



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Creative and
Creating Holy
One, you have
made each
person to be a
part of your
worldwide
community. No
matter where
we may find
ourselves, you
call us to be at
peace with each
other, and to
look for the best
in others. Help
us to set aside
our prejudices,
and to see the
face of Christ in
every one of our
neighbors.
Amen.



***For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of
water to drink.... will by no means lose the reward.
Mark 9:41***

Sunday, September 30, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Nineteenth 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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September 30, 2018 – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Sacred Source of extravagant love and grace, sometimes we are too confident that our ways are the only ways, and we become too comfortable in our restrictive communities. Grant us the humility and wisdom to expand our way of thinking, so we might honor the Divine-given differences in the people around us, and better accept your guidance for us all. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude Journey of a soul (The sound of peace)

Nguyen/Fluker

[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

Call to Worship - from *Psalms* 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Holy One;

People: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

L: I will declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

P: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: The heavens are yours, and the earth as well;

P: The world and all that is in it, for you have founded all things.

L: Happy are those who shout your praises;

All: Who walk in the light of your presence, O Holy One most high!

* Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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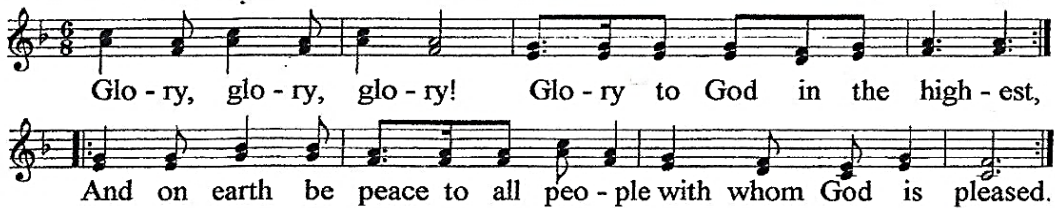
* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we ask that you would be with us, touch us, and guide us this day. Enter our lives and free us from our fears, our doubts and our prejudices. Give us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and throughout the world. Renew within us all, the joy of living, the art of giving, and the capacity for loving. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 147:1-11

Pew Bible, page 582

The New Testament

Mark 9:38-42

Pew Bible, page 45

The Continuing Testament from *The Way of Cold Water*

by David Henson

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Each Seeking Faith

Debick, text B. Wren

Sermon

Don't Trip On Your Ego....

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Help Us Accept Each Other

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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

*** 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]**

Compassionate Holy One, open our eyes and our hearts, that we may see and respond to the needs of those around us. Expand our limited vision, that we might embrace new possibilities. Inspire our lives, that we may find new ways to do justice and to walk humbly with you. Use these gifts that we present before you, to further Christ's mission of love, grace, and peace. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure** In Christ There Is No East or West #394

***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 the God of Harvest

Steurlein

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Michele Namitka and Family, Pat Bailey, Fred Pesek, Jill Black, 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 September 23, 2018 – Adults: 71 Kids:8 Total:79

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 The Began Family for young victims of domestic violence, especially Meia of Medina.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 7th, the next hunger meal will be served at Iglesia Emmanuel. The sign-up board is in the narthex for those willing to help with the meal. The usual two shifts are needed, as well as cookies supplied by BUCC members and friends.

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.

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last-minute changes. Please check it out. ***All Holiday dates will be posted soon!***

Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 147:1-11

Praise the Holy One! How good it is to sing praise to the Compassionate One, who is gracious - to raise a suitable song of praise! The Holy One builds-up Jerusalem, and gathers the outcasts of Israel. The Gracious One heals the brokenhearted, and binds-up their wounds. Our Holy Creator determines the number of the stars, and knows them all. Great is the Sovereign One, whose power is abundant and whose understanding is beyond measure.

The Holy One lifts-up the downtrodden, and casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Holy One with thanksgiving; make melody to the Holy One on the harp. The Holy One covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, and makes grass grow on the hills. The Divine Source of all living things gives to the animals their food, and provides for the young birds when they cry. The Holy One's delight is not in the strength of the warhorse, nor in the speed of the runner. The Holy One takes pleasure in those who show reverence, and in those who hope and trust in unwavering Divine love.

The New Testament Mark 9:38-42

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting-out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believes in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea."

The Continuing Testament - from *The Way of Cold Water* - by David Henson
[edited]

Like many who grew up in the evangelical Protestant church, I lived out my faith as a young man with a Bible in one hand and an ax in the other. My tradition taught me that faith was primarily about avoiding temptation, resisting sin and secularity, and escaping Divine punishment and wrath. In short, I learned to reduce my relationship with God to a transaction that provided me with Divine fire insurance.

What I didn't realize at the time, however, was that as I was whittling down my potential temptations I was also whittling down, narrowing and shrinking my understanding of God. God hadn't just become small, but small-minded, whose primary power lay in the threat of punishment rather than the empowering movement of love and grace. Faith and spirituality became about the rules, about right and wrong, about who was in and who was out, who was going to be rewarded by God and who was going to be punished.

We can look at the world around us, fractured by suffering and hate, and reach for the ax, believing ourselves to be on a holy mission to eradicate sin, to shrink our world so that it is only us and those like us in it. But history tells us we will only add more suffering and brokenness to the world. Or we can reach for the cup of cold water. We can respond with generosity and grace to all, to give life to others and in the process give life to ourselves. What does the world need most: another cup of cold water or another ax?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 30	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, Oct. 1	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
Thurs., Oct. 4	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
Friday, Oct. 5	*Office Closed*	
Sunday, Oct. 7	10:00 am	Worship Service/ *Neighbors in Need Offering
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	CE Library
	Hunger Meal Iglesia Immanuel	

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Kate Klonowski, Betty
Kaul, David Ritchey, Ben
Tomlinson
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Max Roha
Comms Grtr: Kathy Pastor
Flowers: Tia Began
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
C.E. Teacher: Heidi Spangler
Counters: Jim Duffy, David Pastor
Servers: Joy Garapic, Caroline
Chandler
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Susan Snyder, Bridget Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE
OCTOBER 7, 2018

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Beth Rehling, Darlene,
Kelly, Sam Koch, Matt
Wolbert
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comms Grtr: Dot Bailey
Flowers: Carole Snider
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E Teacher: Beth Rehling
Counters: Nancy Stella, Carole
Snider
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-up: Jan Renovetz, Jill Zedan
Snacks: Jane Cribbs, Erin Tomlinson

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

in September and October, the Chairpersons of BUCC Ministries will be holding meetings to determine the needs and wishes of those members in their Ministries. It is important to try and find the right fit for each person who is giving of his/her time to volunteer. We want you to be happy doing what you are doing to help with the work of Brecksville United Church of Christ.



The Leadership Development Ministry will be talking with each of the Chairpersons to review these roles. We encourage Members of Ministries to reflect upon their present roles and speak with the Ministry Chair or someone associated with Leadership Development Ministry with any thoughts, improvements, or change.

Also, if you know anyone who has expressed an interest in volunteering in any one of the Ministries, please let us know. Thank you for all the work you do to continue to make our church home welcoming & organized – a happy combination.

Kathy Smith, Cliff Cribbs, Julie Bernard, Bridget Sproul, Linda Kriynovich, Carole Snider – Leadership Development Ministry

Neighbors in Need Offering Next Sunday October 7, 2018

Love

of Neighbor

If scripture commands, "love your neighbor as you love yourself." [Lev. 22:39]

Then who is my neighbor?



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God is still speaking.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2018
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