

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*Living Holy
One, may we
make time and
space in our
lives of
busyness to be
with you. May
we find your
Presence in this
time and space;
listening for
your Living
Word, feeling
your hand hold
our very being,
knowing that
your love
surrounds each
moment. Amen.*



***Mary Sat At Jesus' Feet And Listened To
What He Said" Luke 10:39***

Sunday July 21, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Sixth 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, or bisexual,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are fully abled, disabled, 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!

WELCOME TO 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 for children are also available from ushers.

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, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

Summer Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:00 - 12:00

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July 21, 2019 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Still Speaking Holy One, may we listen for your Word as we face the challenges of our day. May we think before we speak, pause before we act, learn from our mistakes, and be prepared to witness to the power of your Presence in our lives. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Come and Sing a New Song

Punjabi Melody
(India)

[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: This is a day to celebrate new life!

People: To open our eyes to the beauty of creation,

L: To open our ears to the sounds of God's world,

P: To open our hearts to God's people all around us!

L: This is a day to give thanks for Life's many blessings!

P: This is a time to remember God's love for us all!

L: Today we give thanks for the Spirit, who brings us new life!

All: We give thanks to the Holy One, whose compassion is everlasting!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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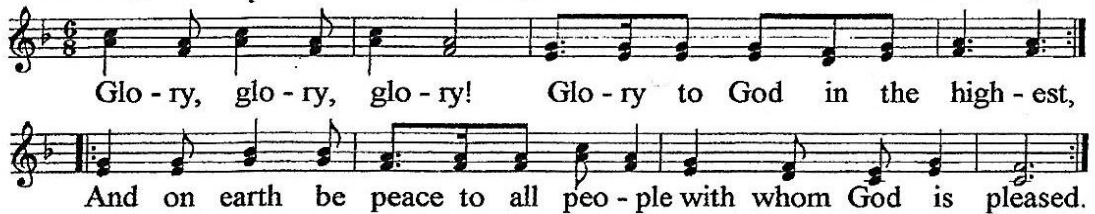
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Creator of our world, ourselves, and all that exists - we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself fully in the person of Jesus Christ, who fully shared his life with others. Help us to follow Christ's example and be fully present with and for one another today and in all our days to come. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Amos 8:4-12

Pew Bible, page 856

The New Testament

Luke 10:38-42

Pew Bible, page 72

The Continuing Testament - from *The First Duty of Love Is to Listen* -

by Gordon
Livingston

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Jesus, My Confidence
[Cliff Cribbs, bass]

Ridge

Sermon

Rob Grow

Hymn of Reflection

O Day of God, Draw Near

#611

The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer

*[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

Oh God Hear My Prayer

Berthier

“O God hear my Prayer, O God hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O God hear my Prayer, O God hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.”
Psalm 102:1-2; adapt. Taizé Community (France)

***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]**

Accept, O Gracious One, these offerings that we present to you, and grant that the causes to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance and bring glory to your name. Help us also to give ourselves fully and freely to the work of your Realm, that the love of Christ might shine through us and throughout the world. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
[verse 1]

#77

***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 Reigns: Let Earth Rejoice!

Genevan Psalter, 1562:
Harm. Grotenhuis

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Toneff, 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 14, 2016 – Adults: 50 Kids: 10 Total: 60

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 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 Pat Rehm & Carole Miller for the Unetic Family

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

CHURCH PICNIC will be held August 18th from noon to 4pm, following Pastor Allan's first service with us! The cookout will take place at Nora's house (9256 Highland Drive), rain or shine. In case of heavy rain or lightning, we will move the party to Pilgrim Hall. Activities will include swimming and fishing (bring your own pole). The theme for the cooking contest will be "Dessert in a Muffin Tin". If you are not taking part in the cooking contest, please bring a side dish, preferably in a disposable container. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please sign up so we can get an accurate count (either sign up at church, or contact Matt Wolbert or Tia Began). Hope to see you there!

Matt Wolbert: mjwolbert@hotmail.com

Tia Began: brecksvillet@aol.com

Office: buccoh@sbcglobal.net

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 last week'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 you 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 - Amos 8:4-12

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the New Moon celebration be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the product small and the price great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the worthless parts of the wheat." God has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely, I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Holy One, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only child, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Holy One, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but a great hunger for hearing the message of God. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of God, but they shall not find it.

The New Testament - Luke 10:38-42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so, she came to him and asked, "Teacher, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Continuing Testament - from *The First Duty of Love Is to Listen* - by Gordon Livingston [edited]

No single characteristic reveals as much about a person as their ability to pay attention to others. As a therapist I wish I could say that people benefit most from the wisdom and brilliant insights that I bring. Truthfully, most of what I do is sit in silence and try to formulate questions that will assist patients to figure out what they should do to change their lives. To do this I must pay close attention to what they are saying. Why would people spend good money to engage in such a process with another human being whose own life may be no happier than their own? The answer is that most people find it beneficial to be listened to non-judgmentally. Many benefit equally from similar [and less expensive] interactions with their hairdresser, bartender, or clergy.

To be able to focus on the expressed needs and desires of another person, reflects a generosity of spirit that is not randomly distributed in the population. It conveys a respect for the person being listened to that is unmistakable, and satisfies our deepest human longing for connectedness.

If it is true that we enter and leave this world alone, few of us can live that way for very long without going mad. People alone on desert islands do not flourish.

Little wonder then that we crave the experience of being listened to, and respond gratefully to anyone who will do this for us. We are aware at some level that the ability to listen is highly correlated with other desirable traits such as kindness, unselfishness, and empathy. The opposite is also true. The most obvious characteristic of people who are unable to listen, is a basic lack of interest in what the other person is saying, and a general lack of concern for that individual. To really listen to another is more than good manners; it is an affirmation that the person who is speaking has something to teach us.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 21	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Thurs., July 25	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, July 26		*Office Closed*
Sunday, July 28	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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 Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	
Counters:	Marge Culver, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean-Up:	Jim & Peg Duffy

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 28, 2019

Lay Reader:	Bettina Ortiz
Head Usher:	Dot Bailey
Ushers:	Bob & Caroline Chandler, Diane Gressley, Betty Kaul
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Amelia Taylor
Sound:	Tim Wallis
Comms Grtr:	Valerie Taylor
Flowers:	Carole Snider
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E. Teacher:	
Counters:	David Pastor, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs