



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 come together today seeking your compassionate care. We seek a touch that brings healing. We seek the strength to do good. We seek a meaningful life. We seek your Presence. Hear us, touch us, and heal us we pray. Be with us, and with all those who need your loving grace. Amen.



***“If I Touch His Clothes, I Will Be Made Well”
Mark 5:28***

Sunday July 1, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Sixth 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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July 1, 2018 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Strength and Comfort, you embolden those who are desperate to seek justice, and who flee from harm toward safety. You watched-over the Holy Family, who fled for Egypt when King Herod decreed the death of all firstborn males. Continue to watch-over all those families seeking safety from harm today. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Jesus, Heal Us
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Haas

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Our Divine Source creates the heavens and the earth,

People: And asks us to care for them with respect.

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 live in harmony 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**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Eternal Holy One, we look to your saving power and grace. Enter those parts of ourselves that disturb us and heal them. Use our broken places as the places where you bring us together in community. Transform our own weakness into compassion for the weakness of others. Give us that graceful combination of humility and self-esteem, that we may see ourselves and others as you see us - your restored and loved people. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life!

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Passing the Peace**

L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

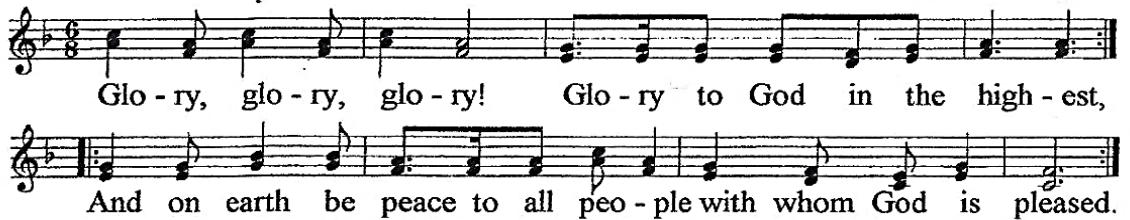
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Old Testament

Psalm 130

Pew Bible, page 573

New Testament

Mark 5:21-43

Pew Bible, page 39

Continuing Testament

from *Crossmarks*

by Brian Stoffregen

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

All Things Are Possible

Zschech

[Tina Ortiz, alto; Dave Debick, baritone]

Sermon

A Touch -And-Go Situation

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

#539

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

You Are Holy

Harling

"Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead."
Per Harling, 1990

*** 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, may the light of your love shine in and through us today. Bless
these gifts, that they might be used to further your work in this community and in
our world. Bless us as we seek to give of ourselves in serving you, by serving
others. We ask in the name of the One who gave himself for us all, Jesus Christ our
Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Communion

Batiste

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

***Hymn of Departure**

Let Justice Flow like Streams

#588

***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

By Gracious Powers

Parry

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, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, 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, June 24, 2018 – Adults: 50 Kids: 6 Total: 56

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 Peg & Jim Duffy for One Nation Under God, with Liberty and Justice for All.

WOMEN UNITED on Wednesday July 18 at 11:30AM we will meet for lunch in Pilgrim Hall and afterward will prepare 100 sandwiches for St Herman's House. The sandwiches are not a meal but a snack for the residents and also for walk-ins. If you would like to donate a bag of apples or oranges, mustard and catsup it will be quite welcome. Bring your lunch. Coffee is provided.

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.

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 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Holy One, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Holy One, should regard iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Holy One, my soul waits, and in the Divine Word I hope. My soul waits for the Holy One more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who wait for the dawn. O Israel, hope in the Holy One! For with the Righteous One there is steadfast love and great power to redeem. It is Holy One who will redeem Israel from all iniquities.

The New Testament - Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John. When they came to Jairus' house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Continuing Testament - from *Crossmarks* - by Brian Stoffregen [edited]

Sometimes when we see something disgusting we say, “Ugh!” Parents may add, “Don't touch that!” For reasons we don't fully understand, the ancient Hebrews felt the same about many different things. Certain animals, foods, diseases, body fluids, and dead things made the people say, “Ugh! Don't touch them!” Such things were “unclean” or “impure”. If you touched them, *you* became unclean. Being unclean meant that you were unfit or unworthy to be in the presence of the Holy One. Unclean people were estranged from God and from each other.

In some ways, the Hebrews' view of unclean things is like our saying, “One bad apple spoils the whole bunch.” There is some truth to this. If you hang around someone with a contagious disease, you may end up with the same sickness. If you hang around with the wrong group of people, their bad influence may “spoil” you.

However, Jesus turns everything around. He doesn't become unclean by contact with the “unclean” people. Instead, Jesus' holiness transforms their “unholiness”. The flow of blood is stopped. The woman is healed. The corpse comes back to life. Through Jesus, the Holy One breaks bread and rubs elbows with tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. When it comes to people that caused others to say, “Ugh”, Jesus has no ughs! Instead, he has hugs - or at least a healing touch. Jesus' holiness transcends people's “uncleanness”. Jesus, as the truly good apple, can make all the “bad” apples become good.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 1	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Cleveland Roots Farm Tour
Monday, July 2	*NO Facilities Mtg. in July*	
Wed., July 4	*Independence Day – OFFICE CLOSED*	
Thurs., July 5	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, July 6	*Office Closed*	
Sunday, July 8	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JULY 1, 2018

Lay Reader:	Jon Thompson
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Darlene Kelly, Sam Koch David & Kathy Pastor
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Caroline Chandler
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Kate Klonowski
C.E Teacher:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-up:	Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JULY 8, 2018

Lay Reader:	Dot Bailey
Head Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	Kathy Smith, Jill Zedan Dave & Julie Bernard
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler
C.E Teacher:	Gina Cook
Counters	Stue Bailey, Kate Konowski
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs