

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***Sacred Source
of Love and
Grace, you call
us to be people
of compassion,
just as Jesus
was. Inspire us
to care for
others and to
share in their
lives - to
celebrate with
their joys, and
to cry with their
sorrows. May
your great love
for us all inspire
us to truly love
our neighbors,
so that your
Realm of peace
and justice
might flourish
among us.
Amen.***



***“The One Who Showed Him Mercy.”
Luke 10:37***

Sunday July 14, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor

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

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July 14, 2019 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, help us to remember that the heart of our Faith is about showing mercy and doing justice. Keep us centered on that most important commandment of all: to love You, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Prelude

Nielsen

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

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

People: Give us new 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**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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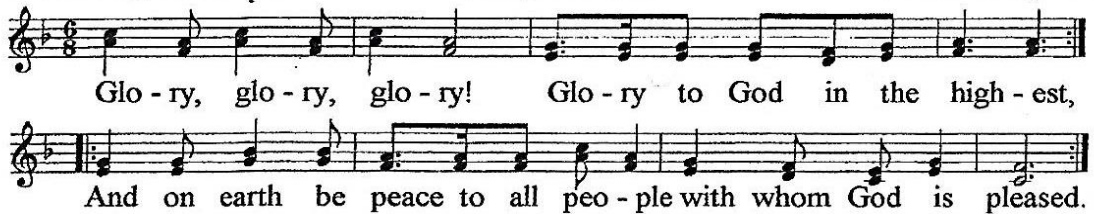
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

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 Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 82

Pew Bible, page 542

The New Testament

Luke 10:25-37

Pew Bible, page 71

The Continuing Testament

from *Who Is My Neighbor?*

by Alan Brehm

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Melody, arr. Fettke/Parks

[Erin Tomlinson, Flute]

Sermon

A New World

Nayiri Karjian

Hymn of Reflection

In Christ There Is No East or West

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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

Lord of All Good

Genevan Psalter, 1551, adapt.

“Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.”

Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt.

***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.

Going with God’s Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Help Us Accept Each Other

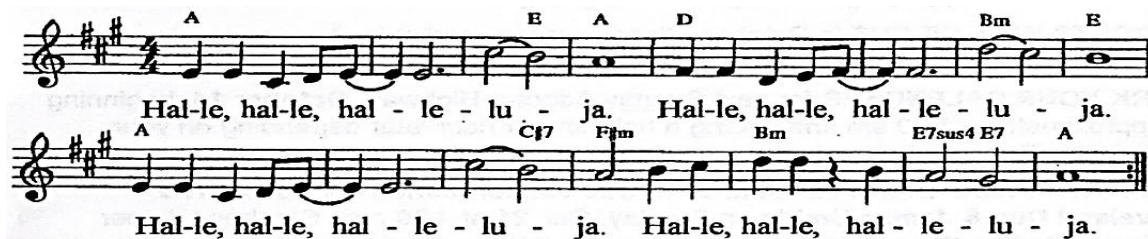
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***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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

God The Sculptor of Mountains

Husberg

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Ed Lusk, Richard Sacher, brother of Jan Renovetz, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick, Niece of Kathy Smith, Pat Bailey, 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 Sunday, July 7, 2016 – Adults: 61 Kids: 7 Total: 68

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 our Coffee Hour.

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 FLOWERS are given by Marge Culver in Loving Memory of Richard Culver.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are available in the Commons area. Please save the cost of mailing by picking them up.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

BUCC HAS THE LATEST, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc. Just plug in one of our headphones, your favorite Walkman headphones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service.

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of your hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

One of our ushers and members of the Spiritual Life Ministry are ready to help you get started. Check with them before the service next Sunday. Your questions are gladly answered.

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, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

PAPER RECYCLING BIN – You may have noticed that we now have a Paper Recycling Bin in the Parking lot. Please bring your paper recyclables and help us fill it up!

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 82

The Holy One sits in the divine council; in the midst of the all that is good the Righteous One holds judgment: “How long will you mortal ones judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

Those to whom I have given authority have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I remind them, “You are to be like gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any worldly ruler.”

Rise up, O Holy One and judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

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 *Who Is My Neighbor?* - by Alan Brehm
[edited]

It would have been one thing for Jesus to tell a parable about a particularly righteous Jewish person who showed mercy toward a Samaritan. That person would have been viewed as exceptionally compassionate, but the story would have left intact the Jewish people's sense of ethnic and spiritual superiority over the Samaritans. In other words, it would have been a story that would maintain the assumption that Samaritans aren't normally included in the list of people they were supposed to love.

But that's not the story Jesus told. Jesus made a despised Samaritan the hero of the parable. More than that, Jesus made him the example for Jewish people to follow if they wanted to obey the command to "love your neighbor as yourself." That was turning their world upside down. The outcast became the ideal for those who viewed themselves above him. That would have been like making a Muslim or a undocumented Mexican into a spiritual example for many Americans today. It was shocking; it was confusing; it was offensive to many proud Israeli nationalists. But in order to love our neighbors, we have to first recognize their humanity.

We have to recognize the humanity of the homeless, the refugees, the migrant workers, and the single moms on welfare in order to love them enough to truly work with them to improve their wellbeing. That's where compassion starts. This requires more than just feeling sorry for them or giving money to causes that support them. It requires recognizing "that every human face is the face of a neighbor." [Henri Nouwen, *The Wounded Healer*]

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 14	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Thurs., July 18	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, July 19	*Office Closed*	
Sunday, July 21	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 14, 2019

Lay Reader:	David Ritchey
Head Usher:	Sue Maier
Ushers:	Erin Tomlinson Jon Thompson, Sam Koch, Sue Stenzel
Acolyte:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Cameron Ward
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comms Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	Gina Cook
Counters:	Dave Bernard, Kathy Pastor
Servers:	Marge Culver, Joanne Cook
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 21, 2019

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Kathy Smith
Ushers:	David & Kathy Pastor, Dave & Julie Bernard
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	David Pastor
Comms Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
Nursery:	Erin Tolinson
C.E Teacher:	
Counters:	Marge Culver, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean-Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy

****If you need to make a schedule change, please call***

***Betty Kaul 440-526-1244 or
Sue Stenzel at 440-526-4098****