never find forgiveness, but is guilty of an enduring sin” [for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit!”]

Then Jesus’ mother and brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. The crowd around him said, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” Jesus replied, “Who are my mother, my brothers, and my sisters?” And looking at those around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of the Holy One is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Continuing Testament - from *Ministry that Gets Us in Trouble* - by Patrick Johnson [edited]

Jesus’ ministry was full of grace and power and difficult truth-telling that unsettled the status quo and made religious leaders and Jesus’ family uncomfortable. For the crowds Jesus was literally a God-send: healing their diseases, casting out demons that kept people in mental, emotional, and social bondage, and challenging false and self-serving religion and religious leaders. Jesus defines his family as anyone who does the will of God. Many churches consider themselves “like one big family.” In its best sense, this means that everyone knows one another, they share a common history and common values, they care for one another. In its worst sense, it means that there’s a lot of drama, and only people “like us” are welcome. ►

Jesus redefines his family as open-ended and dynamic, and radically different from our typical understanding of family. The brothers and sisters of Jesus are defined by action and intention, not birth or long relationships. They are defined by doing of the will of God; and that family includes anyone who wants to bend, or be bent, toward the will of God. To understand Jesus' family like this might at first be unsettling to us who are comfortable in the family as we know it. But when we embrace Jesus' dynamic family structure, we might discover we have many wonderful and beautiful sisters and brothers we never knew we had!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 10	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Mon., June 11	7:00 pm	Welcome & Growth Task Force
Thurs., June 13	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Council
Friday, June 15	*Office Closed*	
Sunday, June 17	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JUNE 10, 2018

Lay Reader:	Ed Lusk
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Dan & Ian Stewart, Matt Wolbert, Jess Barnes
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	Tia Began
Counters	David Pastor, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JUNE 17, 2018

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Chad & Bridget Sproul Kate Klonowski, Cliff Cribbs
Acolyte:	Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Beth Rehling
Counters:	Kathy Pastor, Bruce McCain
Servers:	Marge Culver, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Peg & Jim Duffy