

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

**"Our thoughts  
and prayers  
are with you."  
Is this  
an empty  
platitude?  
Does it matter  
if I say it?  
God, you  
Are always  
with me.  
Show me how  
to be with you.  
Amen.**



**Sunday July 22, 2018 • 10:00 AM**

**Ninth 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!***



*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, please speak to our pastor.*

*Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed*

### ***Office Hours:***

***Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:00 - 12:00***

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## July 22, 2018 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

### Meditation Music

Pious speech can be an easy glide over a rough patch, or it can be a healing balm. Thank you, Gracious One, for lessons in loving sincerity. Amen.

### *Gathering in God's Presence*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Come, All You People

Gabriel

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Light of Christ**

### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: We live because of love.

**People: We are not meant to walk alone.**

Leader: We are called to relationship.

**People: We are not meant to walk alone.**

Leader: We are here for one another.

**People: We are not meant to walk alone.**

Leader: Because of God's great gift of love,

**All: We won't have to walk alone!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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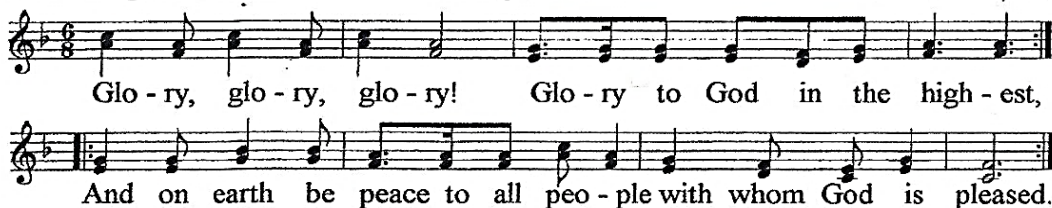
### **\*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy One, we may wonder how to care for the people around us. Thank you for being the Source of love and grace that we can always draw on. With that strength we can hold those people and they can hold us. With that strength, we don't have to walk alone. Thank you! Amen.

### **\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament	Psalm 91
The New Testament	Mark 15:40-43, 45-47; 16:9-11
The Continuing Testament	Nadia Bolz-Weber

## Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering	Amazing Grace [Armond Smith, tenor]	Trad. Spiritual
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Sermon	“Being There”	Ann P. Klonowski, RCWP
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Hymn of Reflection	Be Now My Vision	#451
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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	We Will Rest in You	Hay
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**\* 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]**

Source of grace and comfort, we give back to you what you have first given us. Make us aware of your generosity. Teach us to be generous, especially with our time and our hearts. Amen.

## ***Going with God's Love***

**\*Hymn of Departure**

God, Whose Giving

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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**

Sing, Sing, Sing to Our God

Prins

### **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

The Family of Shirley Duncan, Jill Black, 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 July 15, 2018 – Adults: 52 Kids: 2 Total: 54

## **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 Max Roha in Loving Memory of David J. Roha, Mary C. Roha, and Lois L. Wallin.

**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.

**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***.

**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.

**HAVING TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF THE SERVICE?** Please talk to any usher about the Williams Sound - Personal PA Receiver, available for your use. These simple-to-use units can help improve your worship experience, by amplifying those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

**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: Psalm 91:1- 7, 15-16**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High  
and pass the night in the shadow of Shaddai say:

“Yahweh, my refuge and my mountain fortress,  
my God in whom I trust!”

For Yahweh says: “I will rescue you from the snare,  
and shield you from poisoned arrows.

I will cover you with my pinions;  
under my wings you will take refuge;  
my faithfulness will shield you.

You have no need to fear the prowlers of the night  
or the arrow that flies by day,  
the plague that lurks in the shadows  
or the scourge that stalks at noon.

Though a thousand fall at your left side  
and ten thousand at your right,  
it will never come near you.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you;  
I will be with you in trouble;  
I will deliver you and honor you.  
I will satisfy you with a long life  
and show you my salvation.

### **The New Testament: Mark 15:40-43, 45-47; 16:9-11**

[At Jesus’ crucifixion,] There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.



When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the reign of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. . . . When [Pilate] learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph<sup>[1]</sup> bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.... Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

### **The Continuing Testament: Nadia Bolz-Weber**

My former bishop, Allan BJORBERG, once said that the greatest spiritual practice isn't yoga or praying the hours or living in intentional poverty, although these are all beautiful in their own way. The greatest spiritual practice is just showing up. And Mary Magdalene is the patron saint of just showing up. Showing up, to me, means being present to what is real, what is actually happening. Mary Magdalene didn't necessarily know what to say or what to do or even what to think when she encountered the risen Jesus. But none of that was nearly as important as the fact that she was present and attentive to him.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, July 22</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Thurs., July 26</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday, July 27</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, July 29</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**JULY 22, 2018**

Lay Reader:	Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Betty Kaul, Dan Stewart & Ian Stewart, Kate Klonowski
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:	Heidi Spangler
Counters:	David Pastor, Bruce McCain
Servers:	Carole Snider, Sue Stenzel
Clean Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**JULY 29, 2018**

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Matt Wolbert, Ben Tomlinson David Ritchey, Beth Rehling
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Flowers:	Dottie Faust
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Jon Thompson, Marge Culver
Servers:	Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean-up:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel

## **SAVE THE DATE!**



**WHEN:** The Annual Church Picnic is on August 5 at noon.

**WHERE:** 9256 Highland Drive Brecksville.

***\*Please get your name on the signup sheet or call Kathy Smith at:  
440-343-6354.***

*\*There will be swimming fishing and games.*

*\*We are bringing back the pie baking contest with wonderful prizes.*

*\*Mark your calendar for this date and we will see you at the picnic!*