



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

"Anybody can
observe the
Sabbath,
but making it
holy
surely takes
the rest of
the week."

- Alice Walker



11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 21st, 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!

11th Sunday after Pentecost – August 21st, 2022

Prelude/Gathering Music *Here, O God, Your Servants Gather* Japanese gagaku mode
With Percussion Group

"Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife:

Jesus, Healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life."

(Arr.; Isao Koizumi, 1958; words: Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1958, alt.;

phonetic transcription: I-to Loh, 1958; transl. Everett M. Stowe, 1958, alt.)

Welcome & Announcements

Quiet Meditation as Peace Candle is Brought Forward

*"I ask no favor for my sex. All I ask of our brethren is
that they take their feet off our necks."* - Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Gathering in God's Presence

(Please Stand as you are able.)

*** Call to Worship:**

One: We may be thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Divine One is a spring of water!

One: We may be weary from worry and work so we come into God's presence:

All: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

One: We may be lost or confused so we come into God's presence:

All: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

One: We may be bent over with struggle or pain so we come into God's presence:

All: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

*** Hymn of Praise:**

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

#474

1. I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, **(3 times)**
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

2. Evil had me bound, Jesus lifted me, **(3 times)**
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, **(3 times)**
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me. **(Repeat verse 1)**

(Music and words: African American spiritual)

*** Invocation: [UNISON]**

O God of all goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you. You crown us with steadfast love and mercy. Reveal yourself to us in this moment. Let us know your presence so that we may bless you: Bless you, O God! Bless your holy name! Amen.

*** Pastoral Assurance** (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 **Isaiah 58:9-14 (NRSV)**
Gospel Reading **Luke 13:10-21 (NRSV)**
Continuing Testament by Richard Rohr



Time with Young Worshippers



Musical Offering: *Salvation Belongs to Our God* Adrian Howard/Pat Turner
Craig Ramsey, vocal & guitar; Rob Grow, guitar

Salvation belongs to our God

Who sits upon the throne

And unto the Lamb

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks

Honor and power and strength

Refrain: Be to our God, forever and ever (3 times) Amen

And we the redeemed shall be strong

In purpose and unity

Declaring aloud

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks

Honor and power and strength (Refrain)

Sermon:

Stand Tall – Walk On

Rev. John King

Hymn of Reflection:

I've Got Peace Like a River

#478

1. I've got peace like a river, **(3 times)** in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, **(3 times)** in my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain, **(3 times)** in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, **(3 times)** in my soul.
3. I've got love like an ocean, **(3 times)** in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, **(3 times)** in my soul.
4. I've got faith like an anchor, **(3 times)** in my soul.
I've got faith like an anchor, **(3 times)** in my soul.
(Music and words: African American spiritual)

The Church at Prayer

Dorie Gabor, Phyllis Hassler, Lenore Harris, Bill Toneff, Rose Kaval, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, 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

Call to Offering: (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:** [UNISON]

**With reverence and awe for your ways, we offer our gifts for the work of love
and justice, the work of healing, restoring and setting free in your holy name.
Amen.**

Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

#80, v. 1

1. Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We join to bless you ere our worship cease,
then, in the silence, wait the word of peace.

(Music: Edward J. Hopkins, 1869; words: John Ellerton, 1866; alt.)





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.

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 (Rev. John)

Postlude:

Hope in God

Kirkland

Be *Strong* and *Courageous*

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,

For the *Lord* your *God*

Will be with you wherever you go.

~ Joshua 1:9

Announcements

BILL TONEFF VISITS – Our wonderful Bill Toneff, who is 103+ years old, would love to see his friends from BUCC from time to time. We are trying to work out a visitation schedule for Saturdays and Sundays. Please contact Sherrill Witt at 216-244-6916 or sherrill@lollytrolley.com for further information and scheduling.

RALLY DAY – Rally Day is September 11th. To kick off the school year, the Membership/Fellowship Ministry will be running a school supply drive to collect items for “Kids In Need”. The most needed items are – single subject notebooks, Pencils (12-pack), Washable Markers (10-pack broad-tip, classic colors), Pencil Pouch, Scissors (5-inch blunt tip), Crayons (24-count, classic colors), Folders (laminated or plastic), and Glue Sticks. Feel free to bring items between August 28th and September 11th – there will be a collection box in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you!

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

Attendance on Sunday, August 14th, 2022 - Adults: 43; Kids: 1; Live Stream: 4; Total: 48

Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9-14 (NRSV)

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-21 (NRSV)

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

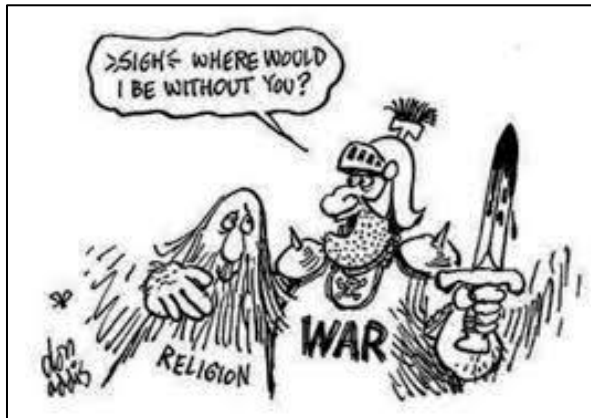
But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Readings

Continuing Testament - by Richard Rohr

"Christianity is a lifestyle - a way of being in the world that is simple, non-violent, shared, and loving. However, we made it into an established "religion" (and all that goes with that) and avoided the lifestyle change itself. One could be warlike, greedy, racist, selfish, and vain in most of Christian history, and still believe that Jesus is one's "personal Lord and Savior" ... The world has no time for such silliness anymore. The suffering on Earth is too great.



Cartoonist – Don Addis; publication date not available

Special Thanks:

August 21, 2022

Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Kathy Pastor
Evelyn Seager
Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Greeter: 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
Set Up/Serve: ***Volunteer Needed***
Volunteer Needed
Clean Up: ***Volunteer Needed***
Volunteer Needed

August 28, 2022

Head Usher: Diane Gressley
Ushers: Evelyn Seager
Volunteer Needed
Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Greeters: Sherrill Witt
Nursery: ***Volunteer Needed***
Counters: Marge Culver
Janet Renovetz
Acolyte: ***Volunteer Needed***
Peace Candle: ***Volunteer Needed***
A/V Team: Fred Pedersen
Flowers: Tia Began
Set Up/Serve: Evie Novak
Volunteer Needed
Clean Up: ***Volunteer Needed***
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