



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Our Loving and Creative Source, you see and understand us more completely than we see and understand ourselves. Expand our capacity to recognize the beauty in all the people around us and throughout all creation. Help us to trust the power of your transforming vision for our world, so that we might be faithful instruments of your justice, peace and love. Amen.



***“...When A Flood Arose, The River Burst Against That House, But Could Not Shake It...”
Luke 6:48***

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 • 10:00 AM
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost/Rally Day**

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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Meditation Music

Divine Source of us all, we thank you that you have connected us to each other in ways that we ourselves can hardly imagine. When we feel isolated, forsaken, or lost, remind us that we are not alone. Help us to turn to you for wisdom, strength and guidance; and inspire us to reach-out to one another as we walk together on Life's wonderful and challenging journey. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Festival March (Processional)

Coleman

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: People of the Holy One, look around and see the faces of those we know and love;

People: Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers - a community of kindred hearts.

L: People of the Infinite One, look around and see the faces of those we hardly know;

P: Strangers and sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

L: People of the Transcendent One, look around and see all the images of the Holy gathered here.

P: In you, in me, in each of us, the Divine Spirit shines forth for all to see!

L: People of the Ever-Living One, let us worship together;

All: Let us sing praises to our Divine Source of Life and Love!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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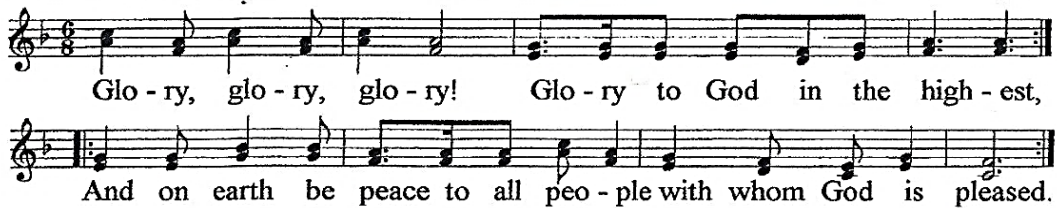
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Creative Holy One, we come into your presence with thanks for all that fills our lives with joy: the love of family and friends, the comfort of our homes, the challenge of work, and the delight of leisure. We thank you for this Church home and all your good gifts we experience here. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to your blessings, that we may live lives that are truly thankful, generousness, and joyful! Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 735

The New Testament

Luke 6:40-42; 46-49

Pew Bible, page 65

The Continuing Testament

by David Ewart in *Holy Textures*

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Sing a New Song of Praise

Lucas

Sermon

Talk Is Cheap....

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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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

Fugue sur la Trompette

Couperin

*** 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]**

Holy Source of all good gifts, receive and bless these gifts that we bring, and bless us as we offer ourselves to be partners in your redeeming and healing work in this world. Give to us all your Spirit of kindness and generosity, openness and love; we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Teacher, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

In The Midst of New Dimensions

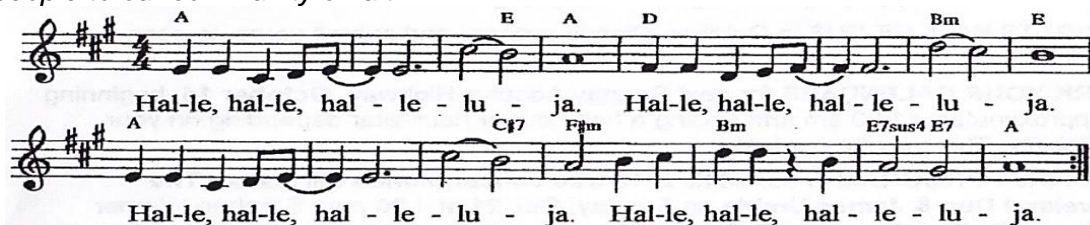
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*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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

Rigaudon from Suite No. III

Handel

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 September 2, 2018 – Adults: 62 Kids: 12 Total: 74

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 Marge Culver, in Celebration of her daughter Leslie Dieterich's 50th Birthday.

RALLY DAY POTLUCK - TODAY Join us in Pilgrim Hall after Worship for a wonderful Potluck Luncheon!

TONIGHT - YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF! All BUCC Youth ages 12 and up are invited to gather in Pilgrim Hal from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for our first Fall meeting. We'll spend some time catching-up, getting to know each other, play some fun and challenging games, share some snacks and some ideas about our plans for the upcoming year. Please plan to attend and feel free to bring a friend!

TEATIME FOR PEACE At BUCC - This Wednesday, September 12th, the Southern Hills Interfaith Association and CAIR [Council on America-Islamic Relations] Ohio will be hosting an event called *Teatime for Peace*. This will be an opportunity to deepen the understanding and relationship between our Muslim neighbors and ourselves, through guided conversations over tea and treats. This gathering offers an excellent opportunity for people of diverse communities to get to know one another, and to recognize and celebrate our shared humanity and common aspirations. The event will be held in Pilgrim Hall, as part of this year's Welcome & Growth emphasis. Registration/Sign-in begins at 6:30 pm, with the program starting at 7:00.

BRECKSVILLE UCC MUSIC MINISTRY - Autumn rehearsals for our music ensembles at BUCC have begun. Here is the schedule of days and times:

Joyful Noise Choir (K through 5th grade): Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:15. Fun songs are learned about living Jesus' message of love and respect for others. Singing usually followed by activities, including drawing, games, playground, etc.

Adult Choir (high school students welcome): Thursdays from **7:00 to 8:30**. ****Note new starting time.** Adult choir is a good way to prepare spiritually for Sunday services, and provides an enjoyable opportunity for choral singing and fellowship in a relaxed, affirming environment.

Youth Percussion Group (6th grade and up): First practice is tonight Sept. 9 from 5:30-6:00 before youth ministry at 6. Players learn rhythm patterns to accompany music at services, including preludes, offertories, communion and postludes, as well as occasional choir anthems. An ancient form of music-making, playing percussion can help relieve stress while being a gateway to meditation.

Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar Ensemble (all ages welcome): First practice will be Wed. Sept. 12 from 4:30-5:00. This group plays prelude music for services about once a month. Listening CDs are provided to help with the learning process. Sheet music features both musical notes and musical letters.

Seasonal Choir (high school students welcome): Seasonal choir members fill out the regular choir in presenting BUCC's annual Christmas cantata. Cantata rehearsals will begin on Thurs. Oct. 11 from 7-8:00 PM.

Instrumentalists (all ages welcome): If you play a musical instrument and would be comfortable playing a piece for the congregation (or accompanying choir for an anthem), let Dave D. know so he can keep you in mind during scheduling process.

Private piano lessons (all ages welcome): If you studied with Dave last spring, he will be in touch about this year's schedule. If you would like to start taking lessons, contact him to schedule. Lessons start up this week on Sept. 12 and 13; they are usually scheduled for Wed. and Thursdays.

As we begin our new church season, give some prayerful thought to participating in BUCC's music program. Martin Luther wrote, "Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." Consider becoming part of the gifting process - check out a rehearsal or two this fall. All are welcome!

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.

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 amplify those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

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.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

Readings

The Old Testament - Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Holy One, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their devoted partner. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Holy One: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Holy One," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The New Testament - Luke 6:40-42; 46-49

Jesus says: A student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully prepared will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, "Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye," when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye....

Why do you call me Lord, and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a person building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears, and does not act is like a person who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.

The Continuing Testament - by David Ewart - in *Holy Textures* [edited]

What is the crucial difference between one who is wise and one who is foolish? It has nothing to do with what we usually associate with wisdom: knowledge, many years of experience, perspective, intelligence, insight, etc... Nor does it have to do with *hearing* what Jesus has to say. The difference between being either wise or foolish, is in *acting* or *not* acting.

It is not enough for us to hear these words of Jesus; to study them; to be inspired by them; to have hopes and aspirations, dreams and plans based on them. We must *act* on them; practice them, and live them in our everyday lives.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 9	10:00 am	Worship Service/Rally Day
	11:00 am	Rally Day Potluck
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Mon., Sept. 10	1:00 pm	Book Discussion – Library
	7:00 pm	Facilities - Library
Wed., Sept. 12	*Private Piano Lessons Begin*	
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar
	6:30 pm	Registration
	7:00 pm	Tea Time for Peace - Pilgrim Hall
Thurs., Sept. 13	10:00 am	Leadership Development
	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
Friday, Sept. 14		*Office Closed*
Sunday, Sept.16	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Spiritual Life

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Lay Reader:	Kate Klonowski
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Chad & Bridget Sproul Dan & Ian Stewart
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Matt Wolbert, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Rally
Clean-Up:	Day
Snacks:	Potluck

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Joe & Betsey Wilson Kathy Smith, Ed Lusk
Acolyte:	Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Jonathan Cook
C.E Teacher:	Tia Began
Counters:	Marge Culver, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Joanne Cook, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Pat Rehm, Gina Cook