



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Eternal Holy One, where we see limits and impossibility, you see a future with promise. You invite us to dream of a time where there is justice and harmony for all the earth. Help us to envision the marvelous dreams you have for us, and for the potential we have when we work and live in harmony. Amen



### WHOEVER IS NOT AGAINST US IS FOR US.

MK 9:40

**Sunday September 27, 2015 • 10:00 AM**  
**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*Pastor* • Rev David Shackles • *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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# September 27, 2015 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Meditation Music

Creative Source of all that is good - you offer us a vision of abundance, blessing, and peace. Help us to consider the wonderful world around us - to study it, to learn from it, to enjoy, revere, and preserve it. Like the Psalmist of old, may we “lift-up our eyes unto the hills” and rejoice in the works of your hand! Amen

## ***Gathering in God’s Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

We All Believe in One True God

Latin credo, c. 1300

**Bearing the Light of Peace**

**Bearing the Life of Christ**

**Call to Worship** - from *Psalm 89*

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Holy One;

**People: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

L: I will declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**P: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

L: The heavens are yours, and the earth as well;

**P: The world and all that is in it, for you have founded all things.**

L: Happy are those who shout your praises;

**All: Who walk in the light of your presence, O Holy One most high!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

For the Beauty of the Earth

#28

**\* Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

**Gracious Holy One, we ask that you would be with us, touch us, and guide us this day. Enter our lives and free us from our fears, our doubts and our prejudices. Give us the strength and courage we need to faithfully serve you in this place and through the world. Renew within us all, the joy of living, the art of giving, and the capacity for loving. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 Old Testament**

Numbers 11:11-17; 24-29

Pew Bible, page 129

**The New Testament**

Mark 9:38-42

Pew Bible, page 45

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Search and Restore*

by Stephen Fowl

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

One Lord

True

**Sermon**

*All in Favor...Start **Acting** That Way!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Help Us Accept Each Other

#388

***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

Gavotte

Dandrieu

### \*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]

Compassionate Holy One, open our eyes and our hearts, that we may see and respond to the needs of those around us. Expand our limited vision, that we might embrace new possibilities. Inspire our lives, that we may find new ways to do justice and to walk humbly with you. Use these gifts that we present before you, to further Christ's mission of love, grace, and peace. Amen.

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure

O for a World

#575

\*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.

Chords: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A

## \*Benediction

Postlude

On Our Way Rejoicing

Havergal

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

Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, 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, September 20, 2015 – Adults: 90 Kids: 16 Total: 106

## ***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 Potluck Lunch!

**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 Bettina Ortiz in Honor of my Granddaughter, Jenna Kubic on her Birthday, 9/20/2006, and my Son-in-Law, David Kubic, on his Birthday 9/19/1967.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY** is looking for you...catch us at Coffee Hour.

On 10/25...Today members of the Christian Education, Stewardship, Membership, Communications and Outreach Ministries will be available during Coffee Hour with an opportunity for you to learn about their ministry.

On 11/1.....Spiritual Life, Facilities, Parish-Staff Relations/Personnel - (see above)

On 11/8 ....OCWM, Leadership Development and Finance - (see above)

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED** – Next week, the Neighbors In Need offering will be received. The funds will be used to support the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One-third of the offering will be used to support the UCC Council for American Indian Ministry, and Two-thirds of the offering will be used to support UCC Justice and Witness Ministries.

**DURING TODAY'S POT-LUCK** talk with any member of the Spiritual Life Ministry or with Max Roha about borrowing next Sunday one of our new Williams personal sound receivers. Learn what it might offer you whether or not you have any serious limitations with your hearing abilities.

**DIRECTORY UPDATES** Please let us know if you moved, changed phone numbers, or email address. We will be printing out an updated Directory in the near future. Please call the Office at 440-526-4364, or email Jeannette [buccoh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buccoh@sbcglobal.net).

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS** If you have signed up for an upcoming Flower Dedication, please fill out the form right by the main chart, and return with payment to Joy Garapic.

**AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH** - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshipers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

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

**THE BLESSINGS JAR** is for your use to drop in a note and/or money in response to a special blessing you have received during the week. We would like to recognize your blessing in the Pillar if you wish.

**THE PEACE CANDLE** is placed up front every Sunday to remind us of Jesus' teachings on peace and peacemakers. We pray that peace between nations, within our country, community, families, and ourselves will become a priority for all.

**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 - Psalm 147:1-11**

Praise the Holy One! How good it is to sing praise to God, who is gracious - to raise a suitable song of praise! The Holy One builds-up Jerusalem, and gathers the outcasts of Israel. The Gracious One heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. Our Holy Creator determines the number of the stars, and knows them all. Great is the Sovereign One, whose power is abundant and whose understanding is beyond measure.

The Holy One lifts up the downtrodden, and casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Holy One with thanksgiving; make melody to God on the harp. The Holy One covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, and makes grass grow on the hills.

The Divine Source of all living things gives to the animals their food, and provides for the young birds when they cry. God's delight is not in the strength of the warhorse, nor in the speed of the runner. The Holy One takes pleasure in those who show reverence, and in those who hope and trust God's steadfast love.

### **The New Testament Mark 9:38-42**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea."



**The Continuing Testament** - from "A dialogue of friendship, esteem and respect"  
- by Pope Francis [This is from an address Pope Francis gave on his visit to  
Turkey in November, 2014]

Today what is needed is a dialogue which can deepen the understanding and appreciation of the many things which we hold in common. Such a dialogue will allow us to reflect sensibly and serenely on our differences, and to learn from them. There is a need to move forward patiently in the task of building a lasting peace, one founded on respect for the fundamental rights and duties rooted in the dignity of each person. In this way, we can overcome prejudices and unwarranted fears, leaving room for respect, encounter, and the release of more positive energies for the good of all.

To this end, it is essential that all citizens - Muslim, Jewish and Christian - both in the provision and practice of the law, enjoy the same rights and respect the same duties. They will then find it easier to see each other as brothers and sisters who are travelling the same path, seeking always to reject misunderstandings while promoting cooperation and concord. Freedom of religion and freedom of expression, when truly guaranteed to each person, will help friendship to flourish and thus become an eloquent sign of peace.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, Sept. 27</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	<b>Pot Luck</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 29</b>	10:30	CWRU Parlor
<b>Wed, Sept 30</b>	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
<b>Thurs, Oct 1</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday, Oct 4</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
		<b>*Neighbors In Need Offering*</b>
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

Lay Reader: Stu Bailey  
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler  
Ushers: Julie & Dave Bernard,  
Beth Rehling, Heidi Spangler  
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Peace Candi: Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
Sound: Mike Westerberg  
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver  
Narthex Grtr: Jon Thompson  
Flowers: Dorie Gabor  
Nursery: Gina Cook  
Counters: Jim Kaul & Kathy Pastor  
Servers: Robin Coyer-Westerberg  
Joanne Cook  
Clean Up: Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett  
Snacks: Heidi Spangler, Kathleen Stewart

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**OCTOBER 4, 2015**

Lay Reader: Jon Thompson  
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler  
Ushers: Matt Wolbert, Jill Zedan  
Darlene Kelly, Dan Stewart  
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Indira Bigelow  
Sound: Tim Wallis, Max Roha  
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley  
Narthex Grtr: Dot Bailey  
Flowers: Jan Renovetz  
Nursery: Peg Duffy  
Counters: Jim Kaul, Nancy Stella  
Servers: Joy Garapic, Marge Culver  
Clean Up: Peg & Jim Duffy  
Snacks: Diane Gressley, Beth Rehling

