



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

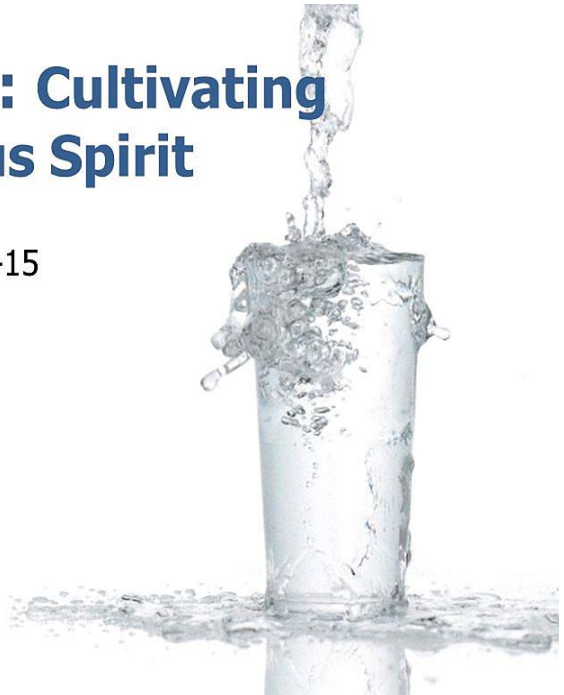
### Overflow: Cultivating a Generous Spirit

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

*"We make a  
living by what  
we get; we  
make a life by  
what we give."*

**Winston  
Churchill**

GCC Sunday 10/30/2011



**Sunday November 10, 2019 • 10:00 AM**  
**Twenty Second 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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# November 10, 2019 – Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

## Meditation Music

“Prosperity knits people to the world. They feel that they are ‘finding their place in it,’ while really it is finding its place in them.”

Oxford Don and Christian Thinker C. S. Lewis, with language updated to be inclusive.

## ***Gathering in God’s Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

Prayer for Generosity

Bukas Palad

"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous

Teach me to serve You as I should

To give and not to count the cost

To fight and not to heed the wounds

To toil and not to seek for rest

To labor and ask not for reward

Save that of knowing

That I do Your most holy will"

Bukas Palad Music Ministry, 1986

"Bukas Palad" translation from Filipino: "open palm"

### Bearing the Light of Peace

### Bearing the Light of Christ

**\* Call to Worship (today’s liturgy is based on *Living Faith*, a document of the Presbyterian Church in Canada)**

Leader: We are called to work out the meaning of our own lives in the love and service of God.

**People: We serve and love God by the service and love of creation, especially the care of the needy.**

Leader: Our care for the world must reflect God’s care.

**People: We are not owners, but stewards of God’s good earth.**

Leader: We are concerned with the well-being of all of life.

**People: Our stewardship calls us to explore ways of love and justice in respecting God’s creation and in seeking its responsible use for the common good. Let us worship God!**

### \* Hymn of Praise

For the Fruit of All Creation

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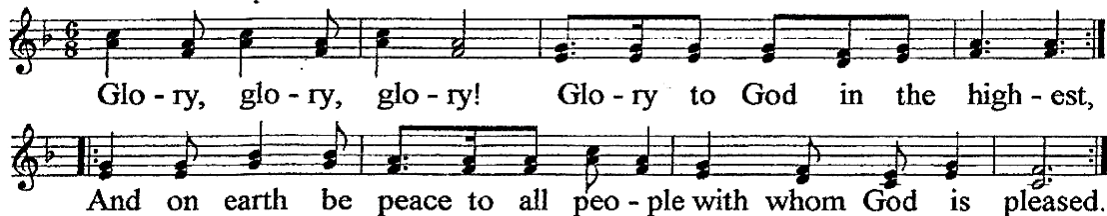
**\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

O Holy Spirit, you have blessed us with various gifts. We call on you to help us to discover those gifts and to use them in Christ's service. Faithful loving service is a sign that you are present, a presence made evident whenever people are made whole, encouraged and enabled to grow in Christ. Fill us this day with a faith that overflows in generosity, and share yourself with us, as we share ourselves with others. Come, Holy Spirit! Amen

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



**Continuing Testament**

Stewardship

Jamie, Amelia & Valerie Tyler

**The Old Testament**

2 Chronicles 31:2-8

*Hezekiah restarts worship in the Temple after the people return from exile in Babylon*

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**The New Testament**

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

*Paul begs the Corinthians to fulfill their promise of a generous gift to the poor*

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**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

Fresh as the Morning  
[Erin Tomlinson, flute]

Alonso

**Sermon**

*God Is For Giving*

Pastor Allan Lane

**Hymn of Reflection**

Great Is Your Faithfulness

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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**

Being of beings

Parker

"Thine wholly thine, we long to be:  
our sacrifice receive;  
Made and preserv'd and sav'd by thee,  
To thee ourselves we give."  
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**\*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]**

**It is more blessed to give than to receive, for in giving we change our own lives as well as the lives of the people to whom we give. When we give, we become more like you, O God, the Giver of All. Amen**

## Going with God's Love

### \* Hymn of Departure

God Be with You  
[v. 1 & Refrain]

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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*

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a key signature change to D major (two sharps) for the second phrase. The second staff continues the melody and includes a key signature change back to G major (one sharp) for the final phrase. Chord symbols are written above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

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.

### Benediction

### Postlude

Let Heaven Your Wonders Proclaim  
[With Youth Percussion Group]

Martinez

### 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, November 3, 2019 – Adults: 72 Kids: 14 Total: 86**

## ***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 Carol Miller & Pat Rehm – Sending many blessings for Jessica and Nick as we celebrate your marriage. from Aunts Carol & Pat

**THE STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE AND THANKSGIVING DINNER** will take place **NEXT** Sunday, November 17th. Turkey, gravy, potatoes, and dinner rolls will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please contact Matt Wolbert (216-502-7785) voicemail or text, email [mjwolbert@hotmail.com](mailto:mjwolbert@hotmail.com), or at Sunday service on (11/3 or 11/10) if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

**ADVENT BOOK** – Please see any member of the Spiritual Life Ministry to pick up your Bible Verse for the 2019 Advent Book. **Please note the deadline for your submission is Sunday, November 17.**

### **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A NICE APARTMENT?**

BUCC has a very nice 2-bedroom unit available for rent in our Arlington Street property. The unit has an eat-in-kitchen, dining room, and living room on the first floor, and two bedrooms and bath on the second floor. The unit comes complete with a stove, fridge, washer and dryer, garage parking and cozy front porch. The unit will be available December 1st, and rents for \$850 per month. Please pass the word around! Thank you, Doug Fawcett.

**THE PILLAR DEADLINE** is quickly approaching! Please send in your articles for submission by **November 15**. There is a tight deadline this month due to the Holiday. Thank you!

**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

**THE MITTEN TREE** has sprouted in the narthex again, just waiting to be “decorated” with hats, mittens, scarves, etc. to be delivered to those who will need them in the cold weather. They are delivered to hunger centers when the donated food items are delivered to hunger centers.

**FOOD PANTRY/NOVEMBER-** Small Canned Hams, Canned Sweet & White Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Pie Crust Mix, Canned Pumpkin, etc.

**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***.

**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!

**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.



## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - 2 Chronicles 31:2-8**

Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and of the Levites, division by division, everyone according to his service, the priests and the Levites, for burnt offerings and offerings of well-being, to minister in the gates of the camp of the LORD and to give thanks and praise. The contribution of the king from his own possessions was for the burnt offerings: the burnt offerings of morning and evening, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, the new moons, and the appointed festivals, as it is written in the law of the LORD. He commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, so that they might devote themselves to the law of the LORD. As soon as the word spread, the people of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything. The people of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of the dedicated things that had been consecrated to the LORD their God and laid them in heaps. In the third month they began to pile up the heaps and finished them in the seventh month. When Hezekiah and the officials came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and his people Israel.

### **The New Testament - 2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ►

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.

I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Nov. 10</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Tues., Nov.12</b>	<b>7-8:30 pm</b>	<b>Elizart – Banner Room</b>
<b>Wed., Nov. 13</b>	<b>7:15 pm</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Thurs., Nov. 14</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>4:30-5 pm</b>	<b>Rec/Dul/Guitar</b>
	<b>5:30-6:15pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Seasonal Choir</b>
	<b>7-8:30 pm</b>	<b>Elizart – Banner Room</b>
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>Friday, Nov. 15</b>		<b>*OFFICE CLOSED*</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 17</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
		<b>Stewardship Sunday</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b>
		<b>**ADVENT BOOK DEADLINE**</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

Lay Reader:	Sue Stenzel
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Diane Gressley, David Ritchey David & Kathy Pastor
Acolyte:	Olivia Klonowski
Peace Candle:	Amelia Tyler
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Marge Culver
Flowers:	Jan Renovetz
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	Anne Melfo
Counters:	Jim Duffy, Matt Wolbert
Servers:	Kathy & Leroy Ford
Snacks:	Diane Gressley, Beth Rehling
Clean-Up:	Bob & Caroline Chandler

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2019 – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY-**  
**THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Lay Reader:	Kathleen Stewart
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Betsey & Joe Wilson Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, Michelina Fawcett
Acolyte:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Smith
Flowers:	HARVEST
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Jan Renovetz, Dave Bernard
Servers:	Thanksgiving Potluck
Snacks:	Thanksgiving Potluck
Clean-Up:	Thanksgiving Potluck