

# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Eternal Holy One, help us to recognize, rejoice, and hold fast to your loving Presence in the midst of every changing season and circumstance. And by your indwelling Spirit may we live with hope and love, faith and courage at all times and in all places. Amen.

OUR GOD IS STILL  
ACTION SPEAKING THROUGH OUR  
COMPASSION  
OUR PRAYING OUR GIVING

**Sunday, November 18, 2018 • 10:00 AM**

**Twenty Sixth 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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# November 18, 2018 – Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

## Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, may we keep our eyes, hearts and minds open to the Signs that bring us closer to your gracious and loving Realm. And may we find ways to make a positive and lasting difference in this world, so that we might help usher-in that glorious Realm of peace and justice. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

How Glorious Your Name  
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

O'Connor

"How glorious is Your Name, O Lord,  
in all the earth.  
The works of Your Hands all tell of Your Love;  
glory and praise to You."  
Roc O'Connor, 1985; based on Psalm 8

## Bearing the Light of Peace

## Bearing the Light of Christ

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One!

**People: Let us praise the Creator who has filled the earth with blessings!**

L: Let us give thanks to the Gracious One who has filled our lives with joy!

**P: Let us worship the Compassionate One who is always with us!**

L: Let us gather together in hope and faith,

**P: To praise our Divine Source of Life and Love.**

L: The Holy One who created heaven and earth, renews and remakes us today!

**All: Let our spirits soar to greet our God!**

### \* Hymn of Praise

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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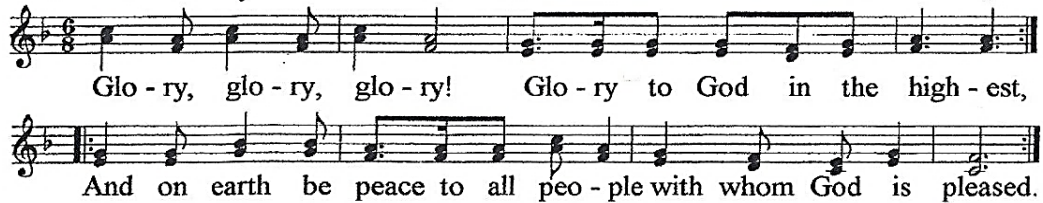
### \* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

**Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that your compassionate care is for all people and all creation. Help us to trust in your deep concern for us and for our entire world. Bring your wisdom and power into our lives, that we may join you in bringing help and healing to those in need, that your Reign of justice and peace might be known among us all. Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Leviticus 19:9-15; 33-34

Pew Bible, page 106

**The New Testament**

Luke 6:31-38

Pew Bible, page 64

**The Continuing Testament** *a Still-Speaking God*

from the UCC website

**Youth Anthem**

Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving  
*[Joyful Noise Choir]*

Burks

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Glory to God! Alleluia!  
*[Becky Anderson and Erin Tomlinson, flute]*

Handel, arr. Liebergen

**Sermon**

*More Than Just Funny Hats*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

We Limit Not the Truth of God

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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**

**Chanson**

**Smetana**

**\* 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]**

**Gracious Holy One, may the light of your love shine in and through us today. Bless these gifts, that they might be used to further your work in this community and in our world. Bless us as we seek to give of ourselves in serving you, by serving others. We ask in the name of the One who gave himself for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**The Blessing**

**Communion Music**

**Méditation**

**Chapuis**

## ***Going with God's Love***

**\*Hymn of Departure**

**For the Fruits of All Creation**

**#425**

**\*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 of Mercy, God of Grace

Evans

### 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 11, 2018 – Adults:85 Kids:14 Total: 99

## ***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.

**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.

**TODAY**, we are serving a hunger meal at Pearl Road United Methodist Church in partnership with Independence United Methodist Church. The menu is the usual mostaccioli, salad, and cookies. BUCC will provide the entrée, milk, bread and spread, and a few cookies. Our partner will provide the salad and dressing and more cookies. The sign-up board is in the narthex for interested persons to indicate their willingness to help. The first shift is from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM to set up and prepare. The second shift will be from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM to serve 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!

**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.

**PLEASE BE SURE** to enter your meeting and event schedule on the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

**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.

**OUR COMPLETE WORSHIP SERVICE**, including anthems, hymns, etc., is fed by our sound system to our new audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its location so that its continuing feed is not eliminated from the system.

**POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS** Starting in the December, 2018 Pillar there will be an order form, and also starting in the 11/25 Bulletin there will be an order form to make a Poinsettia Dedication.

**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.

**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.

**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.



## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Leviticus 19:9-15; 33-34**

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Holy One, your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Holy One. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall reverence your God: I am the Holy One.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be unfair to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall treat your neighbor....When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you yourselves were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Holy One your God.

### **The New Testament - Luke 6:31-38**

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**The Continuing Testament - a *Still-speaking God* - from the UCC website**  
[edited]

If you think God's not finished with you yet, guess what? God's not even finished with God yet! God isn't finished with you, or finished with the Church or our world, or even letting us know more about God's own compassion, justice, hope, and truth. If you are open, if you listen carefully, you'll discover what God is saying to this generation at this time in history. There's more Good News to be heard!

Today, God is especially speaking through a beautiful diversity of voices. God continues to form us through a multi-cultural mosaic that reflects all of creation. We also hear God's voice in public policy that advocates for those who are poor, hungry, or most vulnerable in our society. Consider, for example, how God speaks-out for justice on behalf of immigrant children who remain separated from their parents, or for transgender people whose self-identity is being mocked and threatened by unenlightened politicians.

As God's inclusive family, we seek to celebrate our common ground, while honoring our differences. As Christ's Body, the Church, we prayerfully seek together to discern God's voice in the midst of many voices. We are aware, at the same time, that God's voice may come in a lone voice, crying-out in a world that does not listen. And even without words at all, we know that God still comes to us, often as we wait in the silence.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday, Nov. 18**
- 10:00 am**    **Worship Service**
  - 11:00 am**    **Coffee Hour**
  - 2:30-6:00 pm**    **\*Hunger Meal PRUMC\***
- Thurs., Nov. 22**
- Happy Thanksgiving!**
  - \*Office Closed\***
- Friday, Nov. 23**
- \*Office Closed\***
- Sunday, Nov. 25**
- 10:00 am**    **Worship Service**
  - 11:00 am**    **Coffee Hour**
  - 11:00 am**    ***\*Decorating The Sanctuary  
For Advent & Christmas\****



**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**  
**NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

Lay Reader:	David Ritchey
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Kate Klonowski, Matt Wolbert Dave & Julie Bernard
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Natalie Corrado
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Caroline Chandler
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E. Teacher:	TBD (Pageant Practice)
Counters:	Kathy Pastor, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks:	Susan Snyder, Pat Rehm
Snow Hrdr:	Chad Sproul