



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*We come to
you, O Holy
One, sometimes
wondering
about how long
it seems to
take for the
fulfillment of
your promises.
Yet even in our
questioning, we
come to you in
trust. We trust
that you will
bring-about
what is good
and right for us
all. Inspire us to
do our part in
helping to fulfill
your loving
promises.
Amen.*



Sunday, March 17, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Lent

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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March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, empower us to do what we can to support those who work for justice, those who keep faith, and those who show compassion. From their fortitude and endurance, help us learn how to persevere in the face of resistance. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns
[Recorder/dulcimer/guitar ensemble; youth percussion group]

Evans

"Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,
as you once wept above Jerusalem,
Seeking to gather all in love and pity,
and healing those who touch your garment's hem."
Bradford Gray Webster, 1954; alt.

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us gather in the awareness of Divine Love.

People: The Love that gives us life and brings us to this time and place.

L: Let us trust in the assurance that this Divine Love brings.

P: We are forgiven and welcomed by a Power greater than ourselves.

L: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

P: Because we are welcomed, we too can welcome others.

L: As the Spirit's power and grace fills and inspires us,

All: Let us offer the Holy One our worship and praise!

*** Hymn of Praise**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

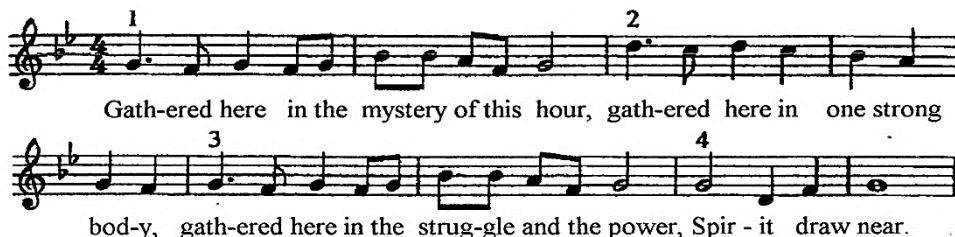
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*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Compassionate Holy One, inspire us to truly pay attention to the people around us and the world in which we live. Warm our hearts with your love, so that we might care deeply for all our neighbors, both near and far. Transform our caring into bread for the hungry, healing for the sick, and hope for those who hunger and thirst after justice. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Gathered Here - #742 [sung 2 times]



The Old Testament

Psalm 27:1-5; 11-14

Pew Bible, page 503

The New Testament

Luke 13:31-35

Pew Bible, page 77

The Continuing Testament

by Barbara Brown Taylor

The Christian Century

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

You Are There

Whipple, Jr.

Sermon

Playing Chicken

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

#583

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

C. W. von Gluck

*** Offertory Hymn**

**We now are in the time of Lent,
To learn again what Jesus meant.
His life and message are so great,
We send these gifts to celebrate. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, Source of all life and Giver of every good gift: accept these offerings that we present here today. May they serve as symbols of our love and commitment to you and to your saving work in this place and in our world. May they also be a sign of our willingness to give our whole hearts and lives in dedicated service to you and to your message of love and peace. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, the One who willingly lays down his life for us all. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Medley: Yours Is the Wheat/We Are Not Alone
Morales-Matos/Sallade

"Yours is the wheat and yours the grape,
yours is the leaven and the love.
Send your blessing on this bread;
send your grace upon this cup."
Maren Tirabassi, b. 1951

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

- * Hymn of Departure Go, My Children, with My Blessing #82
- * Carrying the Light of Christ into the World Acolyte
- * Circle of Community Hear Our Prayer, O God - sung twice

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Hear our Prayer, O God.** 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 Sarabande Handel

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR

The Family of Ed Lusk, 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, 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 March 10, 2019– Adults: 59 Kids: 16 Total: 75

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 refreshments and conversation.

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.

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 Carol Miller and Pat Rehm in Honor of the Miller and Rehm Families.

A LONG-STANDING LENTEN TRADITION within the Christian Church is to “put away” hymns or verses which contain “Alleluias”, and to set a more reflective tone with our musical selections. The purpose of this is so that on Easter Sunday, our “Alleluias” and praise can ring-out with renewed freshness and vigor, as we hail the Risen Christ. This is why we are using a different Song of Praise and concluding hymn for the benediction today.

TAKING THE BIBLE SERIOUSLY, NOT LITERALLY is the theme of our 5-week Lenten Study, which continues this Tuesday March 19th in Pilgrim Hall. Each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30, we will explore and discuss various aspects of how the Scriptures were written, different approaches to interpreting them, and how we ourselves - in light of Jesus's life and teachings - understand them. I hope to see you Tuesday - Pastor Dave

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-5; 11-14

The Holy One is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Holy One is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though hostilities rise up against me, I will still be confident. One thing I ask of the Holy One, one thing will I seek: to live in God's house all the days of my life - to behold Divine beauty and truth within God's temple. For the Holy One will shelter me in the day of trouble; the Holy One will conceal me within God's dwelling and will keep me secure....

Teach me your way, O Gracious One, and lead me on a straight path, that I may walk safely past my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out threats of violence. Yet I trust that I shall see the glory of the Holy One in the land of the living. Let all people look to the Holy One and be strong! Let your hearts take courage, as you wait for the Righteous One's deliverance!

The New Testament - Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy One.'"

The Continuing Testament - by Barbara Brown Taylor - in *The Christian Century*
[edited]

Given the number of animals available, it is curious that Jesus chooses to compare himself with a hen. What about the mighty eagle of Exodus, or Hosea's stealthy leopard? What about the proud lion of Judah, mowing down his enemies with a roar? Compared to any of those, a mother hen does not inspire much confidence.

But a hen is what Jesus chooses, which - if you think about it - is pretty typical of him. He is always turning things upside down, so that children and peasants wind up on top, while kings and clerics land on the bottom. He is always wrecking our expectations of how things should turn out by giving prizes to losers and paying the last first. So of course, he chooses a hen, which is about as far from a fox as you can get.

Jesus won't be king of the jungle in this or any other story. What he will be is a mother hen, who stands between the chicks and those who mean to do them harm. She has no fangs, no claws, no rippling muscles. All she has is her willingness to shield her young with her own body. If the fox wants them, he will have to kill her first. Which, as it turns out, he does.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Mar. 17	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, March 19	7:00 pm	Lenten Study PH
Thursday, March 21	1:00 pm	Bible Study
		<u>NO</u> Rec/Dul/Guitar
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
Sunday, Mar. 24	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

MARCH 17, 2019

Lay Reader:	Darlene Kelly
Head Usher:	Sue Maier
Ushers:	Diane Gressley, Caroline Chandler Dan Stewart, Matt Wolbert
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	Beth Rehling
Counters:	Marge Culver, Jan Renovetz
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snacks:	Kathleen Stewart, Erin Tomlinson
Snow Hrdr:	Joe Wilson

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

MARCH 24, 2019

Lay Reader:	Diane Gressley
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Dave & Julie Bernard Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Jonathan Cook
C.E. Teacher:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Jim Duffy & Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean-Up:	Sue Stenzel, Jan Renovetz
Snacks:	Anne Melfo, Bridget Sproul
Snow Hrdr:	Matt Wolbert