



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*Gracious Holy
One, Ground
us in your
love. Gift us
with your
abundant
generosity.
Grow our faith,
hope and love.
Give us the
inspiration and
dedication we
need to serve
you with our
whole hearts,
by serving one
another.
Amen.*



“Singing Joyfully To God”

Sunday August 4, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Director of Music Financial Secretary Ministers

• David Debick • Joy Garapic All of our Members

Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger

Pastor

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 4, 2019 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Compassionate Holy One, sometimes we feel overwhelmed by the scale of injustice and conflict in our world. May that not be an excuse for us to keep quiet or to stop working, but rather serve to stimulate us to strive more diligently for a fairer and safer world. Amen

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Come, O Come, Our Voices Raise

Melody from *Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengeseng*, 1566; harm. Jan O. Bender (1909-1994)

"Come, O come, our voices raise,
sounding God Almighty's praise;
hither bring in one consent
heart, and voice, and instrument. Alleluia!"
George Wither (1588-1667), alt.

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

Call to Worship - from Psalm 96

Leader: O sing to God a new song; sing to God, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Almighty, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,

People: God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

Leader: For the Sovereign One is great,

People: And greatly to be praised.

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

Leader: Let the field exult, and everything in it.

People: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before God.

Leader: For God is coming to judge the earth.

People: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with divine truth.

Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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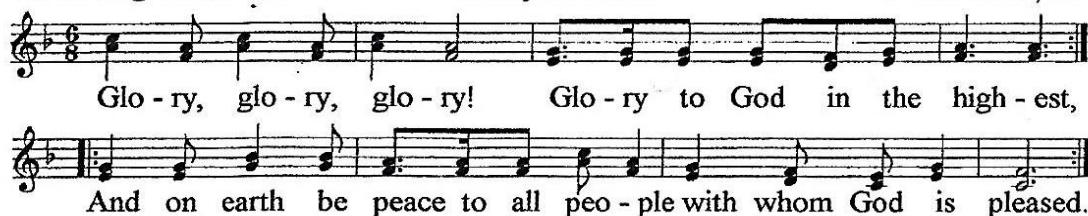
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Holy Spirit, come among us today and touch us with the fullness of your grace. 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 compassion and grace, 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



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1-7, 10

Pew Bible, page 663

New Testament

Matthew 7:31-37

Pew Bible, page 42-43

The Continuing Testament

A poem by Tyler Knott Gregson

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Come Healing
[Tina Ortiz, alto]

Cohen

Hymn Sing

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

In Our God I'll Be Ever Thankful

Berthier

"In our God we'll be ever thankful,
in our God we will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, our God is near.
Lift up your voices, our God is near."
Taizé Community

***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 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**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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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 of Mercy, God of Grace

Evans

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 28, 2019 – Adults: 52 Kids: 4 Total: 56

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 Joy Garapic in Honor of my Daughters' Birthdays.

DIRECTORY The Office will be completing and distributing our Annual Church Directory in early August. Please contact Jeannette with any changes you may have. Thank you. 440-526-4364, buccoh@sbcglobal.net

BUCC is no longer accepting cans to recycle - *****It is recommended that BUCC members put their aluminum recyclables with their other recyclables in their respective municipal recycling areas.***** Thank you.

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

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!

TYLER KNOTT GREGSON (b. 1981) is a poet, author and professional photographer based in Helena, Montana. Gregson has accrued fame as a poet on social media platforms such as Tumblr, Instagram and Twitter since 2009. He writes and posts a "Daily Haiku on Love," and a raw poem from his "Typewriter Series" every day currently.

The "Typewriter Series" was born in 2012 when Gregson found an old typewriter in a Helena antique store and typed out a poem spontaneously. He said, "I just did it all at once and it was like stream of consciousness, I didn't plan it or think it through—I just let it go." The poet now challenges himself to post one of these every single day.

Gregson's main incentive for writing is to express that poetry is not dead and is something to be valued. Writing about various themes like love, hope, sadness, and wanderlust, has enabled his readers to relate their own experiences to his words. Gregson has enticed readers by inspiring them to view the world in a different light.

Mr. Gregson's first poetry book, "Chasers of the Light," became a national bestseller with more than 120,000 copies in print. Perigee, a division of Penguin Random House, picked up Gregson's "Typewriter series" and published selected poems from it into a compilation called *Chasers of the Light* in 2014. The collection of poetry was a top 10 bestseller of non-fiction within its second week of publication, according to the Wall Street Journal.

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!

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF THE SERVICE? Please talk to any usher about the Williams Sound - Personal PA Receiver, available for your use. These simple-to-use units can help improve your worship experience, by amplify those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

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!

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 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.

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.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule on the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

The Readings

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 35:1-7, 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory and majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. God will come with justice, with awesome recompense. God will come and save you."

The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

And the ransomed of God shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The New Testament - Matthew 7:31-37

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Eph'phatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Continuing Testament - A poem by Tyler Knott Gregson

Text for Tired Eyes:
To be there to see it,
the wings of geese in the lightlessness,
the blur of hummingbirds roaring
softly on summer porches,
the earthquake of thunder
on evenings when you swear dusk
will never fade out.

Be for this,
keep being, for there is music in all this,
quietly it plays, almost inaudible,
but the melody remains.

Be for this,
and lend yourself to the
perfect cacophony.
(Typewriter Series #2518)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 4	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Spiritual Life Library
	2:00 pm	Hunger Meal Iglesia Emmanuel
Monday, Aug. 5	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Facilities
Thurs., Aug. 8	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Sunday, Aug. 11	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
AUGUST 4, 2019

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey
Caroline Chandler, Dan Stewart
Acolyte: Joshua Anderson
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Sue Stenzel
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:
Counters: Jon Thompson,
Nancy Stella
Servers: Leroy & Kathy Ford
Clean-up: Bob & Caroline
Chandler

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT 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: Courtni Began
C.E Teacher:
Counters: Jim Duffy, Stu Bailey
Servers: Joy Garapic & Joanne Cook
Clean-Up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs