



# BRECKSVILLE

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## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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



“God’s ultimate intentions are orientated toward restoring creation’s goodness rather than penalizing its brokenness.”

—Benjamin P. Masters

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**Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 • 10:00 AM**

***Pastor***

• Allan Lane

***Director of  
Music***

• David Debick

***Financial  
Secretary***

• Joy Garapic

***Office Manager***

• Anne Melfo

***Ministers – All of Our Members***

## **Affirmation of Welcome**

***We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.***

*Whether you are single, married, divorced, separated,  
or partnered,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your gender identity or sexual orientation,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your religious background, creed, or spirituality,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your social or economic circumstances,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your health conditions, impairments, or mobility needs,*

***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 - if you are interested in learning more about our church, please feel free to speak to our pastor.*
- *Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use.*

**Office Hours:**

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**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

## **Meditation Music**

"We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, 'Blessed are they that mourn,' and I accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not imagination." –C.S. Lewis, ***A Grief Observed***

## ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*(Please Stand as you are able.)*

### **Prelude**

#### ***As the Grains of Wheat***

Haugen

Becky Anderson, flute; Kathy Smith & Beth Gadis, dulcimer;  
Dave Debick, soprano recorder

*"As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you."*

(Text and music: Marty Haugen, 1990)

## **Bearing the Light of Peace**

## **Bearing the Light of Christ**

### **\* Call to Worship:**

- Leader: All around the world, the people of God are gathering to be joined to God and each other, in the mystical bonds of communion.
- **People: Out of many grains comes one loaf; out of many grapes comes one cup; out of many churches in many nations comes one body of Christ.**
- Leader: God will gather the churches into one people, as we celebrate the sacrament together.
- **People: With Christians around the world, let us worship God!**

## Hymn of Praise: *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*

#307, v. 1-3

1. Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
One whose word cannot be broken formed you for a blessed abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

2. See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal Love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage:  
Grace which, like our God, the Giver, never fails from age to age?

3. 'Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, showing that their God is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

(Music: F. J. Haydn 1797; text: John Newton, 1779; alt.)

### **\* Prayer of Approach and Confession: [Unison]**

**We all want to come close to you, O God, yet none of us wants to confess before you. Your love for us is comfortable, and our confession of sinfulness before you is uncomfortable. We would prefer your love without the confession. Amazingly, the raw truth is that this is exactly what we have in Jesus Christ. You do not require our confession before you love us. But experience has shown that we require a confession before we can love you, for love can only continue between partners who tell each other the truth about themselves. We cannot live a lie and love our Lord. So we confess the truth to you, however painful: we have sinned before you. We ask for your forgiveness out of your love for us. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen**

## \* Words of Assurance:

- Leader: The Apostle John wrote, “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent God’s Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins...we love because God first loved us.”
- People: Our sins are forgiven because God has loved us to the end in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen

## Song of Praise: *Glory to God*

Pablo Sosa, 1988

*Glory, glory, glory –  
Glory to God in the highest! (2X’s)*

*And on earth be peace to all people,  
For God loves us all! (2X’s)*

## *God Is Still Speaking*

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

**First Reading:** Job 1:1; 2: 1-10 *Job’s suffering begins*

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12 *Jesus in Old Testament Light*

**Contemporary Reading:** “Me too”, by Rob Bell

## **Anthem** *Ven Al Banquete / Come to the Feast*

Hurd, arr. Kingsbury

Becky Anderson, flute; Craig Ramsey, guitar

Refrain: Ven, ven al banquete. Ven a la fiesta de Dios.

*(Translation: Come, come to the banquet. Come to the feast of God.)*

Here the hungry find plenty, here the thirsty shall drink,  
here at the supper of Jesus, come to the feast.

V. 1: Like the child whose fishes and loaves fed the multitude,  
in the Lord the little we have, broken and shared, becomes abundant food.

V. 2: 'Til the seed is given to earth, it is just one grain;  
but once sown its death brings new birth, the harvest is rich; what's lost is raised again.

V. 3: In the stranger by our side, in the least and last,  
in the thirst for justice we share, Christ is here in the breaking of the bread.

(Text: Bob Hurd, Pia Moriarty, and Jaime Cortez)

**Hymn of Reflection:      *How Firm a Foundation***

#407. v. 1, 3 & 4

1. How firm a foundation for you has been laid,  
by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!  
What more can God say than to you has been said,  
to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not over you flow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
delivering you from your deepest distress."
4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have designed  
your soul to make pure just as gold is refined."

(Music: Early U. S. melody, from Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832;  
text: "K" - no one has yet verified a complete name for this author)

***The Church at Prayer***

George Snider, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, Peg Duffy, Lenore Harris, Tina Ortiz, Phyllis Hassler, Lois Lorenzo, Sandra Lane, Joanne Cook, Terry Heiman, Joanne K., Bill Toneff, Dassie Matsuoka, Cindy Burton, Ann Roha, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Jim C., Max Roha, Betty Kaul, Anna Mary Fisher, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Jon Thompson, Kathy Smith, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), "Edna House", people who are unemployed and under employed.

**(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)**

## **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.**

### ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

#### **\*The Invitation:**

Leader: God does not need our tithes and offerings to do good in the world, for the world is God's and the fullness thereof, as the Scriptures say. But God asks us for tithes and offerings to do good in us, so that we share in God's generosity to the world, and thus become more like God. Let us present our gifts and offerings to God.

**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]**

**May these offerings go with us into the world, to relieve suffering in our community, to befriend the friendless, to speak up for the downtrodden, to bring light and life to the dark shadows of despairing souls, wherever they may be found. Amen**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Communion Hymn    *As We Gather at Your Table*    #332, verse 1**

1. As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

(Music: The Sacred Harp, 1844; text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.; 1989)



- † **The Invitation**
- † **Prayer of Consecration**
- † **Words of Institution**
- † **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving: [Unison]**

**With Christians of every time and place, reaching all the way back to the table in the upper room in Jerusalem, we have shared in the bread and wine of the sacrament. We join voices in every language and in every land, in giving you thanks for sharing yourself with us. Amen**



## Going with God's Love

### Hymn of Departure     *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

#18

1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,  
ever be my strength and shield.
3. When I reach the River Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on heaven's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you,  
I will ever sing to you.

(Music: John Hughes, 1907; text: William Williams, 1745;  
Stanza 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt; St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.)

### Carrying the Light of Christ into the World – Acolyte

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**

***Toccata and Fugue in D Minor***

J. E. Eberlin



WISHING YOU A  
BLESSED AND HEALTHY  
WEEK AHEAD!

## ***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

- **WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please sign our guest book before you go and thank you for coming!
- **PASTOR'S FUND** – The Pastor's Fund is currently running low. Please consider making a small donation to the Blessings Jar (located behind the last full length pew, just off the center aisle) - thank you!
- **PROCEDURES DURING SERVICES** – We are still wearing masks and still social distancing, regardless of your vaccination status. If you don't have a mask, they're available by the back doors, in the lobby and in the narthex. You also have the option to livestream the service via YouTube – simply go to [brecksvilleucc.org](https://brecksvilleucc.org) and click on the "Live" tab (the second option in the blue bar, under our logo).

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## ***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)***

**PARTICIPANT ROLES** – With our new church membership software, signing up to help with BUCC Church Services should be “a Breeze”. The following are detailed instructions on how this Electronic Signup Sheet works:

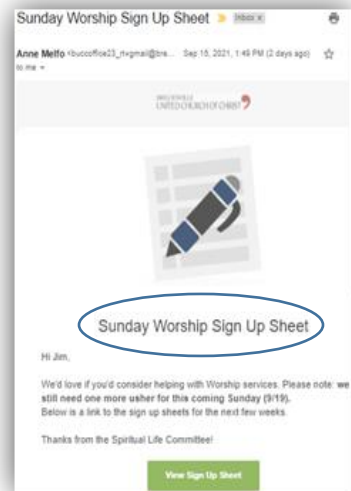
- Every week or so, an email will be sent out with a link to the virtual signup sheet for the coming weeks.
- Clicking on the link (which is tailored just for you) takes you into the signup sheet.
- You can scroll through the different roles, seeing who is signed up for each week.
- You can click on any open date and signup.
- You can also click on any date with your name on it to opt out of that week.
- Then press [Submit] to record your changes.
- You can use that same link as many times as you like.

Following are some screen shot details, to see how it works:

### **Weekly email from the church office:**



The email will come from  
**buccoffice23\_rt+gmail@breezechms.com**,  
which you may need to add to your contact list  
(so the email does not go into spam).  
The subject will always be: “*Sunday Worship  
Sign Up*”

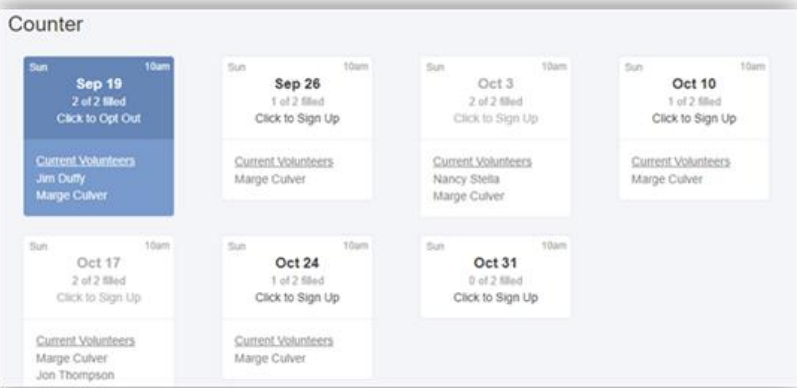


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Initial view of the signup sheet:



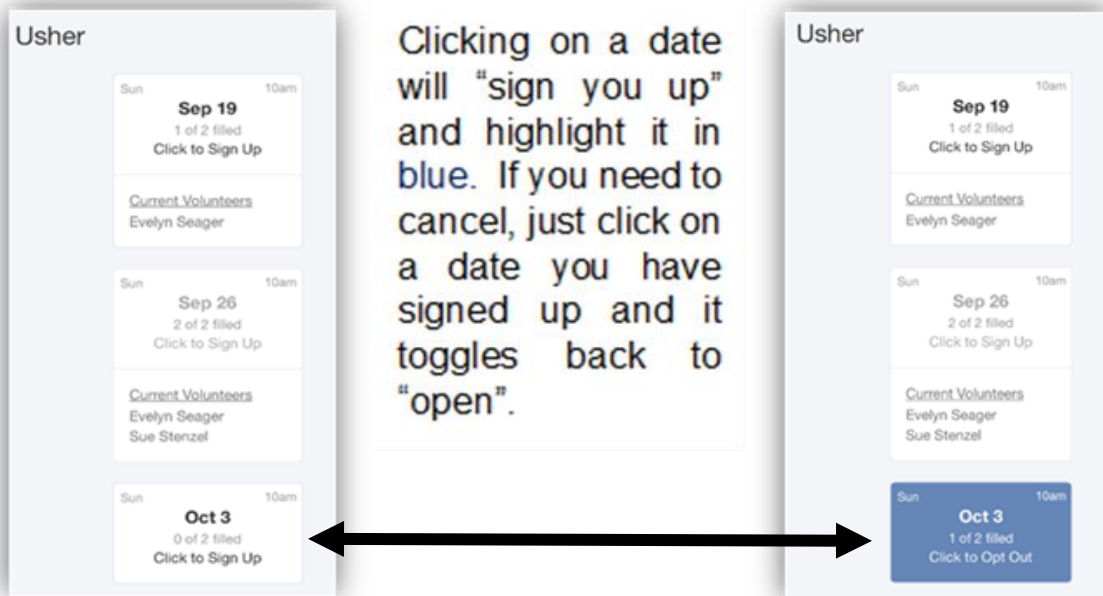
Scroll Down to find the role you want:



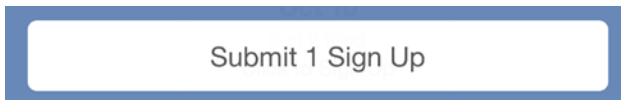
**NOTE:** As seen on a computer, the list shows 4+ dates across. Dates highlighted in blue mean you have already signed up, and a bold date means that at least one opening exists. If the date is grayed out, it means that all positions have been filled. Usually, you will be able to see who is on the list. Note: on a smart phone, you see a long list that is 1 date wide.

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Select the dates and roles you want:



After you have signed up for as many dates as you want, press the [Submit] button to record your changes:



You can return to the signup sheet as often as you like!

Finally, if you have any questions about or difficulties with this process, please don't hesitate to contact **Anne Melfo** in the office at **440-526-4364**, or **Betsey Wilson** at **betseywilson10@gmail.com**. They will gladly assist you!

## Readings

### First Reading

**Job 1:1; 2: 1-10**    *Job's suffering begins*

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. And the Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

"Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!"

He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

## Second Reading

**Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12**     *Jesus in Old Testament Light*

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor and put everything under their feet."

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises."

## Contemporary Reading

"Me too", by Rob Bell

"Our tendency in the midst of suffering is to turn on God. To get angry and bitter and shake our fist at the sky and say, 'God, you don't know what it's like! You don't understand! You have no idea what I'm going through. You don't have a clue how much this hurts.' The cross is God's way of taking away all our accusations, excuses, and arguments. The cross is God taking on flesh and blood and saying, 'Me too.'"

# Special Thanks:

## **OCTOBER 3, 2021**

**Head Usher:** Sue Maier  
**Ushers:** Dorie Gabor  
Evelyn Seager  
**Lay Reader:** Cliff Cribbs  
**Greeter:** Dave Bernard  
**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Nancy Stella  
**Acolyte:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Peace Candle:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**A/V Team:** Betsey Wilson  
**Sound:** Betsey Wilson  
**Flowers:** Bettina Ortiz

## **OCTOBER 10, 2021**

**Head Usher:** Jon Thompson  
**Ushers:** Sue Stenzel  
***Volunteer Needed***  
**Lay Reader:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Greeter:** Caroline Chandler  
**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Dorie Gabor  
**Acolyte:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Peace Candle:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**A/V Team:** Betsey Wilson  
**Sound:** Betsey Wilson  
**Flowers:** Carole Snider