



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy One of Peace and Justice, we often feel overwhelmed by the many injustices that we see throughout our society. May the teachings and example of Jesus inspire us to be better informed and better equipped to challenge those power structures that maintain these injustices, and to find effective solutions. Amen

Love
Makes a Family

QuotesBlog.net

Sunday, October 14, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Twenty First 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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October 14, 2018 – Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Life and Love, you call us to give ourselves completely to you. Sometimes we do not want to give up anything, oftentimes we value our power, position, and possessions more than we value your love and promises. Help us to live more faithfully as your followers. Challenge us to risk ourselves. Show us what we need to give up to be closer to you. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Jesus Calls Us!

Thorne

"Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more'."
Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: This is a day to celebrate the wonderful gift of Life:

People: To open our eyes to the beauty of Creation,

L: To open our ears to the world's Sacred Sounds,

P: To open our hearts to all our sisters and brothers around us!

L: This is a day of gladness and joy!

P: We give thanks for Jesus, who welcomes us all!

L: We give thanks to the Spirit, who brings us hope!

All: We give thanks to the Holy One - who loves us, restores us, and renews our lives!

* Hymn of Praise

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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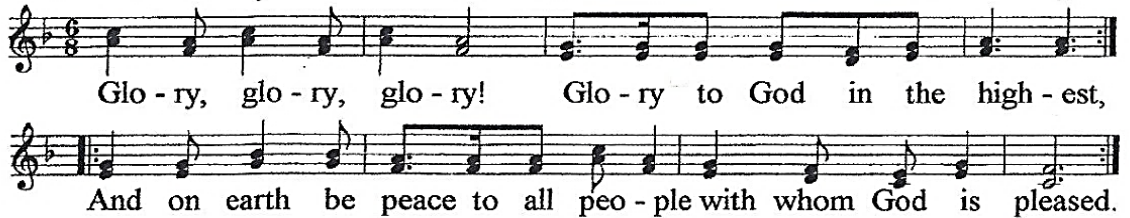
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Strong and Gentle Holy One, all sorts of things happen to us every day that can make us laugh or cry; make us feel strong or feel afraid. We know that Life is about changes, yet sometimes the changes are so confusing that it is hard to feel you close to us. Remind us today that you are always present - beside us, among us, around us, and within us. And may this knowledge fill us with assurance and peace. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Genesis 2:18-24

Pew Bible, page 2

The New Testament

Mark 10:2-16

Pew Bible, page 46

The Continuing Testament

from *Love and Marriage*

David J. Lose

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

I'd Rather Have Jesus

Shea

Sermon

More Than Harassment

by Sandra Sorensen

Hymn of Reflection

God Made from One Blood

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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

Andante con moto

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]**

**Great and Loving Holy One, you created the world, blessed it, and proclaimed that
it is very good. Bless these gifts that we now offer, that our giving may help your
Church proclaim the Good News of your love in this place and throughout the
world. In and through the offering of our gifts, may we also be inspired to give our
entire selves to you and to your service. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

*** Parting Hymn**

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

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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

Golden Sheaves (Harvest)

Old Basque tune

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Doris Schmid, Dottie Faust, 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 October 7, 2018 – Adults: 76 Kids:11 Total:87

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping 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.

THE NEXT TEATIME FOR PEACE EVENT is this Wednesday, Oct. 17th at the Islamic Center of Cleveland, 6055 W. 130th Street, Parma. Registration begins at 6:30 pm, with the program starting at 7:15. You can RSVP to Isam Zaiem, 216-337-7928 or isamz@sbcglobal.net

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE what Cleveland Roots is doing lately? If so, plan to attend the Cleveland Roots Pepper Festival and Open House Today from 12 noon to 4 PM. In addition to food, there will be family entertainment, music, demonstrations, and activities for children. This will be a chance to learn more about the mission of Cleveland Roots and its efforts to alleviate food deserts.

ADVENT BOOK Scripture Verses will be available today. **There are 20 Scripture Verses still available.** Please see Jon Thompson to choose yours. The deadline this year is Sunday, October 28 (*last Sunday in October*). See Advent Book Guidelines & Suggestions in your October, 2018 Pillar.

SEASONAL CHOIR - It's not too late to join seasonal choir as we prepare for this year's Christmas cantata, scheduled for December 16. Rehearsals run weekly on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00. If you enjoy singing in a group setting, but cannot commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides an excellent opportunity for choral singing, fellowship, and spiritual preparation for the Feast of the Nativity. Listening CDs are provided to make the learning process easier. If you have any questions, contact Dave D.

ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4 AT 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host the **Yiddishe Cup Klezmer Band**. Formed in 1988, Yiddishe Cup is one of the top Klezmer Bands in America. Klezmer music is a hybrid of Eastern European Jewish folk music, American swing, Yiddish theater tunes and Israeli horas. Yiddishe Cup -- also known as Funk A Deli -- has broadened its musical palette to include rock 'n' roll, Motown, and R&B. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. Plan on joining us on Nov. 4 for some toe-tapping ethnic music. Bring a friend, and your dancing shoes!

THE BUCC PASTOR'S FUND is primarily used for food gift cards, help with rent or utilities, uncovered medical/medication bills, or emergency aid to travelers passing through town. We are asking that those who can, consider making a contribution to help replenish this fund. Checks can be made out to BUCC, or cash may be placed in a pew envelope, with the notation "Pastor's Fund" written on the check or envelope. Thank you for your continuing support!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Readings

The Old Testament - Genesis 2.18-24

Then the Holy One said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." So out of the ground the Holy One formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a suitable helper.

So the Holy One caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and as he slept; the Holy One took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that had been taken from the man, the holy One made into a woman, and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man she was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The New Testament - Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'The Holy One made them male and female.' 'For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what the Holy One has joined together, let no one tear apart."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Divine Realm belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Divine Realm like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Continuing Testament - from *More than Harassment* - by Sandra Sorensen [edited]

As people of faith who profess to believe in the full personhood of women, affirming that they are created in the Divine image, we need to break the silence around policies and practices that allow women to be treated unequally. We would do well to think about the work we still have to do to bring about justice for women. Consider for instance the gap in pay equity, which grows significantly larger when we look at the disparity in pay for women of color.

Or consider the lack of affordable childcare and family-friendly workplace policies like paid sick leave and family leave, which disproportionately affect women as primary caregivers. Consider the failure of Congress to close the loopholes that continue to allow domestic abusers access to guns. Or the fact that the current Administration has yet to appoint anyone as head of the Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women. Funding for programs under the Violence Against Women Act is vulnerable to budget cuts.

These are actions, or inactions, that speak volumes - far beyond the well-rehearsed sound-bites and press statements of Politicians. The real work must take us deeper into addressing the policies and institutional structures that provides tacit assent for harassment and create environments that allow for abusive behavior against women. We must remain diligent in our efforts to affirm the Divine dignity of all people, especially those who society treats as less valuable or unworthy.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 14	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	<u><i>*See Jon Thompson for you Scripture Verse for the 2018/19 Advent Book*</i></u>	
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Monday, Oct. 15	7:00 pm	Parish/Staff Relations
Thurs., Oct. 18	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Friday, Oct. 19	*Office Closed*	
Sunday, Oct. 21	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

OCTOBER 14, 2018

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Dave & Julie Bernard Joe & Betsey Wilson
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Cliff Cribbs, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Joan Cook, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Dave & Kathy Pastor
Snacks:	Dot Bailey, Gina Cook

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

OCTOBER 21, 2018

Lay Reader:	Diane Gressley
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Bob & Caroline Chandler, Matt Wolbert Kate Klonowski
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Kathy Pastor, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Marge Culver, Joy Garapic
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks:	Beth Rehling, Marla Corrado