



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy Source of Life, Light, and Love, we thank you for the gift of Creation and for the surprising ways in which you renew and sustain us. May our eyes be open to seeing things from different perspectives. May our minds be open to fresh thoughts and ideas. And may our community of faith always be open to welcome and embrace others. Amen.



***May The Light Of Christ's Love Shine Upon Us –
And Within Us – Today!***

Sunday August 12, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Twelfth 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, 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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August 12, 2018 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, open our hearts and minds to new ideas and possibilities. Expand our vision to see and welcome others as our sisters and brothers. Give us the courage to reach-out to those who are different from us, or whose ways seem strange or hard to understand. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King

R. Proulx

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where is my help to come?

People: My help comes from the Holy One, who made heaven and earth.

L: The Eternal One will not let your foot be moved;

P: The Holy One who keeps you will not slumber.

L: The Gracious One who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.

P: The Holy One is your protector, the shade at your side.

L: The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

P: The Righteous One will keep you from all evil and will sustain your life.

L: The Holy One will keep your going out and your coming in,

All: From this time on and forevermore.

*** Hymn of Praise**

Lift High the Cross

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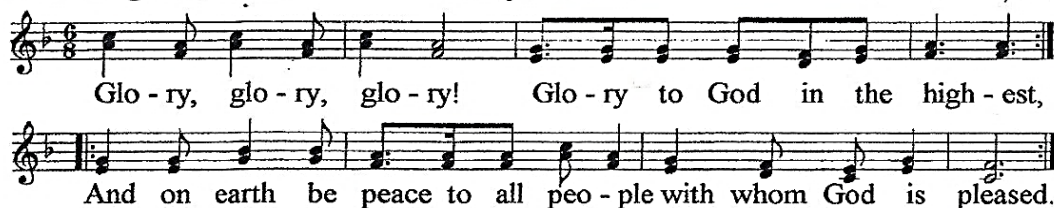
*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Creative Source of our world and ourselves, we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We are grateful that you impart so much of yourself in the person of Jesus Christ, who shares our human condition and shows us the path of loving service - even as it takes him to the Cross. Following Christ's example, may we also be willing to give ourselves to live for the sake of others. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Time with Young Worshipers

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Leader: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism bears witness to the Divine Love and Grace that is extended to each of us at every stage of our lives.

People: Today we celebrate God's love for this child, and offer ourselves as instruments of that love in her life.

L: When parents brought their children to Jesus so that he might touch them, his disciples rebuked them; but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

P: "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Realm of God.

L: Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Realm of God like a little child, shall not enter it."

P: Then Jesus took the children into his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is an outward and visible sign of Divine Grace. Because the promise of the Gospel is not only to us, but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's Church. It is the sign and seal of their participation in Divine forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith.

P: Out of the Water of Holy Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiveness and grace as members of the One Body of Christ.

Promises of the Parents and Godparents

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage her to resist the power of evil, and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents and Godparents: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach and nurture her that she may be inspired to know and follow Jesus Christ?

Parents and Godparents: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise to grow with her in the Christian faith and to help her be a faithful member of the Church - by modeling Christ's Compassion in your lives, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering her the on-going nurture of the Church?

Parents and Godparents: We do, with the help of God.

The Congregational Promise

Pastor: Members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ: As witnesses of this Baptism, will you pray for Leilah and her family, and encourage them as they grow together in faith?

People: We promise them our prayerful support, as they seek to live-out Christ's love!

Baptismal Act and Presentation

The Old Testament

Psalm 130

Pew Bible, page 573

The New Testament

Ephesians 4:1-7

Pew Bible, page 193

The Continuing Testament

from *Life of the Beloved*

by Henri Nouwen

Sermon

Perfectly Imperfect!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Musical Offering

Hymn of Reflection

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

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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

Adagio

F. Mendelssohn

*** 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 and Merciful Holy One, as we present our gifts to you, we pray that you would warm our hearts and expand our generosity. Help us to faithfully trust in your loving care for us, so that we might boldly give of our lives and resources to care for others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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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*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." are written below the first staff. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." are written below the second staff. Chord symbols are written above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

***Benediction**

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Fred Pesek, 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, 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 August 5, 2018 – Adults: 68 Kids: 8 Total: 76

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 WE WELCOME *Leilah Daisy Vrotsos*, daughter of George and Mia, into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. A special welcome to her God Parents, Austin & Abby Lindsay, and all other family and friends visiting with us on this special day!

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Bill Toneff, in Memory of Ann Toneff.

TOMORROW OUR WELCOME & GROWTH Task-Force presents our second *TED Talk* event for members of BUCC and our wider community. This week's Talk is *How to Overcome our Biases? Walk Boldly Toward Them!* - by Verna Myers. Next week will be Karen Armstrong focusing on the central teaching of all major religious faiths - *My Wish: The Charter for Compassion*

These gatherings begin at 7:00 pm in Pilgrim Hall. In addition to viewing the approximately 20-minute-long video, we will also share some light refreshments and some lively conversations. Each evening and topic can "stand alone" - so feel free to attend any or all of them; and please invite a friend to join you!

WOMEN UNITED on Wednesday August 15th we will be meeting at 1:00 pm at The Sweet Mango restaurant at 14610 Pearl Rd Strongsville which is just south of Rt 82. We invite all of the BUCC women and friends to join us. Sweet Mango serves Thai Cuisine, has a great menu and no Entrée is over \$8.00. We will order off the menu, be given separate checks and individual attention to seasoning. Please join us for a great time! Please call Dorie at 440-552-4029 to reserve and for directions.

THE 2018 DIRECTORY is complete – they are in the Commons area for pick up. Kindly help yourself to one per family. Thank you.

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***.

Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Holy One. Compassionate One, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Gracious One, should mark 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 Holy One's word I hope. My soul waits for the Righteous One more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Holy One! For with the Holy One there is steadfast love, and with the Righteous One is great power to redeem. It is the Holy One who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

The New Testament - Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, as one captivated by the Holy One, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called. With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one Divine Source of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. And each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The Continuing Testament - from *Life of the Beloved* - by Henri Nouwen [edited]

At his baptism, Jesus heard it; and we can hear it as well: that Voice which speaks from above and from within, and that whispers softly or declares loudly: "You are my beloved child, and on you my favor rests." It certainly is not easy to hear that voice in a world filled with voices that shout: "You are no good, you are ugly; you are worthless, you are despicable, you are nobody - unless you can demonstrate the opposite." ►

These negative voices are so loud and so persistent that it is easy to believe them. That's the great trap. It is the trap of self-rejection. Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection. Success, popularity and power can, indeed, be a great temptation, but their seductive power often comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. For when we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 12	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Mon., Aug. 13	7:00 pm	TED Talks – Pilgrim Hall
Tues., Aug. 14	9:30-4:00	Confirmation Class
Wed., Aug. 15	1:00 pm	Women United
		Sweet Mango Restaurant
Thurs., Aug. 16	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, Aug. 17		*Office Closed*
Saturday, Aug. 18	2:00 pm	Shirley Duncan Memorial
		Service
Sunday, Aug. 19	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE
AUGUST 12, 2018

Lay Reader:	Diane Gressley
Head Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	Betty Kaul, Sam Koch David & Kathy Pastor
Acolyte:	Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Drew Demko
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr:	Valerie Tyler
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Jonathan Cook
C.E Teacher:	Beth Rehling
Counters:	Dave Bernard, Kate Klonowski
Servers:	Marge Culver, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE
AUGUST 19, 2018

Lay Reader:	Darlene Kelly
Head Usher:	Jon Thompson
Ushers:	Tim & Kim Wallis Sue Stenzel, Jill Zedan
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Dot Bailey
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Valerie Tyler
C.E Teacher:	Kathleen Stewart
Counters:	Jim Duffy, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Joanne Cook, Caroline Chandler
Clean-Up:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Heidi Spangler, Erin Tomlinson