

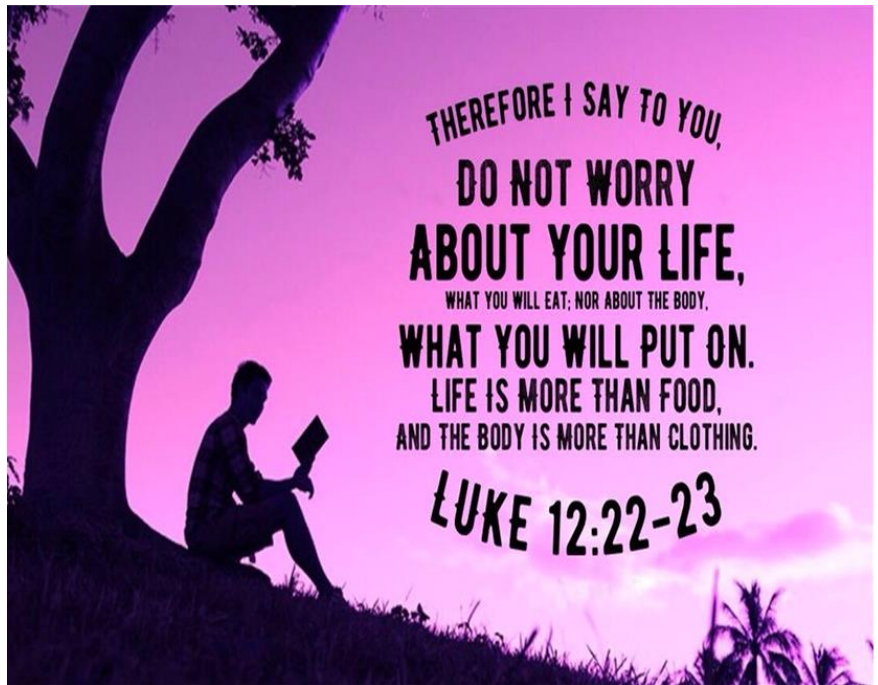
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***Compassionate
Holy One, we
do try to live
by faith.
Sometimes the
way seems
clear, but at
other times it's
difficult to
know what is
righteous and
just, good and
true. May we
trust you to
correct and
guide us, O
Holy One, as
we step by
faith into the
unknown future
Amen.***



Sunday August 11, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Ninth 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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August 11, 2019 –Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Compassion and Grace, when we are engulfed by fears and anxiety because we feel that we stand alone, remind us of your constant Presence. Urge us onward. Help us to persevere. Overcome our fear and doubt with your great gifts of faith, hope and love. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

As the Deer Pants for the Water

Nystrom

"I want you more than gold or silver;
only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver,
and the apple of my eye."

Martin Nystrom (b. 1956)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Holy One from this time forth and for evermore!

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us praise the name of our Creator.

L: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to sing praises to the Most High.

P: To declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness by night.

L: People of faith, let us praise the Holy One together:

All: Glory be to God on high!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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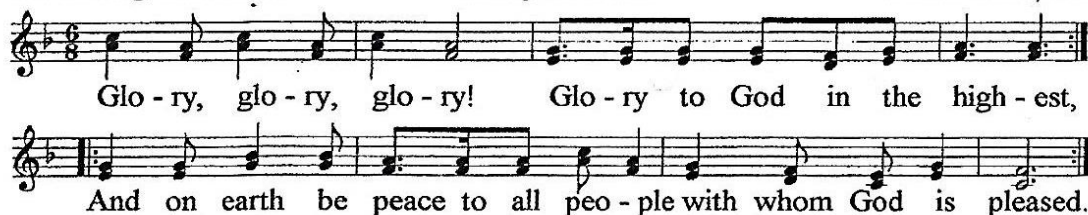
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

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 Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 65

Pew Bible, page 577

The New Testament

Luke 12:22-32

Pew Bible, page 74

The Continuing Testament

Choosing Love over Fear

by Bryant McGill

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

The Beatitudes (acoustic version)

by Upside Down Kingdom

[Kate Klonowski, soprano; Matt Wolbert, tenor]

Sermon

Mary Eileen Collingwood

Hymn of Reflection

God Our Author and Creator

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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

Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach

***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]**

We offer ourselves with these gifts, Gracious Holy One, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see the signs of your love which surround us every day. Open our hearts to embrace new ways to serve you and others. Renew our compassion and inspire our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Hope and our Joy! Amen!

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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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**

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Anna Mary Fisher, 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, August 4, 2019 – Adults: 52 Kids: 5 Total: 57

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 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 FLOWERS are given by Dottie Faust in Memory of my Husband, John Faust.

NEXT SUNDAY August 18, Pastor Allan Lane will be starting his time as Interim Pastor, please plan to attend and meet our new Spiritual Leader.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING Betty Gifford's 100th Birthday on August 18 during Coffee Hour. There will be cake and other yummys! Please plan to join us!

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 Fall ...take a look****

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

WORSHIP IN THE PARK - SUNDAY AUG. 25th - Come join us in Richfield Woods Park for coffee, juice and bagels at 10:00, followed by worship at 10:30 with our friends of the Richfield UCC. Maps to the park and to the Richfield UCC [in the unlikely event of rain] are available in the Church Office.

REQUEST FOR PET ITEMS The items needed are: old blankets, bedding/linens, towels, pet items like collars, toys, beds, food/water bowls, Purina dog and cat food, and anything else that might be good for pets. It is going to the Northeast Ohio SPCA on Brookpark Road. It is a no kill shelter and the animals are cared for there until they find a forever home :)

If church members would like to donate, they can give the items to me at any time or just leave them on the pew in the entry way with my name or "pet shelter donation" written on them. I'll collect them whenever they are placed there. If anyone has any other questions, they can contact me. Marla Corrado 440-382-5493.

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!

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.

The Readings

The Old Testament - *Psalm 65*

Praise is due to you, O Holy One; and to you shall vows be performed, O Gracious One who answer prayer! To you all people shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you bless and bring to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O Source of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the dawn and the sunset sing for joy! You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of the Holy One shall not run dry; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water the earth's furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your valleys overflow with richness! The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy!

The New Testament - Luke 12:22-32

Jesus said to his followers, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet the Holy One feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If you then are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ►

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even King Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if the Creator so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will God clothe you - O you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Heavenly Parent knows that you need them. Instead, eagerly strive for the Divine Realm, and all these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is the Holy One's good pleasure to give you the Holy Realm."

The Continuing Testament - *Choosing Love over Fear* - by Bryant McGill
[edited]

Fear is the most insidious and suffocating emotion there is. It causes you to feel small and powerless, it is paralyzing to Life. When we are afraid of failure, judgment, loneliness or rejection, we try to play-it-safe to avoid Fear's pain and uncertainty. When we are afraid, we advance cautiously - or not at all - trying to keep things the same and "safe". However, no matter how hard we try to keep things constant, change is inevitable. Even inaction will slowly change you from what you *could* have been, to what you never will be. This is how we are stunted by Fear. Fear is a thief because it robs you before you even begin. Fear shrinks the marvelous potential of your Life experience.

Conversely, Love expands and opens your Life potential. Love is courageous. Love is strength. Love embraces and celebrates Life. Love stands-up and moves forward. The moment we confront our fears, we are declaring that we are contenders for Life and for Love. When we truly love Life, we are moved to deeply explore Life's amazing potential and possibilities. Only when you decide to truly live can you be free of your fears; and only when you are free of your fears can you truly live! Embracing Life and overcoming Fear are one and the same.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 11

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Thurs., Aug. 15

Pastor Allan Lane's First Day

1:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday, Aug. 18

**10:00 am Worship Service/
Pastor Allan Lane**

**11:00 am Coffee Hour/Celebrate
Betty Gifford's 100th
Birthday!**

**12:00 pm Church Picnic
(See *Announcement for
Details*)**

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

AUGUST 11, 2019

Lay Reader:	Bridget Sproul
Head Usher:	Kathy Smith
Ushers:	Joe & Betsey Wilson Matt Wolbert, Beth Rehling
Acolyte:	Olivia Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Cameron Ward
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	
Counters:	Jim Duffy, Stu Bailey
Servers:	Joy Garapic & Joanne Cook
Clean-Up:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

AUGUST 18, 2019

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Sue Maier
Ushers:	Dave & Julie Bernard Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte:	Michelina Fawcett
Peace Candle:	Natalie Corrado
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Lenore Harris
Flowers:	Dorie Gabor
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***Please Plan To Attend!
See Bulletin Announcements
For More Details!***

Church Picnic

