



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of Light and Truth, you patiently offer us wisdom for living. You share with us ways in which we can know ourselves, each other, and the greater world. Open our minds and our hearts to new ways of learning, living, and loving, so that we might reflect your goodness and glory. Amen.



**Sunday August 16, 2015 • 10:00 AM**

**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

*Pastor*

• Rev David Shackle

*Director of Music*

• David Debick

*Financial Secretary*

• Joy Garapic

*Ministers*

All of our Members

Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger

## **Affirmation of Welcome**

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

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are male, female, or transgender,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,

Or a life-long member of the UCC,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

**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!**

### **WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS**

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

#### ***Office Hours:***

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00**

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# August 16 2015 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

## Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that the imprint of your loving touch is found within each of us and throughout our world. Help us to recognize and rejoice at the many ways your Spirit continues to touch, enlighten, and transform us and our world every day!  
Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

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Wesley

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Life of Christ**

**\* Call to Worship** [based on Psalm 139]

Leader: We gather today to worship our loving, nurturing Creator - the Holy One, who like a Caring Mother or Father:

**People: Often knows us better than we know ourselves;**

L: Loves us totally and unconditionally;

**P: Teaches and guides us in the way we should go;**

L: Gently comforts us in our time of need;

**P: One whose tender compassion is never-ending!**

L: Therefore, let us praise the Source and Sustainer of Life;

**All: Whose gracious Presence is always with us!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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**\* Prayer of Invocation**

**Holy Spirit of Life and Love, come among us today and touch us with the fullness of your grace. Enter our lives, free us from our fears, and guide us by your wisdom. Empower us to be your Church, today and every day. Impart to us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and in this world. Renew within us all, your abiding gifts of faith, hope, and love, so that we might continue to follow your light and praise you with joy! Amen!**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**The Old Testament**

I Kings 3:3-14

Pew Bible, page 305

**The New Testament**

Matthew 7:7-12

Pew Bible, page 7

**The Continuing Testament** - from *Do Unto Others: Everyone, Everywhere!* –

by Ann Kroeker

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Remembrance (Communion Song)  
[Emma Novak, soloist]

Maher/Redman

**Sermon**

*Knowing versus Doing*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

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***The Church at Prayer***

**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.**

**Organ Response**

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

### **The Invitation**

**Offertory**                      Sanctus and Benedictus (from St. Anne Mass)                      MacMillan

### **\*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 love we share our gifts. Amen.**

### **\* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Creative Source of all things and all people, we thank you that you have called us to be your people, the Church. We thank you that you have given us all that we need to serve you. Help us to willingly take our part in your service, by helping one another, by freely giving to those in need, and by sharing with all the greatest gift we have: the gift of your love. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

**Communion Music**                      Contemplation                      Rowley

### **Words of Institution**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Invitation**

### **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

### **The Blessing**

## ***Going with God's Love***

**\* Hymn of Departure**                      Sent Forth by God's Blessing                      #76

**\*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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." The score includes various chords: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, Cf7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## \*Benediction

### Postlude

Shout for Joy!

Bell

“Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;  
heaven’s own fare has fed the last and least;  
Christ’s own peace is shared again on earth;  
God the Spirit fills us with new worth.”  
John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Midge Cassidy, Tina Ortiz, Kathy Pastor and family, George Sarandou and family, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, Mary D’Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

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

Attendance Sunday, August 9, 2015 – Adults: 62 Kids: 7 Total: 69

## ***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our Guest Book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

**WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS** -- We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour: Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery. Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers. Crayons and paper are also available from ushers for children.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Bill & Sherrill Witt in Honor of Shirley Duncan.

**FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE**, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

**NEXT SUNDAY AUG. 23<sup>rd</sup> IS WORSHIP IN THE PARK!** Come join us in Richfield Woods Park for bagels at 10:00 and worship at 10:30 with our friends of the Richfield UCC. Maps to the park and the Richfield UCC [in the unlikely event of rain] are available in the church office.

**CHURCH PICNIC** our annual Church Picnic will be held on August 30, at Fields Memorial Park in Broadview Heights at 2 pm. There will be food, games, and even a pie baking contest!

**SCHEDULING** If you know that you are going to be unavailable prior to the time the schedules are made out please let Caroline Chandler know at home (440-526-9714) or by e-mail ([chandler9143@roadrunner.com](mailto:chandler9143@roadrunner.com)). If you find that you cannot serve after the schedule is published try to exchange serving dates with another person and then let the office know who will be filling in for you.

**WOMEN UNITED** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday August 19 at 7:00 PM. (please note change in time) those who are not available to attend our daytime meetings are encouraged to attend. Member Heidi Spangler will be our speaker. She will show a 25 minute video of her Mother, recorded in 1988 and presented on PBS, regarding her memories from the Holocaust. We will meet in the Parlor and light refreshments will be served.

**PLEASE LOCK DOOR** If you are entering and leaving by the side door near the Beauty Salon, please make sure the door closes and locks.

**USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES** We collect used printer cartridges and Recycle them to turn in to Office Max for credit toward our office supplies. Please put your empty cartridge in the Office in a basket marked “**Max**” We appreciate your help!

**PLEASE BE SURE** to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

**MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE** the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: [www.brecksvilleucc.org](http://www.brecksvilleucc.org). It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

**NAME TAGS** are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

## ***Readings***

### **The Old Testament - 1 Kings 3:5-12**

At Gibeon the Holy One appeared to Solomon in a dream by night and said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Sovereign One, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?” It pleased the Holy One that Solomon had asked this. The Holy One said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

## **The New Testament - Matthew 7:7-12**

Jesus says, “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, everyone who seeks finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Parent give good things to those who ask! In everything you do, do unto others as you would have them do unto you; for this is the essence of the Law and the Prophets.”

## **The Continuing Testament - from *Do Unto Others: Everyone, Everywhere!* - by Ann Kroeker [edited]**

One practical step toward living the “Golden Rule” involves increased awareness. Becoming more attuned to others, we’ll more likely see their needs and respond appropriately. We can make eye contact and learn people’s names. Listen to what they’re saying and ask questions. And smile! As we begin to interact more with people - whether strangers, friends, or coworkers - they’ll probably take notice and respond. Hopefully, they’ll receive our attention with gratitude and respect; yet Jesus tells us to “do unto others” regardless of the responses we receive in return.

We can bring in the neighbor’s trash cans, house-sit while someone travels, rake leaves or shovel snow. We can hold the door for a stranger at the post office; or let the harried mom and her squealing toddler go ahead of us in the checkout line, because we’d sure appreciate someone doing that for us! And though our families represent the people we love the most, some of us struggle to “do unto others” at home. We may be considered an attentive, compassionate coworker at the office, but then we come home tired and cranky, and we tune everyone out. Yet when Jesus says “do unto others,” he doesn’t restrict who those “others” are. Our families certainly deserve the same attentiveness as those we encounter outside the home - if not more! Wherever we are, in big ways and small, we are called to look to the interests of others - by treating, serving, and loving, them just as we’d like to be treated ourselves.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, Aug 16**      10:00 am Worship Service  
                                 11:00 am Coffee Hour

**Wed, Aug 19**            6:00 am    Early Birds  
                                 7:00 pm    Women United

**Thurs., Aug 20**        1:00 pm    Bible Study

**Sunday, Aug 23**      10:00 am Coffee & Bagels  
                                 10:30 am Worship in the Park

**\*MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCH  
PICNIC AUGUST 30, AT 2 PM\***

*(see announcements for details)*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**AUGUST 16, 2015**

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs  
Head Usher: Bob Chandler  
Ushers: Dorie Gabor, Sam Koch  
Betty Kaul, Tia Began  
Acolyte: Ben Rehling  
Peace Candi: Indira Bigelow  
Sound: Doug Fawcett  
Comms Grtr: Marge Culver  
Narthex Grtr: Stu Bailey  
Flowers: Betty Gifford  
Nursery: Kara Reese  
Counters: David Pastor, Jan Renovetz  
Servers: Caroline Chandler  
Clean-Up: Kathy & Dave Pastor

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**AUGUST 23, 2015**

***\*WORSHIP IN THE PARK\****

Ushers: Jane & Cliff Cribbs  
Counters: Stu Bailey, Joy Garapic  
Refreshments: Evie Novak, Jill Zedan

