



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***Merciful
Sovereign of us
all, so many
nations and
communities
are being torn
apart by fear
and violence,
hatred and
anger. In your
goodness, help
all who are
hurting to move
beyond their
grief and their
desire for
revenge, so that
they may
experience your
genuine peace,
healing, and
justice. This we
ask in the name
of Jesus Christ.
Amen.***



**Sunday July 7, 2019 • 10:00 AM
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

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, 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 7, 2019 – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, our good intentions are often just that, and do not translate into actions that bring your compassion, healing and peace. Set us free from our indifference and inaction, so that we may be willing and effective instruments of your grace and peace. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

Suitor

“Your love, O God, has called us here,
for all love finds its source in you,
the perfect love that casts out fear,
the love that Christ makes ever new.”
Russell Schultz-Widmar, 1982

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship** - from *Psalms* 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, Gracious Holy One;

People: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

L: I will declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

P: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: The heavens are yours, and the earth as well;

P: The world and all that is in it, for you have founded all things.

L: Happy are those who shout your praises;

All: Who walk in the light of your compassionate Presence!

*** Hymn of Praise**

This Is My Song

#591

*** Prayer of Confession** [Unison]

Eternal Holy One, we look to your saving power and grace. Enter those parts of ourselves that disturb us and heal them. Use our broken places as the places where you bring us together in community. Transform our own weakness into compassion for the weakness of others. Give us that graceful combination of humility and self-esteem that we may see ourselves and others as you see us - your restored and loved people. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life.

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Passing the Peace**

L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

The Old Testament

Joshua 3:14-17

The New Testament

Matthew 14:22-33

The Continuing Testament

From the Way of The Wolf

Martin Bell

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Last Night I Had The Strangest Dream
[David Pastor, vocal and guitar]

McCurdy

Sermon

Stepping into the Water

Leroy Ford

Hymn of Reflection

Amazing Grace

#547

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

Sanctus

Nivers

*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]

**All good gifts around us come from you, Gracious Holy One. You have given us life
and new life in Jesus Christ. May our giving be acceptable in your sight, and may
our gifts and our lives be used to advance your Divine Realm of compassion and
peace. This we ask in the name and Spirit of Jesus, who lovingly gave himself for
us all. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Communion Music

O the Depth of Love Divine

Young

“Let the wisest mortals show
how we the grace receive;
feeble elements bestow
a power not theirs to give.”
Charles Wesley, 1745

Going with God’s Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

#573

***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

Sing to God

Marshall

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Richard Sacher, brother of Jan Renovetz, 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 Sunday, June 30, 2016 – Adults: 107 Kids: 18 Total: 125

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 & Carol Miller, in Memory of Lorraine and John Urban.

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.

FINANCE Our members generously gave Pastor Dave a send-off last Sunday with a check and cash amounting to \$3,655 as thanks for fifteen years of his ministry.

ONE MORE “THANK YOU” from Pastor Dave – for the beautiful special music, and the delightful meal and farewell gathering last Sunday. I will certainly treasure the commemorative plaque and scrapbook for years to come. And as for the “Pastor’s Purse”, it was more like a limited-edition Louis Vuitton diamond-studded handbag! Thank you all for the kindness, caring and generosity that you have shown me throughout our years together. Peace & Joy, Pastor Dave

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.

OUR COMPLETE WORSHIP SERVICE, including anthems, hymns, etc., is fed by our sound system to our new audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its location so that its continuing feed is not eliminated from the system.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Joshua 3:14-17 English Standard Version (ESV)

So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

The New Testament - Matthew 14:22-33 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ►

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Continuing Testament - From the Way of The Wolf - Martin Bell - edited

Something like an eternity ago, human beings got all caught up in the illusion that being human is a relatively unimportant sort of proposition. Here today— gone tomorrow. A vale of tears— that sort of foolishness.

What's more tragic, of course, is that in the wake of this basic error there quickly followed the idea that human beings are expendable, which easily degenerated into the proposition that some human beings are expendable. Certain human beings are expendable. Really bad people are expendable. People with low I.Q.'s are expendable. Anyone who disagrees with me is expendable. A long time ago, human beings got all caught up in the illusion that being human is a relatively unimportant sort of proposition.

Well, that's not true. It's wrong. All Wrong. From the creation of the heavens and the earth, it has been — wrong. There is nothing more important than being human. Our lives have eternal significance. And no one — absolutely no one — is expendable.

Jesus was dead. He was dead and buried. It was expedient that he should be dead and buried. Caiaphas had explained that to himself and to other over and over again. It is expedient, he said, that one man should die for the sake of the people. Jesus is expendable. Caiaphas suffered from the illusion that being human is relatively unimportant. And so, Jesus was dead.

God raised Jesus from the dead to the end that we should be clear — that there is nothing more important than being human. Our lives have eternal significance. And no one — absolutely no one — is expendable.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 7	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Spiritual Life - Library
Monday, July 8	7:00 pm	Facilities - Library
Thurs., July 11	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Sunday, July 14	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 7, 2019

Lay Reader:	Dot Bailey
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Beth Rehling, David Ritchey, Kim Wallis, Michelina Fawcett
Acolyte:	Joshua Anderson
Peace Candle:	Natalie Corrado
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:	Anne Melfo Fawcett
Counters:	Stu Bailey, Nancy Stella
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-up:	Jill Zedan, Sue Stenzel

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 14, 2019

Lay Reader:	David Ritchey
Head Usher:	Sue Maier
Ushers:	Ben Tomlinson Jon Thompson, Sam Koch, Sue Stenzel
Acolyte:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Cameron Ward
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns 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

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

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