



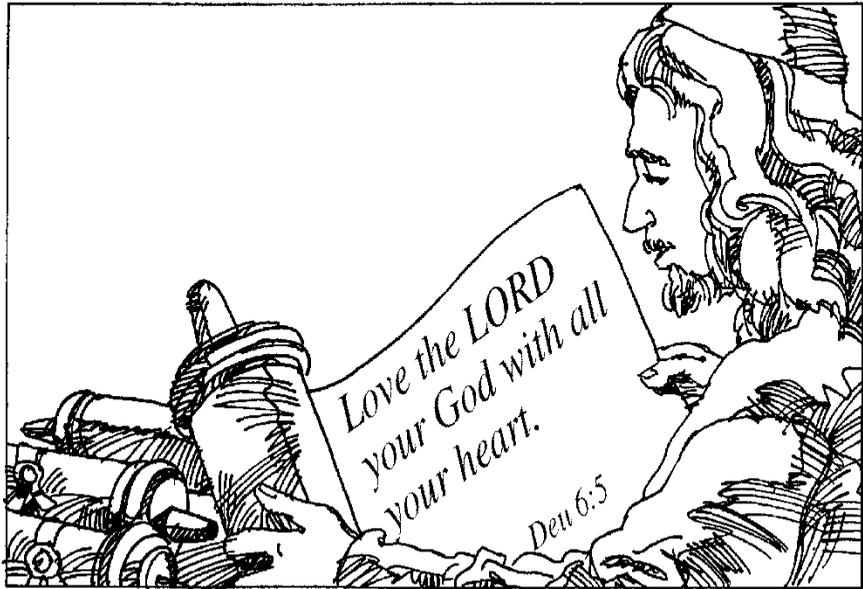
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Compassionate Holy One, forgive us for the ways in which we fail to follow your gracious lead. Fill us with your humility, gentleness and patience, that we may reach-out to one another with love and peace. Amen.



Sunday August 2, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Tenth 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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Meditation Music

Creative Holy One, you have called us to care for your entire Creation. Help us find ways to preserve what you have given us, so that we may pass it on to future generations.
Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

O bone Jesu (O good Jesus)

Belli

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us praise the Creative One!

People: Let us sing to the One who fills the earth with blessings!

L: Let us praise the One who fills our lives with purpose and joy!

P: Let us honor the Compassionate One, who became one of us!

L: Let us gather together in faith and hope,

P: To praise our Holy Source of Life and Love!

L: May the Creator of heaven and earth renew us today,

All: That our spirits may soar in joyful praise!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Living God

#8

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Eternal Holy One, we look to your saving power and grace. Enter those parts of ourselves that disturb us and heal them. Use our broken places as the places where you bring us together in community. Transform our own weakness into compassion for the weakness of others. Give us that graceful combination of humility and self-esteem that we may see ourselves and others as you see us - your restored and loved people. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: One fact remains and does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always. This is the Good News that brings us new life!

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Passing the Peace**

L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*** 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 contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Pew Bible, page 163

The New Testament

Matthew 22:34-40

Pew Bible, page 25

The Continuing Testament

Opening Minds and Hearts

by Vicki Szabo

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

O Food to Pilgrims Given

16th century French

[*Anne Melfo, soprano; Dave Debick, baritone*]

Sermon

Those Challenging Questions...

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

#306

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

Interlude – Élévation

Huré

***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]**

Gracious Holy One, we thank you that you have called us together 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 Hymn

Eat This Bread

#788

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: It is truly good and right to give thanks to you, Divine Source of Light and Glory, because you have manifested yourself in Jesus Christ, begotten from the heart of your love. And so, with your people of every time and place, we praise your Holy Name, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Communion

Vierne

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Divine Source of all blessings, we give you thanks and praise for Jesus Christ, who brings light and truth to our world. We thank you that you have called us to walk in that light, and have nourished us for our journey through this Bread and Cup. Fill us with your Spirit and guide us in your ways, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

#59

***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 a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." Above the first staff, the chords A, E, A, D, Bm, and E are indicated. Above the second staff, the chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, and A are indicated.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Widor

{Dedicated to Bill and Ann Toneff on the joyous occasion of their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary.}

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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, July 26, 2015 – Adults: 71 Kids: 10 Total: 81

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshipping 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 this morning to celebrate the 67th Wedding Anniversary of Bill & Ann Toneff.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Corrado Family on their new addition! Mira Josephine Corrado was born on 7/22/15. Rumor has it she has lots of hair and chubby cheeks!

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). 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.

BUCC BOOK DISCUSSION will meet in the parlor@ 1:00 p.m. on August 3 to talk about ORPHAN TRAIN by Christina Baker Kline. The Next selection is Sonia Sotomayor's autobiographical memoir MY BELOVED WORLD. You can join into the discussion group at any point. Call Dot Bailey 440-526-4881.

BICENTENIAL MINISTRY Our Next Meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, at 7 pm. Please make sure a representative from your ministry is in attendance. **ALL ARE WELCOME/ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

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.

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. 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 - Deuteronomy 6:1-9

[Moses said] Now this is the commandment - the statutes and the ordinances - that the Holy One charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may reverence your God all the days of your life, and keep all God's decrees and commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Holy One, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Holy One is our God, the Holy One alone. You shall love the Holy One, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The New Testament - Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest?" Jesus replied, "'You shall love the Holy One, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, Aug 2** 10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour
- Monday, Aug 3** 1:00 pm Book Discussion/Parlor
7:00 pm Spiritual Life
- Tuesday, Aug 4** 7:00 pm Bicentennial Ministry
- Wed, Aug 5** 6:00 am Early Birds
- Thursday, Aug 6** 1:00 pm Bible Study
- Saturday, Aug 8** 3:00 pm BUCC Choir Picnic
- Sunday, Aug 9** 10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:00 am Christian Ed

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

AUGUST 2, 2015

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan
Head Usher: Matt Wolbert
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard
Evie & Wes Novak
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candi: Lily Hunt
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Dot Bailey
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow
Counters: Donn Whyte, Jim Duffy
Servers: Marge Culver
Clean Up: Jill Zedan

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

AUGUST 9, 2015

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
Head Usher: Evie Novak
Ushers: Fred Pesek, Tina Ortiz
Tim Wallis, Kim Dessofoy
Acolyte: Ben Davis
Peace Candi: Garrett Demko
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Jim & Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr: Kathy Smith
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Peg Duffy
Counters: Nancy Stella, Jim Kaul
Servers: Joanne Cook
Clean-Up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs

United Church of Christ Founding:

The United Church of Christ was formed in 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio, with the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches.

Each of those two components resulted from earlier unions of church traditions. The Congregational Churches trace their roots to the English Reformation and to Puritan New England, while the Christian Church had its beginnings on the American frontier. The Evangelical Synod of North America was a 19th century German-American church prominent in the Mississippi Valley. The Reformed Church in the United States, of German and Swiss heritage, was initially made up of churches in Pennsylvania and surrounding colonies in the early 1700s.

Prominent Founders: Robert Browne, William Brewster, John Cotton, Anne Hutchinson, Cotton Mather, Jonathan Edwards.

Geography:

The United Church of Christ takes in nearly 5,600 member churches in 44 states in the U.S., with the highest concentrations on the east coast and in the Midwest.

United Church of Christ Governing Body:

The General Synod is the representative body of the UCC, composed of delegates chosen by the Conferences. The organization is divided into Associations and Conferences, determined by geographic areas. According to the United Church of Christ constitution, each local church is autonomous and none of its functions or government may be modified by the General Synod, Associations or Conferences.

Notable United Church of Christ Ministers and Members:

Rev. Geoffrey A. Black, Barack Obama, Calvin Coolidge, Hubert Humphrey, Andrew Young, Howard Dean, Cotton Mather, Harriet Beecher Stowe, John Brown, Thomas Edison, Thornton Wilder, Theodore Dreiser, Walt Disney, William Holden, John Howard.