



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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



*Come, Holy Spirit, to inspire and activate our Faith. Come, Holy Spirit, to renew and restore all Creation. Come Holy Spirit, to gather us and form us in your Compassionate Image. Come, Holy Spirit, to empower us with your liberating love. Amen.*

*And Suddenly From Heaven There Came A Sound Like The  
Rush Of A Mighty Wind, And It Filled The Entire House....  
Acts 2:2*

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**Sunday June 9, 2019 • 10:00 AM**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

*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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## June 9, 2019 – Pentecost Sunday

### Meditation Music

Creative One, never before have we held in our hands the technology to instantly communicate around the globe. This presents us wonderful opportunities, and a serious responsibility, to listen and talk to each other with respect, honesty and compassion. On this Pentecost, may your Holy Spirit bring us wisdom and humility, patience and forgiveness, so that we might once again better understand each other, and appreciate our Oneness in You. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

#### Prelude

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Parry

"Wind who makes all winds that blow--  
gusts that bend the saplings low,  
gales that heave the sea in waves,  
stirrings in the mind's deep caves--  
aim your breath with steady power  
on your church this day, this hour."  
Thomas H. Troeger, 1983

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

**\* Call to Worship** - from the Second Chapter of Acts

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come,

**People: All the believers were gathered together in one place.**

L: Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind,

**P: And it filled the entire house where they were sitting.**

L: There appeared to them tongues, like individual flames;

**P: And a tongue rested on each one of them.**

L: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,

**P: And they began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability.**

L: On this Pentecost, loosen our tongues to proclaim your goodness, O Holy One!

**All: Inspire our hearts to sing-out your praise!**

#### \* Hymn of Praise

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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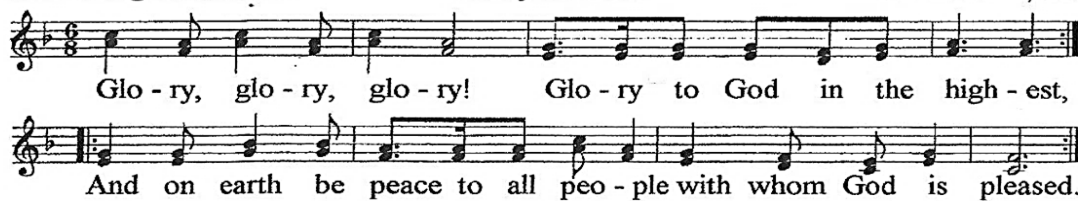
**\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy Spirit, come among us today and touch us with the fulness of your love. Enter our lives, free us from our fears, and guide us by your wisdom. Empower us to be your Church, today and every day. Impart to us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and in this world. Renew within us all, your abiding gifts of faith, hope, and love, so that we might continue to follow your light and praise you with joy! Amen!

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**The Old Testament**

Isaiah 58:6-10

Pew Bible, page 688

**The New Testament**

Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible, page 119

**The Continuing Testament** - from *Think Differently About Difference* - by Eric Barreto

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

O Holy Spirit, Praise to You  
[Alex Piepenbrink, oboe]

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**Sermon**

*The Entire House*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Come, O Spirit. with Your Sound

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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**

Sarabande  
*[Alex Piepenbrink, oboe]*

by Debussy

### **\*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, bless us now and the gifts that we bring. May your redeeming  
word of hope be spoken through us and through our gifts, in this place and  
throughout our world. Grant that the fire of your Spirit may warm our hearts and  
radiate out from us as deeds of love and service. This we ask in the name of Jesus  
Christ, our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

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

### **\* Hymn of Departure**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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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

Fantasia on "Come, Holy Ghost"

J. S. Bach

### 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 2, 2019– Adults: 74 Kids: 12 Total: 80**

## **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 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 FLOWER'S** are given by Diane Gressley, in Memory of her Mother, Emma's Birthday.

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH** – Today, Pentecost Sunday is traditionally known as the birthday of the church. Today, we will again be given the opportunity to celebrate the church by contributing to our ***Strengthen the Church*** special mission offering.

As God calls our congregations to **be the Church** in new ways, your generosity will help fulfill our commitment to new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and help visions and dreams become reality as we invest in ministries and practices that work toward meeting the ever growing needs of our communities both locally and nationally

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to ***Strengthen the Church*** special offering and, as always, thank you for your continued support .

**SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM** - This morning during coffee hour, Dave Debick will continue recruiting volunteers for our summer music ministry. If you'd enjoy sharing your musical gifts (vocal or instrumental) with our very-affirming congregation, please let Dave know so he can schedule you for a Sunday that's convenient for you. High school students are welcome to participate.

**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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> either by phone or email [buccoh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buccoh@sbcglobal.net) 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](mailto:stenzelsj@sbcglobal.net)



## ***READINGS***

### **The Old Testament - Isaiah 58:6-10**

*Thus says the Holy One:* Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break-forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring-up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, and the light of the Holy One shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Holy One will answer; you shall cry for help, and the Holy One will say, "Here I am!" If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

### **The New Testament - Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about the Holy One's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, the Holy One declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy’.... Then everyone who calls on the name of the Holy One shall be saved.”

**The Continuing Testament** - from *Think Differently About Difference* - by Eric Barreto [edited]

The story of Pentecost helps us understand how the Holy One sees human diversity: as one of God’s greatest gifts to the world. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit doesn’t erase our differences, but embraces the fact that we are all so wonderfully different. At Pentecost, the Holy One chooses to meet us in the midst of a multitude of languages and experiences. The Spirit translates the Good News of Jesus into numerous languages. If you think this is easy, then you’ve never tried learning a new language! Language is messy and intricate, rooted in wide and complex cultural ways of thinking and living. Even when we speak the same language, we still have a hard time understanding one another. At Pentecost, the Spirit’s choice is clear: to join us in the midst of the messiness and difficulties of speaking different languages, eating different foods, and living in different cultures.

The problem we face across cultures, is not our differences. It’s when we imbue those differences with judgements and prejudice; when our differences become a way to determine who is in and who is out - who is better and who is inferior. It is then that we corrupt the Divine Gift of Diversity. So, we must set-aside those prejudices that infect our relationships with one another. They are poisons that lead to hatred and destruction. But let us also set aside the equally infectious, equally destructive delusion that our differences are a problem to be solved. Such delusion may be as harmful as direct prejudice, for they both work on the same logic: That it’s better to be the same than to be different. For the Holy One’s Wonderfully Diverse Family, nothing could be further from the truth.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

|                           |                 |   |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Sunday, June 9</b>     | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Worship Service/Pentecost</b>        |
|                           |                 | <b>*Strengthen the Church Offering*</b> |
|                           | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                      |
| <b>Wednesday, June 12</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Council – Parlor</b>                 |
| <b>Thursday, June 13</b>  | <b>1:00 pm</b>  | <b>Bible Study</b>                      |
| <b>Friday, June 14</b>    |                 | <b>*Office Closed*</b>                  |
| <b>Sunday, June 16</b>    | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Worship Service</b>                  |
|                           | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                      |

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**JUNE 9, 2019**

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| Lay Reader:   | Cliff Cribbs                                    |
| Head Usher:   | Jill Zedan                                      |
| Ushers:       | Ben Davis, Betty Kaul,<br>Bridget & Chad Sproul |
| Acolyte:      | Jillian Davis                                   |
| Peace Candle: | Amelia Tyler                                    |
| Sound:        | Kevin Smith                                     |
| Comns Grtr:   | Lenore Harris                                   |
| Flowers:      | Betty Gifford                                   |
| Nursery:      | Courtnei Began                                  |
| C.E Teacher:  | Mindy Wade                                      |
| Counters:     | Dave Bernard, Nancy Stella                      |
| Servers:      | Marge Culver, Betty Kaul                        |
| Clean-Up:     | Bob & Caroline Chandler                         |

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**JUNE 16, 2019**

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| Lay Reader:   | Ben Tomlinson                                      |
| Head Usher:   | Bob Chandler                                       |
| Ushers:       | Dot & Stu Bailey,<br>Kate Klonowski, Carole Snider |
| Acolyte:      | Jillian Davis                                      |
| Peace Candle: | Natalie Corrado                                    |
| Sound:        | Doug Fawcett                                       |
| Comns Grtr:   | Betty Kaul   |
| Flowers:      | Jan Renovetz                                       |
| Nursery:      | Erin Tomlinson                                     |
| C.E Teacher:  | Beth & Ben Rehling                                 |
| Counters:     | Kathy Pastor, Matt Wolobert                        |
| Servers:      | Julie Bernard, Joan Cook                           |
| Clean-Up:     | Cliff & Sue Stenzel                                |