

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Sacred Source  
of mystery and  
majesty, you  
call all Life into  
being. We Pray  
that you would  
call us all to  
those places  
where we may  
best serve you,  
by serving  
others. Lead us  
into those  
places of  
service where  
we may follow  
you closely and  
reflect your love  
and grace.  
Amen.

whoever would be great among you  
shall be your servant

Mark 10:43



**Sunday, October 21, 2018 • 10:00 AM**  
**Twenty Second 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:**

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# October 22, 2018 – Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

## Meditation Music

Divine Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, may we work together to put service back at the heart of our politics, whether local, regional or national. May we also be courageous in stepping-forward to offer ourselves and our faith as instruments of this work, so that your compassion and graciousness might lead to a renewal of our society and our world. Amen.

## ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

Let Your Heart Be Broken  
*[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]*

Leech

"Let your heart be broken for a world in need:  
feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed,  
give the cup of water and the loaf of bread--  
be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead."  
Bryan Jeffery Leech, b. 1931

## **Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ**

### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: On this new day, the gift of Life is renewed in you and me.

**People: Praise the Holy One for today! Praise the Creative Spirit in our midst!**

L: Let us celebrate the Divine Presence among us;

**P: Let us welcome-in the Spirit!**

L: Let us listen and respond to Sacred One, who meets us in new ways;

**P: The Holy One is with us as we worship in this place, and as we walk in this world.**

L: Inspire us, O Gracious One, and guide our lives;

**All: Empower us all to be your loving people!**

### **\* Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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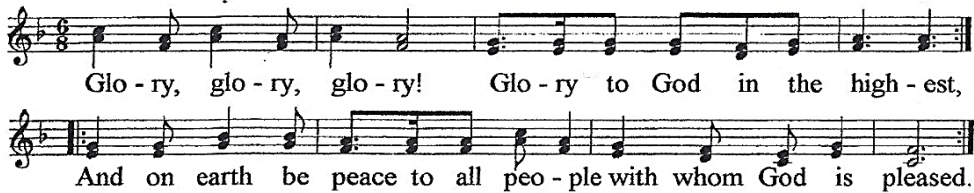
### **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, you call us to love you with our whole being, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. By your Spirit, teach us how to work with you to help those who are hurting, and bring new life where there is heartache and despair. Make us willing instruments of your grace and peace, so that all your people may be inspired to love and serve you with joy and thanksgiving! Amen**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Isaiah 53:4-12

Pew Bible, page 683

**The New Testament**

Mark 10:35-45

Pew Bible, page 47

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Downward Mobility*

by Alan Brehm

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Shout for Joy

Choplin

[Diane Gressley, soprano]

**Sermon**

*Dodging a Bullet, Catching a Spear*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Be Now My Vision

#451

***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

Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You

S Scottish melody, arr. Forscutt

"Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me."  
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]

**Faithful Holy One, the message of your love comes to us not only in word, but also through the actions and the person of Jesus Christ. Through our gifts and our actions, may people see evidence of the true and holy love which we claim and proclaim. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

## *Holy Communion*

### Words of Institution

### Prayer of Consecration

### The Invitation

### The Blessing

### Communion Music

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Fauré

"Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying,  
Where the feeble senses fail."  
Thomas Aquinas, c. 1264

### The Blessing

## Going with God's Love

\* Parting Hymn

Jesus, Still Lead On

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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

God Is a Wonder to My Soul

African-American spiritual, arr. Foster

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Doris Schmid, Dottie Faust, Pat Bailey, Fred Pesek, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, 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 14, 2018 – Adults: 58 Kids: 9 Total: 67

## 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 Diane Gressley, in Memory of Evan & Emma Gressley's Wedding Anniversary.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP** Our annual Stewardship 2019 is underway. Stewardship Sunday will be November 11. This year our theme is **What Shall We Bring?** Please take a few moments to read the insert included in this bulletin as well as reflect on what Stewardship means to you and to our broader church family. And note that by the end of October, you should receive a letter from our moderator that includes a pledge card. **What is stewardship?** Loving God and loving neighbor. We have an opportunity to make commitments — both material and symbolic — to help this congregation love God and love neighbor in the days, weeks, months, and year ahead.

**ADVENT BOOK** Scripture Verses will be available today. **There are 15 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, and also Jon Thompson has a copy.

**FINANCE** Third quarter statements are ready to be picked up in the Commons. Please pick yours up to save the cost of mailing.

**OUR NEIGHBOR'S IN NEED OFFERING**, collected on Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, was **\$1,046!** **Thank you** for your contributions to this important ministry of the United Church of Christ. Your generous gift truly does make a difference in helping our neighbors in need!

**A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY:** It's the time of year when this ministry needs to staff all the other various ministries with sufficient volunteers to accomplish all the good things we do at Brecksville United Church of Christ. We take this assignment very seriously. It is important to find the right fit for each person and that each volunteer is happy and effective.

Our plea to each of you is to contemplate and consider in what ways you can help a ministry and utilize your talents. There is a core of members who do the majority of the tasks in our church. ►

We hope to involve many of you who are newer or haven't had the opportunity yet to participate on a ministry. Please talk with one of the Leadership Development members to discuss where you are needed. We ask that you respond positively when we reach out to include and involve you. An information table will be set up during Coffee Hour in Pilgrim Hall after service on November 4. Stop by and visit. Thank you for your serious consideration, Kathy Smith, Cliff Cribbs, Carole Snider, Julie Bernard, Bridget Sproul, and Linda Kriynovich

**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](http://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 - Isaiah 53:4-12**

Surely the Righteous One has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Holy One has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a distortion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Holy One that he should bear such affliction. By giving his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Holy One shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his experience. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

### **The New Testament - Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, when you enter your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. ►

Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the other ten disciples heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you. Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all. For the Human One came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

### **The Continuing Testament** - from *Downward Mobility* - by Alan Brehm [edited]

In Jesus' day, it's the aristocratic land barons and their religious cronies who make the rules; and of course, they make the rules to benefit themselves. These days it seems to be the corporate barons and their political cronies who are guilty of that kind of blatant self-interest. But Jesus says that approach won't work. He says that the way it should be is for the "greatest" to be a servant, and for the "first" to be the servant of all. While he is talking about the Christian community, I think he's also talking about what it means to thrive in human society.

When the "great" among us only seek to benefit and further enrich themselves at the expense of others, it leads to the disintegration of society - something like what we see going on around us today. It fuels a growing dissatisfaction. When we *all* begin to live like that - feeling discontented with what we have and thinking the only way for us to be happy is to get a bigger slice of the pie - it becomes a recipe for hostility, frustration and anger toward those around us. But Jesus says that the way to life is found elsewhere. It's found by giving ourselves away as he did.

When the "great" sacrifice themselves for the sake of all, then we see society as a whole begin to thrive. We see real justice, peace, and harmony in our world. You may say I'm a dreamer, but as John Lennon put it, I'm not the only one. Most of my favorite theologians and spiritual writers have the same dream. It's a dream of a world in which we all follow Jesus' example of self-giving, instead of constantly wanting more and more. Maybe it's time we try to recover the kind of "downward mobility" Jesus talks about - a way of life that seeks not to take but to give, that seeks not to be served but to serve. A way of life that leads to true living!

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 21</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b><u>*See Jon Thompson for you Scripture Verse for the 2018/19 Advent Book*</u></b>	
<b>Thurs., Oct. 25</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Leadership Development</b>
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Interfaith Meeting PH</b>
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Seasonal Choir</b>
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Friday, Oct. 26</b>	<b>*Office Closed*</b>	
<b>Saturday, Oct. 27</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Doris Schmid Memorial Service</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 28</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b><u>**Advent Book Deadline**</u></b>	
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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: Dave Bernard, Jim Duffy  
Servers: Marge Culver, Joy  
Garapic  
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Marla  
Corrado

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2018**

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson  
Head Usher: Jill Zedan  
Ushers: Kathy Smith, Betty Kaul  
George & Carole Snider  
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: David Pastor  
Comns Grtr: Bettina Ortiz  
Flowers: Dot Bailey  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
C.E. Teacher: Robin Coyer-Westerberg  
Counters: Jan Renovetz, Kathy Pastor  
Servers: Julie Bernard, Marge Culver  
Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler  
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Heidi Spangler