



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***Gracious Holy  
One, who loves  
creation in all  
its rainbow  
diversity, speak  
to us who  
narrow, define,  
pigeon-hole and  
exclude those  
who are not like  
us. May we view  
the world as  
you see it in all  
its strange  
beauty and  
wonderful  
variety! Amen!***

*love  
will  
always  
win* ♥

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**Sunday May 19, 2019 • 10:00 AM**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*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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## May 19, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Meditation Music

Compassionate One, as much as we tend to treasure our religious traditions, may they never cause us to neglect Jesus' imperative to be open-handed and big-hearted in loving our neighbors and living lives of gracious abundance. Amen

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

The Greatest Commands

Detweiler

"Love one another, for love is of God.  
Those who love are born of God, and know God.  
Those who do not love, do not know God,  
For God is love, God is love."  
1 John 4:7-8; 16

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

**\* Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 113

Leader: Blessed be the name of our Creator - from this time forth and for evermore!

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of Holy One is to be praised!**

L: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One,

**P: It is right to raise our praises to the heavens!**

L: Let us declare our Maker's marvelous love in the morning,

**P: Let us reflect on our Creator's faithfulness throughout the night!**

L: Let all people praise the Holy One together!

**All: Glory be to the One whose love sustains us all!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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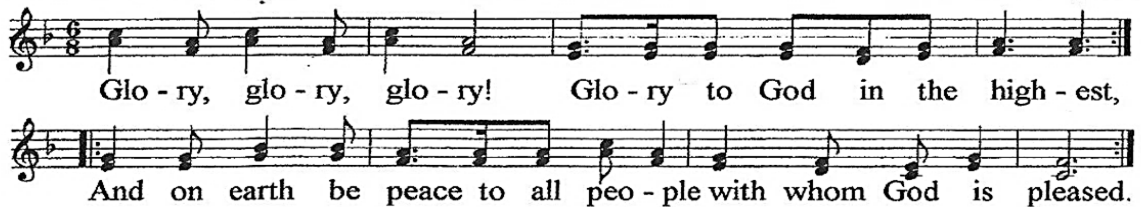
**\* Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

**Holy Source of All, your love and grace is for all people and all creation. Help us to share your Divine Compassion throughout our troubled and hurting world. Touch our lives with your wisdom and power, so that we may help bring healing and wholeness to those in need. Fill us with your Spirit, that your Reign of Justice and Peace might be known among us all. This we pray in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Isaiah 56:1-8

Pew Bible, page 686

**The New Testament**

Revelation 21.1-6; 22-23

Pew Bible, page 259

**The Continuing Testament** from *Commentary on Revelation*

by Barbara Rossing

**Youth Anthem**

May the God of Hope  
[Joyful Noise]

Argentinian folk melody

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

If I Speak

Vos

[Becky Anderson, Erin Tomlinson, flute; Youth Percussion]

**Sermon**

*There's No Place Like Home*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Jesus Shall Reign

#300

***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**

Adagio in C

Mozart

### **\*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]**

**We thank you, Holy Source of Life and Love, that you have entrusted to us the responsibility of sharing with others the vision of New Life which Jesus Christ came to reveal. Accept these offerings, that they may be a sign of our love for you and for others. Use these gifts and use our lives to advance your Realm of peace and justice on earth. This we ask in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

### **Words of Institution**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Invitation**

### **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

### **Communion Music**

We Who Once Were Dead

Haas

"We who once were dead  
now live, fully knowing  
Jesus as our head.  
Life is overflowing  
when we break the bread."

Muus Jacobse (1909-1972); trans. Forrest Ingram and David Smith

### **The Blessing**

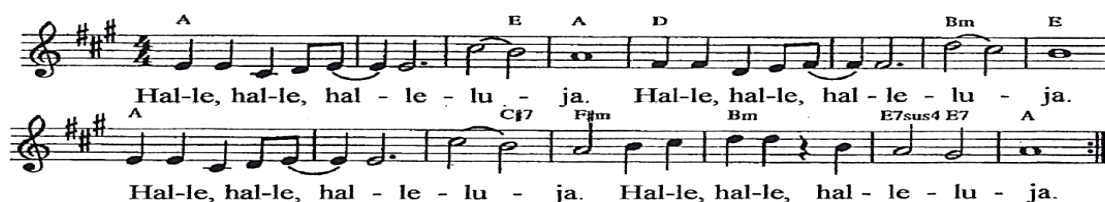
## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure                      Now Is the Time Approaching                      #609

\*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                      And Have the Bright Immensities  
Handel, adapt. and arr. Hurd

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

Jan Wardlaw, 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 May 12, 2019– Adults: 82 Kids: 16 Total: 98**

## ***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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

**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'S FLOWER'S** are given by Bettina Ortiz in "Honor of her daughter, Rachel Kubic (5/21/69) and her granddaughters, Grace & Julianne Kubic (5/15/99)"

**TODAY** we are serving a hunger meal at Pearl Road UMC in partnership with Independence UMC. The sign-up board is in the narthex for people to indicate their interest in participating. The menu will be the usual, with IUMC providing the salad. The first shift will arrive about 2:30 PM to set up and prepare, and the second shift will arrive about 4:00 PM to serve and clean up. The meal is usually served about 5:00 PM.

**LAST WEEK'S MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING for EDNA HOUSE** was **\$1,482!** There were also household items donated which were taken back to the House by Sarah Pietch, who spoke at our worship service. Thanks to all of you who gave so generously!

**LAST SATURDAY'S "LAST MINUTE MART"** raised **\$858.64** for the Cleveland Area Refugee Response program. Thanks to the members of our OCWM and Christian Education Ministry Teams who helped make this possible!

**SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY** - Starting this Sunday, Dave Debeck will begin recruiting volunteer singers and instrumentalists to share their musical gifts during the summer months while our choirs take a well-deserved break. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday, please contact Dave so he can schedule you for a Sunday that's convenient for you. High school students are welcome to participate.

### **DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICE?**

Maybe Max Roha's experience will help you. Come hear what he does and what the sound system of the church can do for you. Catch Max during Sunday's coffee hour and talk with him about what he does. If there is enough interest, he can find a suitable space for a wider discussion. Maybe there is an answer to questions that have plague you. ►

Find out what Max found to be the solution to his hearing problems at BUCC future that had threatened to limit his attendance at Sunday worship. His story might help you.

**AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH** - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

**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 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.

**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***.

**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 Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Isaiah 56:1-8**

Thus says the Holy One: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the person who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing evil. Do not let the foreigner among you say, "The Holy One will surely separate me from God's people"; and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a withered tree." For thus says the Holy One: To the eunuchs who follow my ways, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Holy One, to minister to God, to love God's name, and to serve the Holy One - all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Holy One, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

### **The New Testament - Revelation 21.1-6; 22-23**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of the Holy One is among mortals. God will dwell with them and be with them as their God; they will be God's peoples. And God will wipe-away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new! Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. ►"

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.... And in the spirit, he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Holy One and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

**The Continuing Testament** - from *Commentary on Revelation* - by Barbara  
Rossing [edited]

Contrary to popular apocalyptic thinking, there is no “rapture” or a future snatching of Christians up from the earth in Revelation. Instead, it is God who is “raptured” down to earth, to take up residence among *us*. Revelation is profoundly ecological in the sense of declaring God’s commitment to the earth as the location of salvation...At the end of Revelation, God speaks not through angelic intermediaries but directly. God promises water of life for all who thirst, given free of charge. This twice-repeated promise of the water of life, “without price” underscores the economic contrast between the political economy of God’s city and the Roman Empire. Unlike the unjust commerce of Rome, God’s New Jerusalem is a place where life and its essentials are given as a free gift, “without money,” even to those who cannot pay for them.

This vision of God’s water of life for everyone, can be vital to proclaim in our time of economic and ecological crisis, including a global water crisis. Also, the vision of the New Jerusalem in Revelation is a profoundly urban image, which can renew our vision for urban ministry. As Kathleen Norris writes in her *Introduction to Revelation*, “God desires to restore this world to a beauty we can scarcely imagine. It is a city, not a solitude, an important distinction in the narcissistic din of modern culture. The city that descends from heaven invites us *all* to enter as citizens, and to inherit its blessings, as God’s own sons and daughters.”

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, May 19</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>Stewardship - Parlor</b>
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Hunger Meal PRUMC</b>
<b>Thursday, May 23</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Recorder/Dul/Guit</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Friday, May 24</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, May 26</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Monday, May 27</b>		<b>*Memorial Day – Office Closed*</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**May 19, 2019**

Lay Reader:	Kathleen Stewart
Head Usher:	Sue Stenzel
Ushers:	Dan Stewart, Ben Tomlinson George & Carole Snider
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Cameron Ward
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Valerie Tyler
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Kathy Pastor & Jim Duffy
Servers:	Julie Bernard, Carole Snider
Clean-Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy
Snacks:	Heidi Spangler, Jill Zedan

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**May 26, 2019**

Lay Reader:	Jill Zedan
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	David & Kathy Pastor Beth Rehling, David Ritchey
Acolyte:	Grace Hunt
Peace Candle:	Lily Hunt
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Caroline Chandler
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Jonathan Cook
C.E. Teacher:	Beth Rehling
Counters:	Marge Culver, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks:	Marla Corrado, Anne Melfo