

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*"For me, every
hour is grace.
And I feel
gratitude in my
heart each
time I can
meet someone
and look at his
or her smile."*

*-Elie Wiesel,
Nobel
Laureate,
Holocaust
Survivor*



Sunday October 13, 2019 • 10:00 AM
Eighteenth 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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October 13, 2019 –Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

“Thank you’ is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding.” Alice Walker, quoted in *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass.

Gathering in God’s Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

I Give My Spirit

Cerneka

"Let your face shine on your servant;
come and save me, O God of love.

All who wait for the Lord:

Take courage, be strong, and hope!"

Shannon Cerneka (b. 1975) and Orin Johnson (b. 1973)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: God is the Giver of every good thing.

People: God has given us life, and breath, love and mercy, hope and healing.

L: God is worthy to receive our praise and our thanksgiving as we come before God in worship.

P: May our lips sing your praise, O Generous One, and may our hearts echo with thankfulness.

L: God calls us into this place to offer thanks, and into eternal life to share in God’s own goodness.

P: May our lives be a prayer of gratitude to you, O God, the Giver of great gifts!

L: Let us worship God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

O My Soul, Bless Your Creator

#13

*** Prayer of Invocation[Unison]**

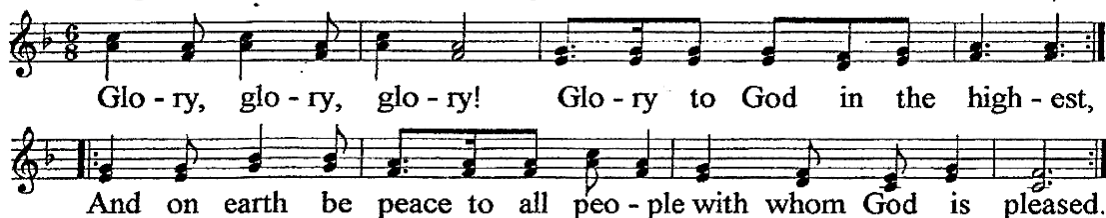
O God of the bountiful sea, God of the golden grain, God of the fertile forest, God of a thousand hills filled with cattle, we offer you thanks today for your lavish and unstinting blessing upon us. We admit that we often are forgetful in our thanksgiving, neglectful in our appreciation, unmindful in our plenty. We acknowledge that we too often take for granted what we have in our endless longing for what we do not have. ►

We confess that today's *needs* are often tomorrow's obsolescence. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord and send your Spirit upon us to fill us with gratitude. Amen

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Pew Bible, page 336

Contemporary Reading

from *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass, p. xiii

The New Testament

Luke 17:11-19

Pew Bible, page 80

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord Always
[Becky Anderson, flute]

Purcell

Sermon

10% Thankful

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
[verses 1, 3 & 4]

#551

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

Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn

Pavlechko

"Would we have stopped, retraced our steps,
and then embraced the living Lord
whose word had banished all our sores?
What kind of thanks would we afford?"
John Thornburg, 1995

***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 give, O God, because you have given to us. We share, because you have
shared with us. We give ourselves in service to you and to your world, because
you gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and offerings from your
grateful children. Amen.**

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

God of Grace and God of Glory
[verses 1, 3 & 5]

#436

*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

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 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. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A.

*Benediction

Postlude

Shall I Praise my God not Singing?
[With Youth Percussion Group]

Parker

"I shall join all nature ringing thanks and praise eternally
...joining in the great Thanksgiving!"
16th century Lutheran Chorale

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty Kaul, Don Seager, Kate Klonowski, The Corpora Family, 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, 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, October 6, 2019 – Adults: 67 Kids: 8 Total: 75

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 and Carol Miller in Memory of Max Urban.

FINANCE To save the cost of mailing, quarterly statements are available for pick up in the Commons area.

BETTY KAUL is currently in the position of having a compromised immune system. As much as she loves your hugs, handshakes, etc., she is to be avoiding any physical contact at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT On October 20, the Leadership Development Ministry will be hosting an information table during coffee hour in Pilgrim Hall. All members and friends of BUCC are welcome to come chat about our church's varied ministries. We are requesting that one member from each ministry be available at the table to answer questions. Come find out where your gifts and talents can help and make a difference within our church and community.

SEASONAL CHOIR - It's not too late to join seasonal choir as we begin preparing for this year's Christmas cantata. Titled *Emmanuel--God with Us!* the work features traditional and contemporary music telling the ancient story of Christ's miraculous birth among us. The cantata is scheduled for Sunday December 22 at our regular 10 AM service. If you enjoy singing in a group setting but don't have time to commit to regular choir, seasonal choir provides a great opportunity for fellowship, music, and spiritual preparation for Christmas. Listening CDs for each vocal part are provided. High school students are welcome to participate. Contact Dave D with any questions.

FREE CONCERT - On Sunday November 3 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring cellist Adam Willson and pianist Charlotte Hill from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. They will perform works by Prokofiev, Schumann and J. S. Bach. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the concert. Plan on joining us Nov. 3 for an outstanding program of chamber music.

PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This is a local and national organization that has been in the Cleveland Area for 35 years. One of the services provided is a Monthly Support Group Meeting. The group is led by a licensed Psychologist and Social Workers. The purpose is to provide support and education to family and friends of people coming out Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bisexual or Questioning. The group is free and meets at Trinity Cathedral on the second Tuesday of the month 645p-830p. For more information, call Mark Lehman, LISW at 330.631.4415

FOOD PANTRY/OCTOBER - Canned Soup, Baked Beans, Chili, etc.

FROM JOANNE COOK - As I will be leaving BUCC and moving to FL within the next week, I am sending this to update my address for anyone who is interested. I will be living at: **4932 Sandy Glen Way, Wimauma, FL 33598**

My telephone number and email address will remain the same (as in the Directory). I wish to thank my BUCC family for their many years of love, support, and friendship not just to me, but to Skip as well. Although I am so happy about joining my daughter and son-in-law in Florida on this new adventure, I will very much miss my friends in Brecksville. Joanne Cook

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.

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***.

Readings

The Old Testament – 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

2 Kings 5:1-3

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

2 Kings 5:7-15

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

The New Testament - Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 13	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, Oct. 16	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., Oct. 17	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	4:30-5 pm	Rec/Dul/Guitar
	5:30-6:15pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday, Oct. 18		*OFFICE CLOSED*
Sunday, Oct. 20	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

OCTOBER 13, 2019

Lay Reader:	David Ritchey
Head Usher:	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Beth Rehling, Kim Wallis Chad & Bridget Sproul
Acolyte:	Olivia Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Amelia Tyler
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Valerie Tyler
Flowers:	Betty Gifford -*DEDICATION WISHES TO KEEP FLOWERS*
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Miriam Rosewicz, Beth Rehling
Clean-Up:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

OCTOBER 20, 2019

Lay Reader:	Ben Tomlinson
Head Usher:	Dot Bailey
Ushers:	David Ritchey, Dave & Julie Bernard, Matt Wolbert
Acolyte:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Natalie Corrado
Sound:	Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Dot Bailey
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Carole Snider, Stu Bailey
Servers:	Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel
Snacks:	Betsey Wilson, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up:	Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett