



BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

“There is
not enough air
in the room but
you are breathing.

There is
nobody here but you
are held.

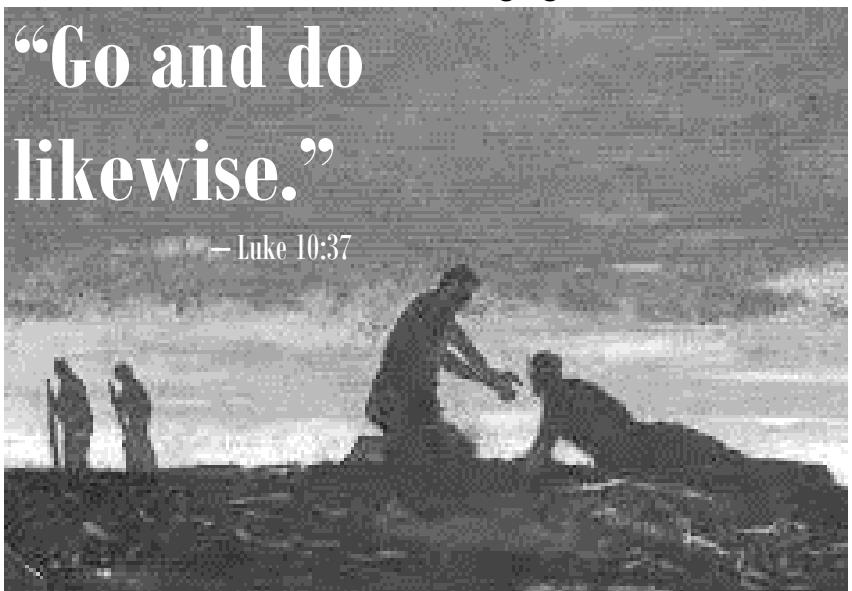
You have broken
and the world
is breaking
and we will always
rebuild.

Do you hear me,
love?
We will
always rebuild.”

— Jeanette LeBlanc

“Go and do likewise.”

— Luke 10:37



Mosiman, John. *The Good Samaritan*. Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection.
<http://sacredartpilgrim.com/collection/view/86>

5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 10th, 2022 • 10:00 AM

Pastor

• Rev. John King

**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:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:30am - 12:30pm

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Please submit your announcements by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!

5th Sunday after Pentecost – July 10th, 2022

Prelude/Gathering Music *See the Morning Sun Ascending* J. Neander (1680)

Welcome & Announcements

Quiet Meditation as Peace Candle is Brought Forward



Gathering in God's Presence

(Please Stand as you are able.)

*** Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the One who calls us to love and speak truth to power:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Leader: We are called to love and defend our brothers and sisters who suffer in silence:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Leader: We must rise up, stand up, and speak up for righteousness:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate together the power to love and to speak truth:

People: We are ready to worship our God who is still speaking! No one can stop us now!

*** Hymn of Praise: *They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"*** #541

1. They asked, "Who's my neighbor and whom should I love;
for whom should I do a good deed?"

Then Jesus related a story and said, "It's anyone who has a need,
yes, anyone who has a need."

2. There once was a traveler set on by thieves who beat him and left him to die;
A priest and a Levite each saw him in pain; but they turned away and walked by,
yes, they turned away and walked by.

3. A certain Samaritan then came along to bind up his wounds and give aid;
He took him to stay at an inn until well, and for all the service he paid,
yes, for all the service he paid.

4. I know who's my neighbor and whom I should love, for whom I should do a good deed;
For Jesus made clear in the story he told, it's anyone who has a need,
yes, anyone who has a need.

*** Prayer of Invocation: [UNISON]**

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh upon us; allow your presence to fill us with power from on high. Come, Holy One, and dwell among us. We need your authority to love our neighbor and speak to the powers of this world. Touch our hearts today that we may stand and be witnesses in our homes, our schools, and our community. Come into this place and make us one with each other. It is in your name we pray. Amen.

*** Words of Grace:** (Rev. John)

*** 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 **Amos 7:7–17 (The Inclusive Bible translation)**

Gospel Reading **Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)**

Continuing Testament by Thomas Jefferson



Time with Young Worshippers



Musical Offering

Panis Angelicus

Franck

Evelyn Seager, vocalist

*Translation from Latin: May the Bread of Angels
Become bread for humankind;
The Bread of Heaven puts
All foreshadowings to an end;
Oh, thing miraculous!
The body of the Lord will nourish
the poor, the poor,
the servile, and the humble.
(Music: César Franck, 1822-1890; words: Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274)*

Sermon

Samaritan Lives Matter

Rev. John King

Hymn of Reflection: *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

Tune: BEACH SPRING

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

(Music: Attr. to B. F. White, 1844; words: Albert F. Bayly, 1961; alt.)

The Church at Prayer

The family and friends of Edie O'Donnell, the family and friends of Anna Mary Fisher, Dorie Gabor, Phyllis Hassler, Lenore Harris, Bill Toneff, Rose Kaval, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, George Snider, Tina Ortiz, Terry Heiman, Dassie Matsuoka, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Betty Kaul, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Jon Thompson, 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: [UNISON]

...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

Invitation to Generosity: (Rev. John)

*** 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 and Thanksgiving: [UNISON]**

O God, we offer these gifts, tithes, and offerings for the building of your kingdom on earth. Bless the gift and the givers. Bless all who offer time, talent and treasure in your service. We offer this prayer in your holy name. Amen.

Going with God's Love

***Hymn of Departure** *God Our Author and Creator*

1. God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,
make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known.
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed downtrod;
in all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

2. Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:
when our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;
by your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.

3. Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love: Christ died for you."

Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,
with all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.

(Music: Southern Harmony, 1835; words: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1985)



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.

A E A D Bm E
 Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.
 A C7 F#m Bm E7sus4 E7 A
 Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

† Benediction (Rev. John)

Postlude: *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* New Mexican folk song; adapt. L.H.Bristol, Jr.
Assisted by Percussion Group



Announcements

FLOWERS – Today' flowers are dedicated by Gayle Jackson, “In Celebration of Allison Cobert’s birthday”

MEMORIAL – The family of long-time member, Anna Mary Fisher, would like to invite all who are able to attend her memorial service next Sunday, 7/17. The service will be held here at the church and will begin at 1pm. There will be a luncheon immediately following, in Pilgrim Hall.

NURSERY - If you know in advance that you will be bringing nursery age children (ages 0-3), or will be bringing a guest with children to church and would like to drop them off in the nursery, please contact the church office at 440-526-4364 or Evie Novak at 440-479-9743. This is necessary so that we may arrange for a volunteer attendant to be available. If you are unable to provide notice, please check with our Head Usher before the service (can be found in the Narthex at the back of the church), and they will enlist a volunteer if one is available. If no one is available, you are welcome to accompany your child in the nursery. If you would like to serve as an as-needed volunteer, please let Evie know.



HOLY GROUNDS – I will be at the Brecksville Panera for coffee at 8:15 most Tuesday mornings. Anyone is welcome to stop by. There's no need for an RSVP or agenda, so you never know who might show up. Of course, if you are looking for a more traditional meeting in my office, you can always set that up too. But if you're just looking for casual conversation, stop by at Panera any Tuesday for a visit and some “holy grounds.” – Pastor John

Readings

First Reading

Amos 7:7–17 (The Inclusive Bible translation)

This is what the Sovereign YHWH showed me: God was standing by a wall, a plumb line in hand. "What do you see, Amos?" YHWH asked me. "A plumb line," I said.

Then God said to me, "Look, I am going to measure my people Israel by plumb line. I will no longer excuse their atrocities. The high places of Isaac are going to be ruined, the sanctuaries of Israel destroyed. With sword in hand, I will attack the House of Jeroboam."

Amaziah the priest of Bethel then sent the following message to Jeroboam ruler of Israel: "Amos is plotting against you in the midst of the House of Israel. The country can no longer tolerate what he keeps saying. For this is what he says, 'Jeroboam is going to die by the sword, and Israel is going into exile from its land.' " Amaziah told Amos, "Go away, seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there. Do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel. This is the royal sanctuary, the national Temple!"

Amos answered Amaziah: "I am no prophet. Nor am I the disciple of a prophet. I was a shepherd, and gathered figs for food. But YHWH took me from herding the flock, and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' So listen to the word of YHWH! You say: 'Do not prophesy against Israel. Utter no oracles against the House of Isaac.' Very well, this is what YHWH says: 'Your spouses will be forced to take the most demeaning work, your children will fall by the sword, your land will be parceled out by measuring lines, and you yourself will die on unclean soil. And Israel will go into exile, far from its own land.' "

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25–37 (NRSV)

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

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Readings

Gospel Reading (continued)

Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

He said, "The one who showed him mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Continuing Testament

by Thomas Jefferson, from a letter to Samuel Kercheval, July 12, 1816

(Inscribed on the wall of the Southeast Portico of the Jefferson Memorial, in Washington D.C.)

"I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions, but laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as a civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors."

Special Thanks:

July 10, 2022

Head Usher: Sue Maier
Ushers: Evelyn Seager
 Volunteer Needed
Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Greeter: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: **Volunteer Needed**
Counters: Marge Culver
 Janet Renovetz
Acolyte: **Volunteer Needed**
Peace Candle: **Volunteer Needed**
A/V Team: Jim Duffy
Flowers: Tia Began
Set Up/Serve: **Volunteer Needed**
 Volunteer Needed
Clean Up: **Volunteer Needed**
 Volunteer Needed

July 17, 2022

Head Usher: Diane Gressley
Ushers: Evelyn Seager
 Volunteer Needed
Lay Reader: Sue Stenzel
Greeters: Dave Bernard
Nursery: **Volunteer Needed**
Counters: Marge Culver
 Janet Renovetz
Acolyte: **Volunteer Needed**
Peace Candle: **Volunteer Needed**
A/V Team: David Pastor
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Snack: Lois Lorenzo
 Bridget Sproul
Set Up/Serve: Bridget Sproul
 Volunteer Needed
Clean Up: Bridget Sproul
 Volunteer Needed

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