

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*You, O God,
have made us
for yourself,
and our hearts
are restless
until they find
their rest in you.*

*—St. Augustine
of Hippo, in The
Confessions of
St. Augustine,
Fourth Century
AD, probably
the first
autobiography
in history.*



Sunday October 6, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

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 6, 2019 –Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

Meditation Music

Be not far off from us, O Incarnate One, but reveal yourself in our midst as we sing and pray and play before you. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

As the Grain Was Scattered

Clyde

[Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar Ensemble; Betsey Wilson, flute]

"As the grain was scattered on the hills,
and was brought together to become our bread,
so we gather from the ends of earth,
joined around this table as your Church."

Arthur Clyde, 2004

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: It is not the calendar or church bells, but God who calls you to this place.

People: The risen Christ calls us into worship to meet him as Brother, Lord, Savior, and Friend.

L: God has made us for relationship with God's own self, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest with God.

P: We are forgiven, accepted, embraced, and loved by the God who made us.

L: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

P: Because we are accepted, embraced and loved, we can accept, embrace and love others. Let us worship God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

From All That Dwell below the Skies

#27

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

O God, our Parent, most loving, most kind, help us to recognize the power of a wrong attitude in our lives. We recognize that we are mighty children of God, who nevertheless proclaim our weakness to all who will listen. We claim we cannot do what you have called us to do because it is too difficult, too expensive, too time-consuming, too inconvenient, ►

but we usually manage to do what we want to do. Forgive us, Mother-Father God, and empower us to better through your Spirit's presence in our lives, for with you, all things are possible. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: In all our brokenness, in all our fallenness, in all our ups and downs in faith and life, Christ is with us. In Christ, we have forgiveness and freedom from God!

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Passing the Peace**

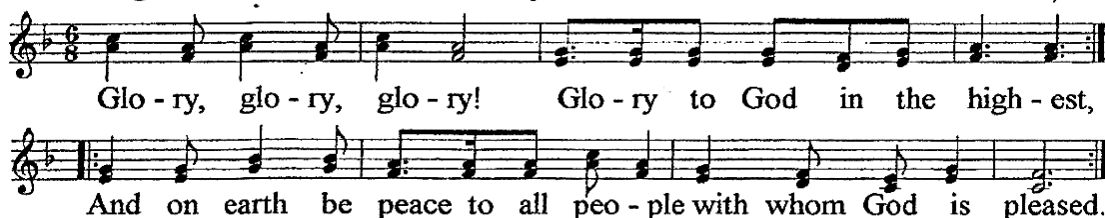
L: And now, as the family of God, let us pass the peace on of Christ which we have received. The Peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Psalm 15

Pew Bible, page 495

Contemporary Reading

from *The Crown and the Fire: Meditations on the Cross and the Life of the Spirit*
by N.T. Wright

The New Testament

Mark 12:38-44

Pew Bible, page 49

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

At the Table of the World
[Betsey Wilson, flute]

Johengen, arr. Debick

Sermon

The Widow's Mite: An Autobiography

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection

Be Now My Vision

#451

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

All That I Have

Montgomery

"One lonely widow, two coins so small,
Jesus was watching when she gave her all,
and Jesus said, as his heart was made glad,
that she had given all that she had."
Dorothy G. Montgomery

*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, we bring what we have, and we offer what we are, as gifts of
love for you and for our neighbors. Receive these gifts as you received the widow's
mite so long ago: with pleasure and delight at the faithfulness of your children.
Amen.**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice to offer themselves to God!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's embracing love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: God has been faithful to us in every time and place; God will continue to be faithful to us whenever we live and wherever we go.

All: Holy, holy, holy, God most high The whole universe is full of your glory!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Méditation

Dupont

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

O God of Bread and Wine, we give you thanks that you have shared yourself with us as we came to the table. You have joined us to yourself and to each other. In the unity and the power of the Holy Spirit, let us go forth into the world to share ourselves with others. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

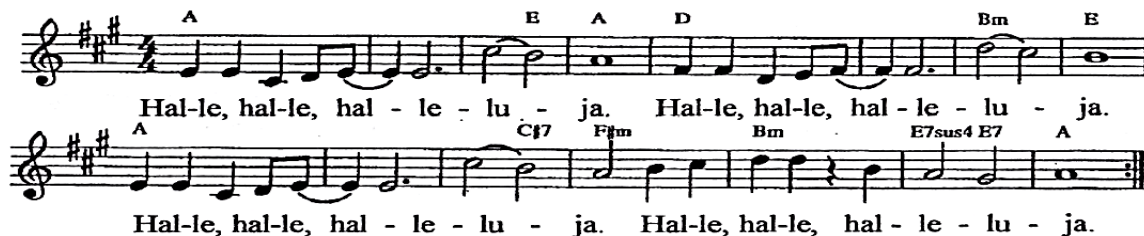
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***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

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

I Shall Praise You, O God

Bell

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty Kaul, Don Seager, Kate Klonowski, The Corpa 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, September 29, 2019 – Adults: 69 Kids: 12 Total: 81

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.

FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Sherrill & Bill Witt in Thanks to BUCC and its Loving Message, and Congregation.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED will be received **today** to benefit Neighbors in Need. Ministries of justice and compassion will be supported by funds raised in this offering. Look for more interpretive information in that Sundays Bulletin.

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

SEASONAL CHOIR - This Thursday October 10 from 7-8 PM, seasonal choir will be preparing for our 2019 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. 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 2 weeks, 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

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.

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 Psalm 15

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Contemporary Reading

from *The Crown and the Fire: Meditations on the Cross and
the Life of the Spirit* by N.T. Wright

"Almighty God, you gave up your only begotten Son Jesus Christ to a shameful death, that we sinners might find in him our life and our peace; grant to us, we pray, such an understanding of that death, and of the love which it embodied, that we may give to him and, through him, to you, the worship and love of our hearts and our lives, that by the power of your Spirit your healing love may flow, through us, to your world: through the same your son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all glory, now and forever. Amen"

The New Testament Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 6	10:00 am	Worship Service/ *NIN Offering*
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Leadership Development
	11:00 am	OCWM
Monday, Oct. 7	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Facilities
Wednesday, Oct. 9	7:00 pm	Council
Thurs., Oct. 10	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
Sunday, Oct. 13	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

OCTOBER 6, 2019

Lay Reader:	Jim Duffy
Head Usher:	Kathy Smith
Ushers:	Bob & Caroline Chandler, Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, Dan Stewart
Acolyte:	Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle:	Peter Kucmins
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	Betty Kaul
Flowers:	Carole Snider
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Kathy Pastor, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Carole Snider, Julie Bernard
Snacks:	Dorie Gabor, Kathleen Stewart
Clean-up:	Jill Zedan, Jan Renovetz

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT 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
Comms Grtr:	Valerie Tyler
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
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