

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED Church of CHRIST

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

Divine Source
of Welcome and
Compassion,
lead all those
who are
vulnerable to
places of
sanctuary,
where hope
may be found,
and life may be
respected and
preserved.
Strengthen and
inspire us to
provide those
places of
refuge, and to
be those people
who offer hope
and help to
those who seek
and need it.
Amen.



***“Truly I Tell You, This Poor Widow Has Put In More Than All
Those Who Are Contributing....”***

Mark 12:43

Sunday, November 11, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – Stewardship Sunday

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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November 11, 2018 – Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – Stewardship Sunday

Meditation Music

Sacred Source of all good gifts, help us this day - and every day - to recognize our many blessings. Inspire us to generously share them with others. And remind us to always give thanks for the joy of Life which we experience each day. This we pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Thanksgiving Carol

15th century German

[Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar Ensemble; Youth Percussion]

"God the Lord will bless the field,
Bringing in its autumn yield
Gladly to Thanksgiving."
Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - based on *Psalms* 33

Leader: Rejoice in the Holy One, all you people!

People: Sing praise to the Creative One for every marvelous work!

L: Every day the Holy One's grace and goodness renew the earth,

P: The blessings of the Compassionate One pour-down upon us!

L: Our saving help comes, not from power or might;

P: But by trusting in the strength of our Redeemer's steadfast love.

L: The Righteous One delivers our hearts from despair,

All: All are rescued who call upon the name of the Holy One!

***Hymn of Praise**

For The Beauty of the Earth

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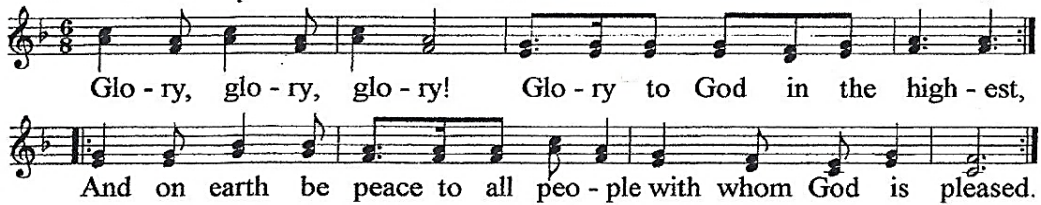
***Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, Giver of all good things: we praise you for the order and beauty of nature; for the richness and bounty of the earth; for day and night, summer and winter, seed time and harvest. We thank you for all the comforts and joys of life - for our homes, our friends, and for the love and kindness we receive and give within this Church Home. As you graciously welcome and bless us, may we also welcome and be a blessing to others. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Old Testament

Jeremiah 7:1-7

Pew Bible, page 707

New Testament

Mark 12:38-44

Pew Bible, page 50

Continuing Testament

from *Seeing the Widow*

by Janet Hunt

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Give Yourself Away

Peacock/Carswell/Lee, arr. Winkler

Sermon

Give It Your All!

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
[Dedicated to our nation's veterans, living and deceased.]

Dykes

"O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren's shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea." (v. 4)
William Whiting, 1860 (see program notes)

*** 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 our lives. These things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.

Presenting Our Pledges for 2019

[Please come forward and place your pledges in the basket]

Hymn of Dedication

We Praise You, O God

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been;
when perils o'er-take us, you never will forsake us,
and with your help, O God, life's struggles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer,
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise;
your strong love will guide us, our God is beside us,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

*Prayer of Commitment

L: With joy and thanksgiving, let us dedicate our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's Church in this place and throughout the world.

All: All good gifts come from you, Gracious Holy One. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. Because you have blessed us so abundantly, we now offer our gifts and ourselves to you and to your service. Make us a generous and faithful people, on this day and every day of our lives. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*Hymn of Departure

Now Thank We All Our God

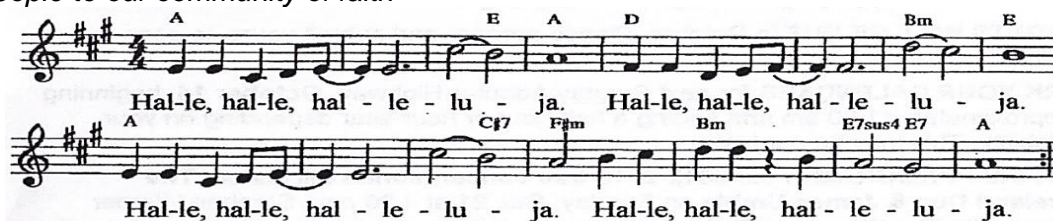
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*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

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 Love

Proulx

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Suzanne Patrick, Niece of Kathy Smith, 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 November 4, 2018 – Adults: 71 Kids: 6 Total: 77

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.

NEXT SUNDAY we will be serving a hunger meal at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. Hopefully we will be partnering with Independence UMC. The menu will be the usual mostaccioli, salad, and cookies. We plan for about 150 meals. The sign-up board will be in the narthex for people to indicate if they would be interested in serving on the first shift (2:30 to 4:00 PM, to setup and prepare the meal) or is serving on the second shift (4:00 to 6:00 PM, to serve the meal and clean up).

MITTEN TREE the Mitten Tree is back in the narthex ready for your decorations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. These items will be sent to hunger centers for distribution.

NORTHEAST OHIO ROCKS! is a Facebook group with more than 200,000 members that began in 2016 with the intent of spreading kindness one rock at a time. Members paint rocks with positive and uplifting messages and hide them where children and adults will find them and experience a random act of kindness. The back of the rock has a message requesting the finder to post a photo on Facebook and then re-hide it to pass on the kindness. If the rock painter has added a hashtag the finder adds this to the Facebook post and the person who hid it can track its whereabouts. Some rocks are tracked over several months and across the country when finders carry them to distant places. Northeast Ohio Rocks are appearing in all 50 states and in 100 foreign lands. You don't have to post on Facebook, but you are asked to hide #BUCCrocks and keep spreading the kindness!

"ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE" is a [hymn](#) traditionally associated with seafarers, particularly in the maritime armed services. Written in 1860, its author [William Whiting](#) was inspired by the dangers of the sea described in [Psalm 107](#). It was popularized by the [Royal Navy](#) and the [United States Navy](#) in the late 19th century, and variations of it were soon adopted by many branches of the armed services in the United Kingdom and the United States. Services who have adapted the hymn include the [Royal Marines](#), [Royal Air Force](#), the [British Army](#), the [United States Coast Guard](#) and the [United States Marine Corps](#), as well as many navies of the [British Commonwealth](#). Accordingly, it is known by many names, variously referred to as the **Hymn of Her Majesty's Armed Forces**, the **Royal Navy Hymn**, the **United States Navy Hymn** (or just **The Navy Hymn**), and sometimes by the last line of its first verse, **"For Those in Peril on the Sea"**. The hymn has a long tradition in civilian maritime contexts as well, being regularly invoked by ship's chaplains and sung during services on ocean crossings.

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!

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.

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 - Jeremiah 7:1-7

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Holy One: Stand in the gate of God's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Holy One, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the Holy One. Thus, says the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the Holy One." For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors.

The New Testament - Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Jesus then sat down opposite the Temple treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Continuing Testament - from *Seeing the Widow* - by Janet Hunt [edited]

My whole life I have heard the story of the widow in Mark's Gospel as a story of sacrificial giving. And it is a story about generosity. It is an image of one who gave all that she had. And yet, this time, I find myself moving in a different direction. Could it be that Jesus is pushing his disciples - then and now - to simply take note of the one who is normally invisible? ►

Could it be that as our attention is drawn to her, we are also made more deeply aware of how the needs of so many like her are too often ignored - or that, just as was apparently the case so long ago, their need is exploited in such a way that those with more just get more?

So here is where I am landing with image of the widow dropping her two last coins into the temple treasury this time. I still think this is a stewardship story. Only it is pointing us to something much larger than how much I will put in the offering envelope. Rather, this raises questions about how I give my whole life to bless the lives of those around me - those both near and far. Most especially those I haven't noticed. Indeed, it seems to me that our financial stewardship is meant to be just the start of changing us so that in the name of Jesus we might attempt to change the world. And it all starts by our seeing. Especially our seeing those who are not necessarily easy to see.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 11	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Stewardship Sunday
	11:00 am	Thanksgiving Banquet
Wed., Nov. 14	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., Nov. 15	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	4:30 pm	<u>NO</u> Recorder/Dulcimer
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Friday, Nov. 16	*Office Closed*	
Sunday, Nov. 18	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:30-6:00 pm	*Hunger Meal PRUMC*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Lay Reader:	Kathy Pastor
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Kim Wallis, Dan Stewart, Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Valerie Tyler
Flowers:	Harvest
Nursery:	Jonathan Cook
C.E Teacher:	Anne Melfo (Pageant Practice)
Counters:	Carole Snider, Jim Duffy
Servers:	Stewardship Ministry
Clean-Up:	Membership Ministry
Snacks:	Thanksgiving Dinner

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Lay Reader:	Bridget Sproul
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Darlene Kelly, Sam Koch, Beth Rehling, David Ritchey
Acolyte:	Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Harvest
Nursery:	Jonathan Cook
C.E Teacher:	Heidi Spangler (Pageant Practice)
Counters:	David Pastor, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy
Snacks:	Diane Gressley, Heidi Spangler