



# Brecksville

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# United Church of Christ

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*"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles."*

*-Anne Frank*



## *Worship in the Park*

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 • 10:00 AM**

**Financial Secretary**

• Joy Garapic

**Office Manager**

• Miranda Lacefield

**Music Director**

• Rob Keshock

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.

**\*\*LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILIABLE UPON REQUEST\*\***

**Office Hours:**

**Monday – Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm**

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

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Prelude**

**Instrumental**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Silent Meditation**

“Joy comes in momentary glimpses serendipitously.”

- Hobart Rhodeheaver

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able*

**\*CALL TO PRAYER**

One: We gather to weekly reorient our listening.

**All: Not only with our ears, but to listen with our eyes, our hearts, our minds, our toes, and our fingers. To listen with our whole being.**

One: To listen beyond the conscious thoughts of the incessant thinking of our minds. To listen beyond the “voices” planted in the soil of our memories.

**All: We listen with our sisters and brothers and all identities to the silent voice of God which is all around us and in us.**

One: So, listen this day.

**All: Waiting patiently to hear the voice of God.**

**Hymn of Praise**

**Morning Has Broken by Eleanor Farjeon**

**Insert**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: [UNISON]**

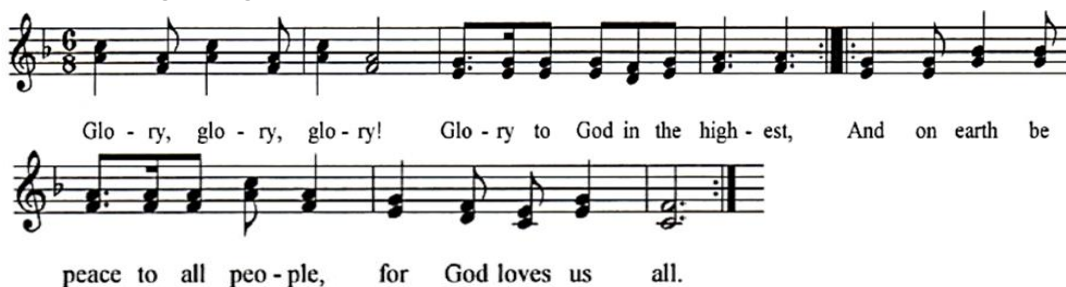
***We use so many words to name and describe You. We acknowledge Your reality is beyond our words. In the silent spaces. In the unconscious and subconscious. In our sleep. In our dreams. On the mountaintops. In the valleys. In the hallelujahs. In the cries of sorrow. In our mistakes. In our accomplishments. In the doubts. In the questions. In the gaps. We pray to continue to be with you. Amen.***

**\*Assurance of Grace**

**\*Gathering Song:**

**Glory to God**

**Pablo Sosa 1988**



## **Readings**

**(See back of bulletin for complete readings)**

**First Reading: - Exodus 19:1-6**

**Gospel Reading: - Luke 12:22-31**

**Continuing Testament- The Peace of Wild Things From Wendell Berry, The  
Selected Poems of Wendell Berry**

*Time with Young Worshipers*

**Sermon:** by Rev. David Loar

**Hymn of Reflection: How Great Thou Art by Carl Boberg**

**Insert**

### **The Church at Prayer**

Gayle & Allison Colbert, Jon Thompson, Marilyn Pay, Frances Posey, Mac Hoppel, Bee Ortiz, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Jan Wardlaw, Kathleen Stewart, Kathy Repko, Lois Lorenzo, Jonathan Langham, Tony Cuninghame, Chad Sproul, Dot Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Joanne Cook, Kathy Ford, Midge Cassidy, Pat Rehm, Kate Benedict, Marge Culver, "Edna House", people who are unemployed and under employed.

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

**Prayers of the Church**

### **Silent Meditation**

**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 the Offering**

**\* Doxology: [UNISON]** Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

### **\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION: [UNISON]**

We give. You have given a million multiples of what we have given. As parsimonious as our offerings may be in the shade of your creating and giving, we pray for blessing. That beyond our need to know, you will plant and grow whatever we can give. Amen

**\* Hymn of Departure**                      **I Sing the Mighty Powers of God**                      **Insert**  
**Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

### **\* Circle of Community**

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.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (A), A4 (E), B4 (A), C5 (D), B4 (Bm), A4 (E), G4 (E). The second staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (A), A4 (C#7), B4 (F#m), C5 (Bm), B4 (E7sus4), A4 (E7), G4 (A). The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### **Instrumental**

## **Readings**

### **First Reading Exodus 19:1-6 (NRSVUE)**

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall

say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

### **Gospel Reading Luke 12:22-31 (NRSVUE)**

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

### **Continuing Testament *The Peace of Wild Things* From Wendell Berry, *The Selected Poems of Wendell Berry***

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free."

## Announcements:

 **Nursery Attendant Needed**  As Amelia Elting prepares to leave for college in mid-August, we are seeking a caring and dependable individual to serve as our Nursery Attendant.

### *Position Overview:*

The Nursery Attendant will provide safe, secure, and nurturing care for children ages 0 through 4 years old during church services and events. This individual may also assist Miss Mindy in the classroom as needed.

The position pays \$50/Sunday. The hours are 9:45 am until the children are secured by their parents after the service.

### *Qualifications:*

Experience caring for children ages 0–4

At least 18 years of age (we will consider current church members 16 and older)

CPR certification for infants and children is preferred

A heart for ministry and a love for children

If you or someone you know is interested in this important ministry role, please contact the church office at [BUCCoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:BUCCoffice23@gmail.com) or 440-526-4364 or speak with a member of the Christian Education Committee.

Let's continue to provide a warm and welcoming space for our youngest members to grow in God's love!

**Fellowship Ministry-** It's already that time again! As usual we are collecting school supplies to help supplement those in need. Items to consider bringing in -- pencils, notebooks, folders, backpacks, art supplies, Kleenex, wipes... Please start bringing them in as early as possible -- we're getting a jump on our Rally Day donations this year!

**Rally Day-** Be sure to join us as we celebrate our BUCC kids as they embark on their new school year Sunday, September 7. Our amazing choir will return that day as well, so we have lots to be grateful for! We will (of course) start things off with a celebratory potluck with the theme of "Best Dish Ever." Bring your families' favorite! Mark your calendar today!

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR includes the following**

- Tue. Aug 19

6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall)
- 7:30 pm – Communications and Outreach
- Wed. Aug 20

11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation

**Volunteers:**



**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Worship in the Park**

- Early Usher:

**Volunteers Needed**
- Late Usher:

**Volunteers Needed**
- Greeter:

Lori Molesky
- Reader:

Sherrill Witt
- Flowers:

**Volunteers Needed**
- Counters:

Kathy Pastor
- Volunteers Needed**
- A/V:

Fred Pedersen

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- Early Usher:

**Volunteers Needed**
- Late Usher:

**Volunteers Needed**
- Greeter:

Dave Bernard
- Reader:

**Volunteers Needed**
- Flowers:

**Volunteers Needed**
- Counters:

Sue Stenzel
- Volunteers Needed**
- A/V:

**Volunteers Needed**

Attendance last Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Adults: 46; Kids: 5; Online: 3;  
Additional Views: 23; Total: 77