

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

***"God loves
each of us as if
there were only
one of us." –St.
Augustine***

***O Loving
Source of Life,
help us to revel
in our own
uniqueness,
and in the
uniqueness of
everyone we
meet, a
precious gift
from you.***



Sunday August 18, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor

• Allan Lane

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, 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 18, 2019 –Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

O Creative Spirit, you are present in every beginning; you lead your people through every middle; you wait for us patiently at every ending. Help us to be patient with those who are beginning, for every beginning is hard. Help us to be encouraging to those who are in the middle, for the journey may be long. Help us to be comforting to those who are ending, for saying goodbye is hard. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome Song

Composer unknown

[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

"With a smile on our face, With Love in our hearts,

With joy in our life, We welcome you this day.

We are glad you are here, We are glad you have come.

Hearty welcome, Happy welcome, Cheerful welcome, Great welcome.

Joyous welcome, Gracious welcome, Lovely welcome, Warm welcome!"

Atkinson Senior Secondary School (2018)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Come out of the noise and hubbub of the world for an hour to listen for the voice of God.

People: We put the honking of traffic, the blaring of TV, the beeping, buzzing, singing, ringing of our phones aside so we can hear the still, small voice of God speaking to our souls.

L: We come out of the world to gain strength from God to go back into the world.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and strengthen us to confront evil, restore goodness, and offer hope in a hurting world. Let us worship God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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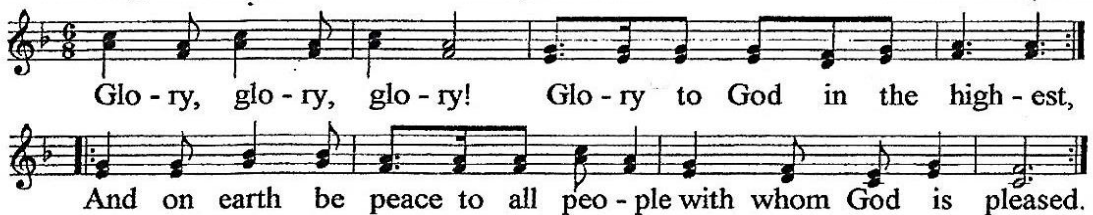
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, be with us now and stay with us always - as we worship, as we work, as we share the challenges of living our faith each day. By the power of your Holy Spirit, turn our fear into courage and our confusion into confidence. Touch us with your transforming love, and speak to us through your compassionate Word. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Example and Friend. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The First Reading

Acts 9:19b-30

Barnabas takes a risk
Pew Bible, page 128

The Second Reading (Allan)

Acts 15:36-40

Barnabas offers a second chance
Pew Bible, page 135

The Continuing Testament from *The Educated Imagination*

by Northrop Frye

"In Shakespeare's day it was a favorite sport to tie a bear to a stake and set dogs on it until they killed it. The Puritans suppressed this sport, according to [the historian] Macaulay, not because it gave pain to the bear but because it gave pleasure to the spectators. Macaulay may have intended his remark to be a sneer at the Puritans, but surely if the Puritans did feel this way, they were one hundred percent right. ...Literature keeps presenting the most vicious things to us as entertainment, but what it appeals to is not any pleasure in these things, but the exhilaration of standing apart from them and being able to see them for what they are because they aren't really happening. The more exposed we are to this, the less likely we are to find an unthinking pleasure in cruel or evil things."

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Faithful

Zschech

[Diane Gressley, soprano]

Sermon

Mr. Encouragement

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection

Dear God, Embracing Humankind

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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

All that we have, and all that we are, comes to us as a gift from the Holy One. Let us now offer back to God a portion of what we have, as a sign of our willingness to offer God all that we are, in service to God's kingdom. Let us present our gifts and offerings to God.

Offertory

Nimwebo Ba Yahweh **Zambian worship chorus**
[Translation: It's only you, Yahweh.]

***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 these gifts and offerings from your people, O Living God. We pray that you will send them into the world to make it more like your vision. And we pray that you will send us out after them, to share your love, and to offer your mercy, and to demonstrate your grace, to all whom we meet. We ask these things in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Élévation (from Heures Mystiques)

Boëllman

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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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*

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. Above the first staff, the chords A, E, A, D, Bm, and E are indicated. Above the second staff, the chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, and A are indicated. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' are written below the notes on both staves.

***Benediction**

Postlude

O God beyond All Praising (adapt. From *The Planets*)

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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 11, 2019 – Adults: 44 Kids: 6 Total: 50

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME Pastor Allan Lane who starts today as Interim Pastor, and our new Spiritual Leader.

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 Sherrill & Bill Witt in Loving Memory of Shirley Duncan.

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

CHURCH PICNIC will be held **Today** from noon to 4pm. 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!

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.

BUCC has a tradition of participating in Pride events. This year we are sending members to march in the Akron Pride March on Saturday August 24. Line up begins at 9am, March steps off at 10, and the Pride festival begins at 11 am. The March is 1.5 miles long, strollers/wagons and wheelchairs are welcome, but floats aren't allowed (it is a March, not a parade.)

Please contact Erin Tomlinson if you'd like to be involved:
Erin.nagy.tomlinson@gmail.com or text 440-364-9871.

If you aren't available on the day of the March, maybe you can help with making a banner and signs. There is a list of FAQ about the March on the Bookcase in the Commons area.

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.

BRECKSVILLE UCC MUSIC MINISTRY - Rehearsals for our music ensembles at BUCC will begin the first two weeks of September. Here is the schedule of starting dates and times:

Joyful Noise Choir (K through 5th grade): First practice is Thur. Sept. 5 from 5:30 to 6:15. Fun songs are learned about living Jesus' message of love and respect for others. Singing usually followed by activities, including drawing, games, playground, etc. ►

Adult Choir (high school students welcome): First rehearsal is Thur. Sept. 5 from 7:00-8:30 PM. Adult choir is a good way to prepare spiritually for Sunday services, and provides an enjoyable opportunity for choral singing and fellowship in a relaxed, affirming environment.

Youth Percussion Group (6th grade and up): Practices will be announced when Youth Ministry schedule is more settled. Middle school and high school students learn rhythm patterns to accompany music at services, including preludes, offertories, communion and postludes, as well as occasional choir anthems. Adults often lend a hand. An ancient form of music-making, playing percussion can help relieve stress while being a gateway to meditation.

Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar Ensemble (all ages welcome): First practice scheduled for Thur. Sept. 12 from 4:30-5:00. This group plays prelude music for services about once a month. Listening CDs are provided to make the learning process easier. Sheet music features both musical notes and musical letters. Contact Dave if you're interested in taking (free!) soprano recorder or dulcimer lessons.

Seasonal Choir (high school students welcome): Seasonal choir members reinforce the regular choir in presenting BUCC's annual Christmas cantata. Cantata rehearsals will begin on Thurs. Oct. 10 from 7-8:00 PM.

Instrumentalists (all ages welcome): If you play a musical instrument and would be comfortable playing a piece for the congregation (or accompanying choir for an anthem), please let Dave D. know so he can keep you in mind during scheduling process.

Private piano lessons (all ages welcome): If you studied with Dave last spring, he will be in touch about this year's schedule. If you would like to start taking lessons, contact Dave to schedule.

As we begin our new church season, give some prayerful thought to participating in BUCC's music program. J. S. Bach wrote, "Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand with (God's) gracious presence." And it's fun! Check out a rehearsal or two this fall. All are welcome!

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 First Reading: Acts 9:19B-30

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

After some time had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night so that they might kill him; but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. So, he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

The Second Reading: Acts 9:36-40

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord.

The Continuing Testament: from *The Educated Imagination* by Northrop Frye

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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*)**

Thurs., Aug. 22

- 1:00 pm** **Bible Study**

Sunday, Aug. 21

- 10:00 am** **Coffee, Juice, Bagels, etc.**
- 10:30 am** **Outdoor Worship with
Richfield UCC – Maps in
the Office**

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	
Counters:	Marge Culver, Kathy Pastor
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
AUGUST 25, 2019

Lay Reader:	<i>WORSHIP IN THE PARK</i>
Head Usher:	<i>WITH RICHFUELD UCC</i>
Ushers:	Bob & Caroline Chandler

Acolyte:	<i>*PLEASE SEE THE ABOVE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MORE DETAILS*</i>
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Peace Candle:	
Sound:	
Comns Grtr:	
Flowers:	<i>Outdoor Service</i>
Nursery:	
C.E. Teacher:	
Counters:	
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Clean-Up:	