



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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



"Now this is not the
end. It's not even
the beginning of
the end. But it is,
perhaps, the end
of the beginning."

—Winston Churchill

Sunday November 14th, 2021 • 10:00 AM

Pastor

• Allan Lane

***Director of
Music***

• David Debick

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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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November 14th, 2021

Meditation Music

"The end of a melody is not its goal; but nonetheless, had the melody not reached its end, it would not have reached its goal either. A parable." —Friedrich Nietzsche

Gathering in God's Presence

(Please Stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Have Mercy on Us, O God

R. T. Adams

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship:**

- Leader: O God, shaper of the past, the present, and the future, we call on you to enter our praises this morning.
- **People: O God, in the palm of your hand you hold our lives, fragile and weak, and we trust you to create for us a future and a hope.**
- Leader: O God of the tempest and the storm, reassure us that when this troublous life is through, we will find ourselves safe with you!
- **People: Our names are written in the book of life! Come, let us worship God!**

Hymn of Praise

O My Soul, Bless Your Creator

#13, v. 1-4

1. O my soul, bless your Creator; all within me bless God's name;
Bless your Maker, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.
2. God forgives all your transgressions, all who suffer, gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.
3. Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
Like a mother and a father, God compassionate has been.
4. As it was in the beginning, so it lasts without an end;
To their children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend.

(Music: Attrib. to Christian F. Witt, Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715; text: Anon., United Presbyterian Book of Psalms, 1871; alt.)

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

O God, there are some who long for things to stay the same, while others long for things to change. There are some for whom the present way of the world works well, and others for whom the system is nothing but humiliation and exploitation. In our comfort, let us not forget to count the cost of that comfort to others. In our distress, let us not forget that injustice piled on top of injustice is still injustice. In our global system, the person who suffers may be on the other side of the world from the one who benefits; the money we pay may go through so many hands before it reaches the person who did the work, that there may be almost nothing left. Help us to continually call for the coming of your rule, O God, so that we may live lives with justice and plenty for all. Forgive us our part in the injustice of the world, and teach us to live in love as Christ taught us. Amen

*** Words of Assurance:**

- Leader: Psalm 85 says of God: "You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin."
- People: God offers us mercy and grace in Jesus. Through him, our sins are forgiven, and we have peace with God! Thanks be to God for this good news! Amen

Song of Praise:

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

Pablo Sosa, 1988

*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 (Allan): Mark 13: 1-13 *Apocalypse Now?*

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-25 *A sacrifice for sins once and for all*

Contemporary Reading: Stephen King, "Best to Believe There Will Be Happily Ever Afters"

Anthem

Treasure

Graham

*Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, / where moth and rust corrupt.
Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, / where thieves break through and steal.
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, / where neither moth nor rust corrupt.
And where thieves do not break through and steal, / For where you find your treasure,
There will your heart also be.*

Text by Michael Graham, 1999 (based on Matthew 6:19-21)

Sermon

Temples and Terrors

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection:

When Peace, Like a River

#438, v. 1, 2 & 4

1. When peace, like a river, upholds me each day,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

REFRAIN: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has paid life and blood for my soul: **REFRAIN**

4. O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,
when clouds are rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,
"even so"-- it is well with my soul. **REFRAIN**

The Church at Prayer

The Family and Friends of Max Roha, Suzanne Patrick, Fred Pesek, George Snider, 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, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Jim C., 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 asks us to give gifts because giving changes us, the givers. Giving involves us in the life of the church and the life of our community. Giving makes us appreciate that we have more than we need to survive: we have enough that we can give. Giving reminds us that all we have has come from somewhere, and will go somewhere else when the time comes. Wealth simply passes through our lives on the way to other lives. So let us give and be changed!

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 dedicate our gifts of money to your work in the church, O God. But in a greater sense, we here dedicate ourselves to your work in the world. Beyond our money, let who we are as your people bring real and lasting change to a hurting and unjust world. We ask it in Jesus' name, as his faithful disciples. Amen

Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure

Now Is the Time Approaching

#609

1. Now is the time approaching, by prophets long foretold,
when all shall dwell together, secure and manifold.
Let war be learned no longer, let strife and tumult cease,
all earth a blessed garden that God shall tend in peace.
2. Let all that now divides us remove and pass away,
like mists of early morning before the blaze of day.
Let all that now unites us more sweet and lasting prove,
a closer bond of union, in blessed lands of love.
3. O long-expected dawning, come with your cheering ray!
Yet shall the promise beckon and lead us not astray.
O sweet anticipation! It cheers the watchers on
to pray, and hope, and labor till Christ's new realm is come.
(Music: George J. Webb, 1837; text: Jane L. Borthwick, 1859; 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.

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† Benediction

Postlude

We Shall Not Be Put to Shame

Robert Fryson

WISHING YOU A
BLESSED AND HEALTHY
WEEK AHEAD!



BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our guest book before you go and thank you for coming!
- **FLOWERS** – Today's flowers are dedicated to children everywhere, with love from Pat Rehm & Carol Miller.
- **DECORATING** – We're happy to announce that it's decorating time! We're asking for volunteers who are willing to stay after the service next Sunday (11/21), to help put up Christmas decorations.
- **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS COMING UP!** – The Stewardship Ministry would like to remind everyone to please bring their pledge cards to the Stewardship Sunday service, on Nov. 21st (next Sunday!). After that service, everyone is invited to join us in Pilgrim Hall for the "Rooted in Love Fest", for fun and fellowship!
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 5th, immediately following the service. We will be reviewing the preliminary budget for 2022 and also approving some updates to our Constitution. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Thank you.
- **MAX ROHA MEMORIAL EVENT** – Max's family is gathering on Zoom, on Sunday afternoon, November 21st at 4 pm Eastern to celebrate his very long and unique life. Please contact his son at **billroha@gmail.com** or his daughter at **cathyroha@gmail.com** for more information and the Zoom link. His daughter dropped off several of Max's bow ties for any friends who'd like to have one – she suggested that anyone participating in the Zoom gathering on the 21st should feel free to wear one, while enjoying a large glass of a beverage of your choice.

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BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

GET READY FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR! – We will resume Fellowship Hour in all its glory starting On Sunday, December 5th, after the Congregational Meeting. In order for this to be successful, we need volunteers to help. The jobs will be posted in Breeze for signups, descriptions are below. Looking forward to social time after services!

- **Setup / Serve:** Two to three people who arrive by 9:30 to set up for the Fellowship/Coffee hour and then serve as needed during the event. This includes setting up the coffee/tea cart and any other beverages, setting out the snacks, plates, etc, and generally making sure that Fellowship Hall is ready before the service starts. These folks then help out as needed with serving after the service for coffee hour. Detailed directions will be provided in the kitchen.
 - **Fellowship/Coffee Hour Snacks:** Two to three people who provide snacks for the Fellowship/Coffee Hour. Snacks can be anything – cookies, chips, pastry, fruit, etc. Generally enough for 50 people. You don't have to be at a service to provide the snacks, as they can be delivered during regular office hours the week before.
 - **Cleanup:** Two people who stay through the end of Fellowship/Coffee hour to clean up and store any leftovers, clean and put away the beverage service equipment, and ensure that Fellowship Hall is left ready for the next event.
- **SUMMER PEACE AND JUSTICE PILGRIMAGE** – Living Waters Association is offering an event entitled “In the Footsteps of the Civil Rights Movement: An Intergenerational Pilgrimage,” from June 14th through the 20th, 2022. Among the sites visited will be Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Southern Poverty Law Center, Rosa Parks Museum, National Voting Rights Museum, Edmund Pettus Bridge, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, and 16th Street Baptist Church. Space is limited to 25 people, and a \$300 deposit is required by 1/1/2022 to hold your place. For more details, please see the flyer hanging on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Readings

First Reading (read by Pastor Allan)

Mark 13:1-13 *Apocalypse Now?*

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

“Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Readings (continued)

Second Reading

Hebrews 10: 11-25

A sacrifice for sins once and for all

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Contemporary Reading

By Stephen King, “Best to Believe There Will Be Happily Ever Afters”

Best not to look back. Best to believe there will be happily ever afters all the way around—and so there may be; who is to say there will not be such endings? Not all boats which sail away into darkness never find the sun again, or the hand of another child; if life teaches anything at all, it teaches that there are so many happy endings that the man who believes there is no God needs his rationality called into serious question.

Special Thanks:

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Head Usher: Sue Maier
Ushers: Dorie Gabor
Evelyn Seager
Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
Greeter: Peg Duffy
Counters: Marge Culver
Jon Thompson
Acolyte: ***Volunteer Needed***
Peace Candle: ***Volunteer Needed***
A/V Team: Betsey Wilson
Sound: Betsey Wilson
Flowers: Pat Rehm &
Carol Miller

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