

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Sacred Speaker
who brings light
from darkness,
Divine Message
in the prophet's
mouth, Voice
from heaven,
Word made flesh:
your message
shapes, guides,
claims, and saves
us. Open our
hearts to
encounter your
Word with fresh
ears and clear
eyes, that our
lives might be
renewed to serve
you with thankful
hearts. Amen.



***Jesus Unrolled The Scroll And Found The Place Where It
Was Written: "The Spirit Of The Holy One Is Upon Me..."
Luke 4:17-18***

Sunday, February 3, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Pastor

• Rev David Shackel

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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February 3, 2019 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Meditation Music

Compassionate One, as we face troubling times and difficult circumstances at home and around the world, may our hearts and minds be open to hear the prophets of today and not turn away. May we respond to their challenges as they call us to faithfulness, even when that may mean leaving our comfort zones in order to reach-out with help and hope to those who are hurting. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude in E-flat Major

Pachelbel

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Divine Spirit of Life and Love,

People: You are as near to us as our own breath.

L: Touch our eyes,

P: That we may see you in one another.

L: Open our ears,

P: That we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

L: Enter our hearts,

P: That we may be filled with your compassion toward all people.

L: Come, Holy Spirit of Life and Wholeness,

All: Be with us now; show us the way to new life; and give us the courage to be your faithful and loving people!

*** Hymn of Praise**

From All That Dwell below the Skies

#27

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Eternal Holy One, we look to your saving power and grace. Enter those parts of ourselves that disturb us and heal them. Use our broken places as the places where you bring us together in community. Transform our own weakness into compassion for the weakness of others. Give us that graceful combination of humility and self-esteem that we may see ourselves and others as you see us - your restored and loved people. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

L: One fact remains and does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life.

All: Thanks be to God!

* Passing the Peace

L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

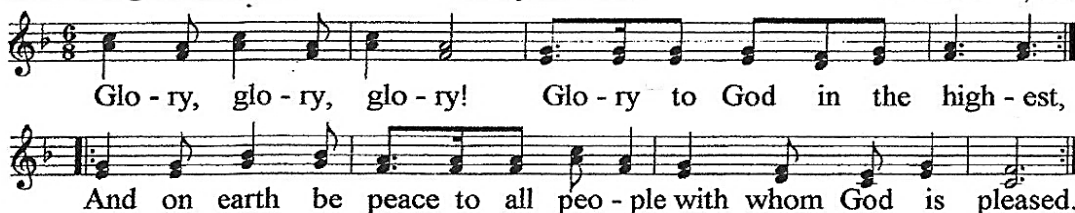
The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

* The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Pew Bible, page 179

The New Testament

Luke 4:14-30

Pew Bible, page 61

The Continuing Testament

from *Jesus' Agenda*

by Nancy Rockwell

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

A touching place

Scottish traditional, arr.
Bell/Debick

Sermon

No Home-field Advantage

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Arise, Your Light Is Come

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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

Andantino

Schumann

***Offertory Hymn**

**Winter has come, it's taken hold.
The days are short, the nights are cold.
The poor need food and help and heat.
We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Receive and bless, O Holy One, the gifts that we bring; and bless us as we offer
ourselves to be partners in your redeeming and healing work in the world. Give to
us all your Spirit of kindness, generosity, forgiveness, and love; we ask in the
name of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: It is truly good and right to give thanks to you, Divine Source of Light and Glory, because you have manifested yourself in Jesus Christ, begotten from the heart of your love. And so, with your people of every time and place, we praise your Holy Name, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Divine Source of love and grace, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

In Silence My Soul Thirsts

Sorge

"In quietness my Lord conferred
two truths I now declare:

No greater love than God's is known,
no power can compare."

Sheldon W. Sorge and Tammy Wiens, 2000

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Divine Source of all blessings, we give you thanks and praise for Jesus, the Light of the World - the Light that no darkness can overcome. We thank you that you have called us to walk in your light and have nourished us for our journey with this Bread of Life. Fill us with your Spirit and guide us in your way of compassion and peace, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[verse 1]

#80

***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

Blest Be God, Praised Forever

Punjabi melody
(Pakistan)

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Kirk Sanderson, 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 Matsuka, 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 January 27, 2019– Adults: 67 Kids: 10 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.

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.

OUR BUCC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held this morning immediately after worship. Please plan to stay, as we finalize this year's budget and our Church Council and Ministry Team members.

THE FACILITIES MINISTRY has determined that the sanctuary roof will need to be replaced this coming summer. The current roof is over 25 years old and has had minor repairs to prevent leaking and water damage. The Church Council has approved the roof project and a 'Fund the Roof Campaign' to help raise the necessary funds to pay for it. More information will be forthcoming over the next several months.

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.

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.

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for refreshments and conversation.

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 Readings

The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 24:17-22

You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Holy One, your God, redeemed you from there; therefore, I command you to do this. When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore, I am commanding you to do this.

The New Testament - Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Holy One is upon me, and has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the Season of Divine favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ►

There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Continuing Testament - from *Jesus’ Agenda* - by Nancy Rockwell [edited]

Jesus’ public announcement in his home-town synagogue declared that he was to “bring good news to the poor, release to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Year of Divine Favor.” Granted, it is a stretch to assume that Jesus’ words, read from Isaiah, are the appropriate agenda for our nation’s leaders today. Yet these words strike me as the remedy we need for our broken economy, our highest-in-the-western world rate of imprisonment, and the shockingly large proportion of our prisoners who are black and Latino. And they ring true as the decent and moral response to oppressed refugees desperately seeking freedom at our southern border. As a nation, we are deeply divided in our responses to refugees, the poor, and minorities. Ancient as Jesus’ words are, still there is a ring of truth, that these are the priorities we must embrace.

Jesus’ words challenge us to hear that he has not come to save us individually, apart from one another, or privately, through our personal belief; but he comes for us all, and is revealed in us and through us, as we reach out to embrace one another’s needs. So many of our politicians profess to be Christians - it would be a welcome wonder if they had the courage to stand-up, speak-out, and actually support Jesus’ stated agenda.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 3	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Congregational Mtg.
		CE Meeting – Library
		Coffee Hour
Monday, Feb. 4	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Library
Thursday, Feb. 7	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, Feb. 10	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Spiritual Life - Library
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE
FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert
Head Usher: Jan Renovetz
Ushers: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Ben Tomlinson, Kim Wallis
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski
Counters: Nancy Stella, Sue Stenzel
Servers: Betty Kaul, Cliff Stenzel
Clean-up: Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett
Snacks: Max Roha, Jill Zedan
Snow Hrdr: Chad Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE
FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Lay Reader: Kathleen Stewart
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Diane Gressley, Darlene
Kelly, Dan Stewart, Matt
Wolbert
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Max Roha
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E Teacher: Beth Rehling
Counters: Dave Bernard, Marge Culver
Servers: Sue Stenzel, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks: Gina Cook, Marilyn Wrights
Snow Hrdr: Cliff Cribbs