



Brecksville

UNITED Church of CHRIST

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

***O God of
Laughter and
Fun, God of
Study and
Depth, fill us
with joy this day
as we celebrate
your presence
among us.
Entice us ever
closer to you as
we listen for
your word and
feel for your
embracing love.
Amen***



**Sunday September 8, 2019 • 10:00 AM
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost/Rally Day!**

Pastor
• Allan Lane

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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September 8, 2019 –Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost/Rally Day!

Meditation Music

Open our hearts, O most loving God, to those who need love; open our ears, O most listening God, to those who need someone to talk to; open our circle to those who are on the outside looking in. Amen

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Fanfare

Willan

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

Leader: As the new church school year begins, let us remember that the word 'disciple' comes from a Latin root meaning 'to learn.'

People: We are all students in the school of Jesus, children and adults, as we work out our discipleship in the world.

L: God has sent prophets, preachers, saints and teachers to guide us in our spiritual education.

P: With eager anticipation for what God will show us, we await God's message to us this day with our eyes open for God in our worship.

L: Come now into worship and learn from God in the midst of praise.

All: In word and song, in praise and prayer, let us grow in faith as we grow together in Christ. Let us worship God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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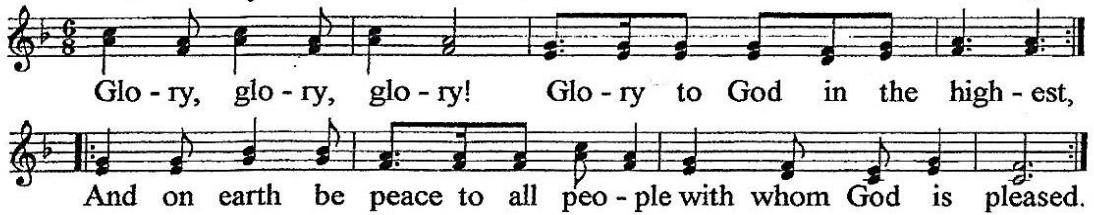
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

O Gracious Holy One, to know you is to know life. Come into our midst this morning, full of power, full of grace, full of love. Lead us away from the anger, hatred, bitterness and rejection which the world teaches, and towards your new creation where reconciliation and acceptance will rule. Guide us away from anything that would separate us from you or from each other, and towards the time when all will be one in you. Come, O Holy One, come and dwell in our praises. Amen

*** The Song of Praise** **Glory to God**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

The New Testament *This Week's Scriptures are embedded in the text of the sermon,
so no explicit lessons this week!!!*

The Continuing Testament

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem	Sing to the Lord a New Song	Kirk
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Sermon *Interview With Paul The Apostle* Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation	#400
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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

My Gratitude Now Accept, O God
[Erin Tomlinson, flute; assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Montalvo

"From all your bounty I give to you;
for all the blessings you impart.
Receive this offering I bring.
Receive my joyful heart."

Rafael Montalvo (b. 1957); trans. Raquel M. Martínez (b. 1940)

***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 we have, and all we are, are gifts from you, Most Generous God. May the spiritual act of giving shape our lives as givers as much as our generosity will shape the lives of those who receive our gifts. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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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

Theme in B-flat Major

Debick

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Anna Mary Fisher, Bill Toneff, 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, September 1, 2019 – Adults: 60 Kids: 11 Total: 71

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping 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.

RALLY DAY! TODAY! - This Sunday is Rally Day, our traditional kickoff for school year and ministry activities! We will accept school supplies for donation to the Thomas Jefferson Newcomer's School in Cleveland (the school serves immigrant children who are newly arrived to the US). A potluck social will follow the service.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Bettina Ortiz in Honor of Daniel King (9/8/79), and Jenna Kubic (9/20).

BRECKSVILLE UCC MUSIC MINISTRY - It's not too late to join one of our musical ensembles this fall! Here is a list of rehearsal days and times:

Joyful Noise Choir (K through 5th grade): Practices are Thursdays from 5:30-6:15. 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): Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00-8:30. 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 incidental music and 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 help with the learning process. Sheet music includes 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 our (very affirming) 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!

Two Great Opportunities for Practical Learning:

What are ADVANCE DIRECTIVES?

When any adult over 17 is admitted to a hospital they will be asked if they have Advance Directives. We will review the four components of Advance Directives- The Living Will, Health Care Power of Attorney, Organ Donation and Guardian Designation. Let's get the care that you desire for yourself!

The presentation will be on Tuesday, September 17 from 7pm-8:30pm in Pilgrim Hall.

Discharge Planning Options after a hospital stay

Care decisions for yourself or loved on comes very quickly. It is important to understand the options available to you after a Hospital stay or if someone is struggling in the community. This education session will provide you information on what options are available and you're your insurance will and will not cover.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, September 24 from 7pm-8:30 pm in Pilgrim Hall.

ANNA MARY FISHER has been recently moved to a new location, she is doing well in her recovery, and her family is pleased. You can now reach her at:

**Anna Mary Fisher
Beachwood Commons
3995 Green Road Room 238
Beachwood, OH 44122**

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.

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.

COFFEE HOUR Coffee Hour with Snacks on Sunday's will returning in September.



We use 6 volunteers each Sunday, 2 servers, 2 for clean-up, and 2 to provide snacks. These folks also lend a hand when we provide a Light Reception to support our Music Program. All schedules are based on everyone's availability.

We are in need of reinforcements. Our Congregation is an active group; the more volunteers we have – the better. We work to keep the schedule flexible 4-5 weeks apart.

To Volunteer contact Sue Stenzel at stenzelsj@sbcglobal.net or call my cell 216-695-1899

HEAD USHERS: Please be sure all the doors are locked, including the side door which can be difficult to lock at times. Also be sure the air conditioning in the Sanctuary, Pilgrim Hall, and Office is turned up to 78 degrees.

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.

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***.

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last-minute changes. Please check it out.

FLOWER MINISTRY - Flowers are placed in the front of the church each Sunday to honor/celebrate your family/friends/events. We need your help to get this information to our office manager, Jeannette Kroeger, before she prepares the Bulletin on Wednesdays. It's easy as 1-2-3.

1. Put your name on the chart hanging on the west wall just inside the double doors to the Narthex.
2. Fill out the information form found in the pocket below the chart. **If you are providing the flowers yourself, please check that box on the form and let me know so there are no mix ups.
3. Turn this information and money in to Joy Garapic, our financial secretary.

The flower ministry does not want to miss sharing your joy by not having the correct information. Thank you, Janet Renovetz.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 8	10:00 am	Worship Service/ RALLY DAY!
	11:00 am	Rally Day Potluck
Monday, Sept. 9	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Facilities
Wednesday, Sept. 11	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., Sept. 12	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	4:30-5 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar
	5:30-6:15pm	Joyful Noise
	7-8:30 pm	Adult Choir
Sunday, Sept. 15	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Lay Reader:	Matt Wolbert
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo-Fawcett
Ushers:	David Ritchey Nora Gagliano, Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, Sam Koch
Acolyte:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amelia Tyler
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Bettina Ortiz
Nursery:	Courtnei Began
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Bruce McCain, David Pastor
Servers:	Julie Bernard, Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Susan Snyder
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Lay Reader:	Sam Koch
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Chad & Bridget Sproul Kim Wallis, Cliff Cribbs
Acolyte:	Jillian Davis
Peace Candle:	Cameron Ward
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Max Roha
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	Beth Rehling
Counters:	Jim Duffy, Stu Bailey
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Pat Rehm, Maureen Stanley
Clean-Up:	Dave & Kathy Pastor