



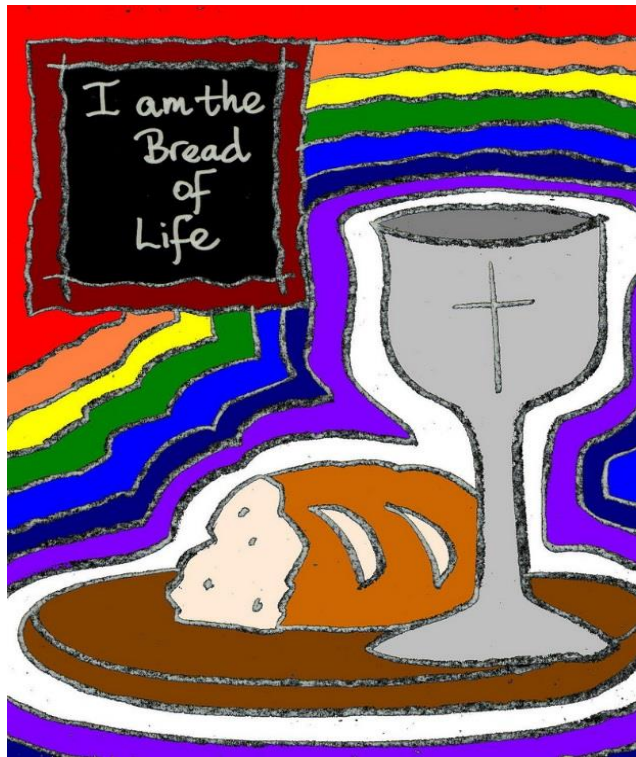
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of Faith, Hope and Love, may we faithfully follow the example of Jesus and be the kind of people who view the world with compassionate eyes and humble hearts. May we find joy and peace in our worship of you today, and in our caring service to others every day. This we pray in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Sunday August 5, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Eleventh 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 5, 2018 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Gracious Source of Compassion and Wisdom, renew within us all devoted hearts that seek to listen and think, feel and care. May your Spirit of Wholeness and Peace help us to subdue the clamor and clutter that whirls around us and within us, so that we might focus on your genuine love for us all. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

So. African trad.

"Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread;
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger."
South African traditional song

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Divine Source of Mercy, Peace and Strength,

People: We offer ourselves to you this day.

L: We bring all that we value;

P: We bring all that we love.

L: We bring our hopes and our fears;

P: We bring our faith and our prayers.

L: Gather us together in your gracious arms,

All: And guide us in your compassionate ways!

*** Hymn of Praise**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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*** 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 will never 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

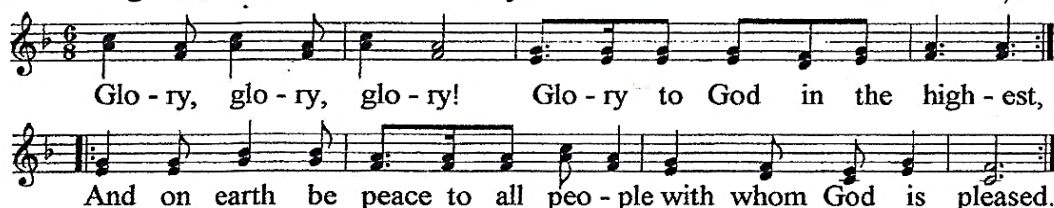
L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Exodus 16:6-7; 13-15

Pew Bible, page 62

The New Testament

John 6:30-35; 49-55

Pew Bible, page 98

The Continuing Testament

Visible Words

by David Lose

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

All Things Are Possible

Zschech

[*Bettina Ortiz, alto*]

Sermon

Call-off the Cannibals!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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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

Jesus, I Come Trusting Your Kindness

Knight

"All that I am, Jesus, I offer,
all I achieve, all I may suffer,
all whom I love for your compassion,
all I hold dear for your possession."
Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

*** 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]**

**Eternal and Abundant Holy One, the opportunity to share with others is a blessing
for which we are truly thankful. Your generous provisions for our lives, allow and
prompt us to be generous in return. We pray that you would accomplish your
loving purposes through these gifts and through each of us. This we ask in the
name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread
[sung 2x]

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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: It is truly good and right to give thanks to you, Divine Source of Light and Glory, because you have manifested yourself in Jesus Christ, begotten from the heart of your love. And so, with your people of every time and place, we praise your Holy Name, 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

Shalom, shalom

Davies

[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

"The love of God be with you,
a boundless love with no measure,
a love you daily must treasure
now and forever."

Elaine Davies

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Divine Source of all blessings, we give you thanks and praise for Jesus Christ, who brings light and truth to our world. We thank you that you have called us to walk in that light, and have nourished us for our journey through this Bread and Cup. Fill us with your Spirit and guide us in your ways, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
[verse 1]

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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 to Our God

Garrard

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 29, 2018 – Adults: 54 Kids:2 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 Fred Pesek in Memory of his Wife, Connie Pesek.

FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

THIS MONTH OUR WELCOME & GROWTH Task-Force presents three opportunities for members of BUCC and our wider community to gather and grow. On three Monday evenings, we will show three *TED Talks* that will be used as a springboard for some timely discussions. The speakers and topics are:

Aug. 6 - Jonathan Haidt - *Can a Divided America Heal?*

Aug. 13 - Verna Myers - *How to Overcome our Biases? Walk Boldly Toward Them!*

Aug. 20 - Karen Armstrong - *My Wish: The Charter for Compassion*

These events will begin at 7:00pm 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.

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 - Exodus 16:6-7; 13-15

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Holy One who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of Holy One, against whom you have been complaining, when the Holy One gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, *Man-na?* ["What is it?"] For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Holy One has given you to eat."

The New Testament - John 6:30-35; 49-55

They said to Jesus, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Heavenly Parent who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the Divine Bread is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty....

Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.”

The Continuing Testament - *Visible Words* - by David Lose [edited]

Do we really comprehend the theological and existential significance of pouring water over a child’s head or gathering around the Table of the Lord? And if we don’t understand these things, is it really any wonder? I mean, debate about the meaning of the Sacraments rages within the Church, both between different traditions and within them. So the Sacraments hold this unusual place in the Church, in that they are both central to our life of faith and yet also can be very confusing. In an attempt to clarify the connect between the Sacraments and our daily lives, I start with a phrase from St. Augustine: “visible words.”

This phrase helps me appreciate Baptism and Communion as the visible, physical counterpoint to the preaching and teaching of the Church. That is, the Sacraments are the embodiment of the proclaimed Gospel in physical form, the Gospel given shape in water, bread, and wine. They serve us as *physical* reminders of what we have heard, because we are physical creatures and remembering can be hard! And so we have the Gospel *preached* to us so that we may hear it, and we have that same Gospel *given* to us so that we may taste and touch and feel it; to consume it, and to be consumed by it!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 5	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	Noon	Church Picnic
Mon., Aug. 6	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Facilities – Library
	7:00 pm	TED Talks – Pilgrim Hall
Wed., Aug 8	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., Aug. 9	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, Aug. 10		*Office Closed*
Sunday, Aug. 12	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

AUGUST 5, 2018

Lay Reader:	Tia Began
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Dot & Stu Bailey Carole & George Snider
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Ben Davis
Sound:	Max Roha
Comms Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Flowers:	Fred Pesek
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Tia Began
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Kathy Pastor
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-up:	Lynne Struck, Jill Zedan
Snacks:	Gina Cook, Beth Rehling

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
Comms 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 Diane Gressley