

Divine Source of Wisdom, sometimes we feel that we are drowning in a sea of data. We have information available to us in an instant, but we know that wisdom usually doesn't arrive so auickly. We know that it takes time. and attention, and contemplation. Help us to wake up and listen, so that we may be a wise and loving community. Amen.

Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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



Sunday June 16, 2019 • 10:00 AM Trinity Sunday

Pastor
• Rev David Shackle

Director of Music Financial Secretary Ministers

• David Debick • Joy Garapic 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 Church Phone: 440-526-4364

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June 16, 2019 - Trinity Sunday

Meditation Music

Our Loving Divine creates the world, and asks us to care for it with love. Jesus welcomes us as his sisters and brothers and invites us to become One Family. The Holy Spirit fills us with power and compassion and calls us to reach-out to all people with grace and peace. The Holy One speaks to us in many ways, so that we who are many, may learn to be One!

Gathering in God's Presence

* Please stand as you are able.

Prelude To God Alone on High Be Glory Pachelbel

Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Gracious Holy One, every day, you reveal yourself to us anew.

People: Give us fresh eyes to recognize you:

L: In the falling rain and in the warmth of the sun,

P: In our neighbors, friends, and families,

L: In the poor, the unemployed, the victims of war and violence,

P: In the sorrows and joys of Life; in the fears and hopes of all people.

L: Help us respond to you at all times and in all places,

P: In the close and familiar, and in the foreign and new.

L: Open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear your call, and our hearts to gladly welcome you.

All: Shine your light upon us and show us the way!

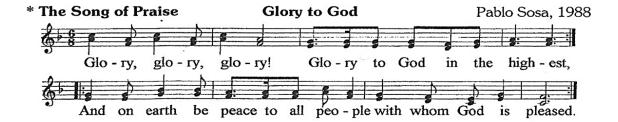
* Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we come before you with joy and thanksgiving for your overwhelming compassion and grace. Be with us today as we worship you, and every day as we seek to live-out our faith. By your Holy Spirit, turn our confusion into confidence and our fear into courage. Inspire and enlighten us, so that we may go into the world renewed and energized - eager to serve you, by joyfully serving one another. Amen.



The Old Testament The New Testament

Micah 6:6-8 Luke 10:25-37 Pew Bible, page 866 Pew Bible, page 71 by Brian McLaren

The Continuing Testament from The Great Spiritual Migration

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem By and By Tindley

Sermon That Other Holy Trinity Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? #539

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

Take My Life, That I May Be [Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Pharris

"Take my life, that I may be consecrated, God, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise." Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

*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 Source of All, the opportunity to share Life's blessings with others is a gift for which we are truly thankful. Your generous provisions for us, 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. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who lovingly gave himself for us all. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

"In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people-Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace."
Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Help Us Accept Each Other

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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 Community of Joy Darwall

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 June 9, 2019 – Adults: 64 Kids: 11 Total: 72

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.

WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS - We offer several childcare 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 FLOWER'S are given by Dot & Stu Bailey For Caring and Loving Fathers.

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.

EMAIL BLASTS There have been quite a few important email blasts that have gone out recently. If you are not receiving them, please send me your email address, or updated email address so you may be included in the Church information. Send to Jeannette at buccoh@sbcglobal.net, or please feel free to call me at 440-526-4364

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.

There are several open Sunday's this Summer, and quite a few open for the Fall...take a look

It's All About Dave

Break out your flip flops, straw hats and sunglasses for PD's

Beach Retirement Party on June 22, 2019.

Festivities will begin at 4:00 PM in Pilgrim Hall.

There will be food and beverages, music and an opportunity to express your appreciation to Dave for all the years he has been sharing his talents with us

Food and beverages will be served at 5:00PM...there will be children friendly foods

Please RSVP your acceptance to Jeanette by June 18th either by phone or email <u>buccoh@sbcglobal.net</u> or 440-526-4364

PLEASE RSVP EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING - THANK YOU

Babysitting will be available if needed. A Freewill collection will also be available

Farewell Gathering and Reception

On Sunday, June 30 following services we will be hosting a light reception for Pastor Dave. It will be an opportunity to share thoughts on your journey over the last 15 years.

A presentation acknowledging his time with us as a Congregation will be followed by a light reception. There will be a sign-up sheet to provide items for the reception similar to what we serve for our Music Receptions.

Any questions please call Sue Stenzel at 216-695-1899 or email stenzelsj@sbcglobal.net

READINGS

The Old Testament - Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Holy One, and bow myself before the Righteous One on high? Shall I come with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Holy One be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" The Holy One has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what is required of you: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God

The New Testament - Luke 10:25-37

At that moment, an expert in the Law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Holy One with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Continuing Testament - from *The Great Spiritual Migration -* by Brian McLaren [edited]

For centuries, Christianity has been presented as a system of beliefs. That system of beliefs has supported a wide range of unintended consequences, from colonialism to environmental destruction, subordination of women to stigmatization of LGBTQ people, anti-Semitism to Islamophobia. Imagine what it would mean for Christians to rediscover their faith - not as a problematic system of beliefs - but as a just and generous way of Life, rooted in contemplation and expressed in compassion. One that makes amends for its mistakes and is dedicated to a beloved community for all. Christians could migrate from defining their faith as a system of beliefs, to expressing it as a loving way of Life.

For centuries, Christianity has presented itself as an "organized religion" - a change-averse institution that protects and promotes a timeless system of beliefs. Yet Christianity's actual history is a story of change and adaptation. Imagine what might happen if we understood the core Christian ethos as creative, constructive, and forward-leaning - as an "organizing religion" that challenges institutions to learn, grow, and mature - just as Jesus did Of the many radical things said and done by Jesus, his unflinching emphasis on love is the most radical of all. Love is the greatest commandment, the prime directive - love for God, for self, for neighbor, for stranger, for alien, for outsider, for outcast, and even for enemy. The new commandment of love means that neither beliefs nor words, neither systems nor structures matter most. Love matters most! Love supersedes everything else! Love takes priority over everything else!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 16		Worship Service Coffee Hour
Thursday, June 20	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, June 21		*Office Closed*
Saturday, June 22	4:00 pm	Pastor Dave's Retirement Party
Sunday, June 23	10:00 am	Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

<u>PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE</u> JUNE 16. 2019

Lay Reader:
Head Usher:
Ushers:
Ben Tomlinson
Bob Chandler
Dot & Stu Bailey,

Kate Klonowski, Carole Snider

Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Natalie Corrado
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher: Beth & Ben Rehling

Counters: Kathy Pastor, Matt Wolbert Servers: Julie Bernard, Joan Cook

Clean-Up: Cliff & Sue Stenzel

<u>PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE</u> JUNE 23, 2019

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert

Head Usher: Anne Melfo Fawcett
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard

Bob & Caroline Chandler

Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg

Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Kathy Pastor

C.E. Teacher: Mindy Wade & Ben Davis
Counters: Sue Stenzel, Jon Thompson
Servers: Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel

Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs