



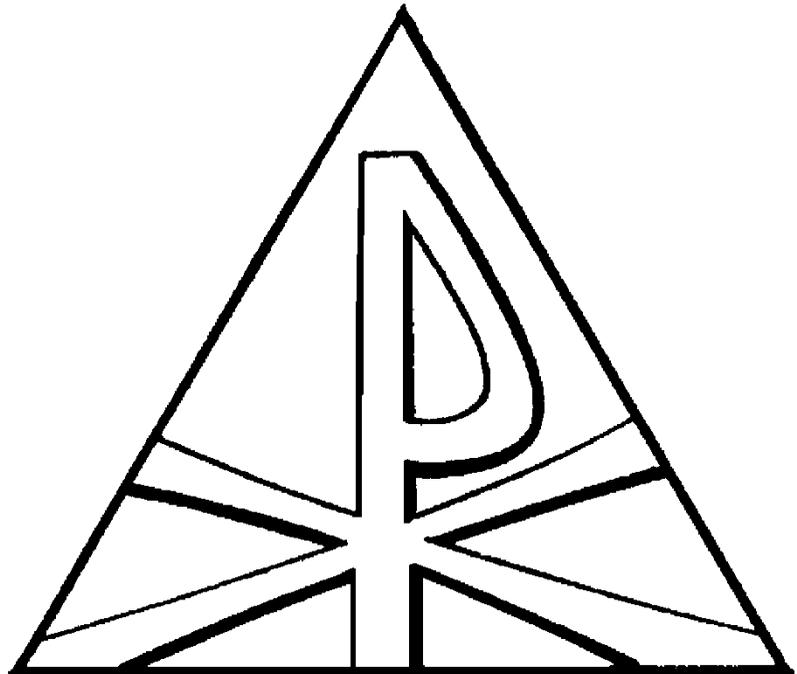
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Eternal Presence, mysterious and intimate, thank you for delighting in our humanity, for bothering to care for us and the world enough to enter our experience, to understand us from the inside out and to still consider us worthy of guiding into truth. May we learn your wisdom ways and delight with you in your whole creation. Amen



Sunday May 22, 2016 • 10:00 AM

Trinity Sunday

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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MAY 22, 2016 TRINITY SUNDAY

Meditation Music

Amid the clamor of the world and its media voices, may we find space for the Voice of Wisdom and the Creative Spirit to discern what that Voice and Spirit might be saying to us about our community, our land, and our world. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

O lux beata Trinitas
[Translation: O Trinity Of Blessed Light]

Gregorian chant

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* **Call to Worship** *A New Creed* #887

* **Hymn of Praise** Holy, Holy, Holy #277

*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Creative Holy One, we give thanks for all your good gifts that fill our lives with joy: the love of family and friends; the comfort of our homes; meaningful work, and relaxing leisure. We thank you for this Church home and for all the blessings that we experience here. Open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts, that we may live our lives with genuine thankfulness. This we pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time with Young Worshipers

Reception of New Members

Friends in Christ, the fact that we are here today indicates that our Loving Creator is at work in our lives, and that we have a desire to better understand how our Holy Source is calling us to live. We find strength and support to interpret this calling, and to act accordingly, by connecting with this Community of Faith. Today, we rejoice that our faith journeys have brought us to this time and place. We give thanks that the Holy Spirit has led us to Brecksville United Church of Christ; and that on this day we can welcome others who desire to officially claim and celebrate this Family of Faith as their own.

Questions to our new members

I ask you:

Do you desire to affirm your faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Do you promise to show your dedication to Christ, by showing love and compassion to others?

Do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the Church, by celebrating Christ's presence here and furthering Christ's mission in the world?

***Affirming our BUCC Covenant of Membership [in unison]**

Believing in God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior, we dedicate ourselves and our church to the service of God's Realm. Depending as did our fathers and mothers upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us in truth, we covenant with God and with one another to worship, work, and serve together, that we may express through our church and our lives, the love and faith of Jesus Christ.

***Words of Welcome**

Let us, the members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ, express our welcome to these new members and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

P: With joy we welcome you into the life of this congregation. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and work of the Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in Divine knowledge and love, and be faithful witnesses of the Good News of Jesus Christ!

***Prayer**

L: Let us pray together:

All: Gracious Holy One, we are grateful that you have called us to faith and have welcomed us into the Church, the Body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this place, and the opportunities we have to build-up one another in love. May your compassion - and our own - continue to flow within this faith community, and throughout the world! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: Let us now greet our new members and 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 Old Testament

Proverbs 3:13-20

Pew Bible, page 586

The New Testament

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible, page 33

The Continuing Testament

by James Lemler

in Day 1

Musical Offering

Let There Be Light

Melley

Sermon

...Let Me Count The Ways...

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Creator God, Creating Still

#279

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

Carillon

Couperin

***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]**

Gracious Holy One, we are grateful for beauty, for wisdom, for joy, for the ways in which we see your glory in all Creation. Most of all, we thank you for caring for us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another. May these offering help promote faith in you and honor to your name, our Creator, our Savior, and our Sustaining Spirit. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure** Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls #383

***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 The Play of the Godhead Rowan
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jan Rahnenfuehrer, Dorie Gabor, Jim Kaul, William Zmich (Marla Corrado Father), Lenore Harris, Ann Toneff, Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, 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, May 15, 2016 – Adults: 80 Kids: 19 Total: 99

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 WE WELCOME *Ben and Erin Tomlinson* and their sons ***Sean and Robbie*** as members of BUCC! May God continue to bless our newest members and all of us celebrating with them here today!

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Sherrill Witt in Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of BUCC!

GARDEN PLAN – Bob Chandler has found his copy of the plan for the garden near the front door of the church. The names, significance and locations of the plants are shown in the document titled “Your Biblical Garden”. If you would like a copy, Bob will gladly provide one.

“200 YEARS OF SERVING” Many of the bicentennial cookbooks have been sold. Thanks very much for your support. With Jeannette’s permission we are putting some in the church office for people to purchase during the week and on Sundays any one of the cookbook committee can get you as many cookbooks as you would like to purchase. We will also have them available for the church open house during Brecksville Home Days, June 24 – 26. They are also available for purchase on the website www.Cookbookshoppe.com.

FATHER'S DAY WOMANKIND COLLECTION JUNE 19th Please pick up a baby bottle and take it home as a reminder of helping women and their babies who aren't as fortunate to have all the resources we do. Fill those bottles with your loose change, bills, (checks!) and know that every bit is helping someone in need. On Father's Day (June 19th) we will be collecting those bottles along with any other donations you may have. The greatest need right now is for diapers (size 3 and 4 please!!) and wipes. For a full list of items Womankind is seeking or to find out more about their services and mission, please see their website at <http://www.womankindcleveland.com>. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Klonowski at 216-534-3498 or keightykay@gmail.com. Thank you again, as always, for your generosity. Let's fill up that crib for Father's Day!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH When you invest in the vision supported by Strengthen the Church, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and help develop the spiritual lives of our youth and young adults.

Support for Strengthen the Church provides the resources for new communities of faith to take root and for less fortunate churches to grow and flourish.

Strengthen the Church is part of the larger God is Still Speaking campaign of the United Church of Christ. God is Still Speaking works to spread the message that God is all-loving and inclusive to everyone, regardless of where they may be on life's journey.

Here at The Brecksville United Church of Christ we take pride in the loving, inclusive, Christian family we have built. Your support of Strengthen the Church will help other churches build similar communities. God is Still speaking, and your support of Strengthen the Church will help amplify God's voice.

SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY: Scheduling continues today and next Sunday for our summer music program. If you'd like to share a song, hymn, instrumental piece or dance with the congregation anytime between June and Labor Day, please see Dave Debick. He is glad to help you find music and rehearse as needed.

BOOK DISCUSSION will begin the 2016 season with *"All The Light We Cannot See"* which has remain on the best seller's list for months. Anthony Doerr spent 10 years writing this epic work of historical fiction, weaving together the stories of a French girl who has lost her eyesight and a German orphan as Hitler's occupied territory grows. Both lives and families are torn, but it is the story of people who, against all odds, find good in one another. Books will be available today or check with Dot Bailey 440-526-4881. The discussion will be Monday, June 6th at 1:00 pm in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome, and everyone's opinions matter.

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.

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.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Proverbs 3:13-20

Happy are those who find Wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for Her profit is better than silver,
and Her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with Her.
Long life is in Her right hand;
in Her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all Her paths are peace.
She is a tree of Life to those who lay hold of Her;
those who hold Her fast are called happy.
By Wisdom was the earth founded;
by understanding She established the heavens;
by Her knowledge the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.

The New Testament - Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Continuing Testament - by James Lemler - in Day 1 [edited]

So often we give the belief in God the Holy Trinity over to academic theologians; but this belief and experience belongs equally to poets, hymnists, artists, and storytellers. It belongs to all of us, because it describes the magnificent love that God has for us all. ***(continued next page)***

We are baptized into that love. We are welcomed into that love and abide in that love, in the Name of the Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Believing in God as our Loving, Sacred Source and Savior and Sanctifying Spirit, reminds us that our relationships are imbued with that love, and that God participates in and cares deeply about all of our relationships.

The picture of God as Trinity is really a reflection of God being a living, dynamic relationships within God's own self. God is not static or disconnected; rather God's very essence and being is dynamic and relational. This means that God is continually relating to us and to the relationships that we experience in our own lives. This is a family relationship in its broadest sense, and also something more. It is how we experience God's relationship with us in the *midst* of our family, personal, and human relationships. The concept of God as Trinity helps us see our primary call and purpose as God's people: to announce that loving relationship and to proclaim that inclusive welcome to everyone, everywhere, and always!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 22	10:00 am	Worship Service/New Members
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Wed., May 25	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder Dulcimer
Thurs., May 26	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, May 29	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Music Appreciation Sunday
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 22, 2016

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: Tina Ortiz, Jon Thompson
Bob & Caroline Chandler
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Lucy Brown
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Jan Renovetz
Nursery: Valerie Tyler
Counters: Donn Whyte, Jim Duffy
Servers: Carole Snider, Dottie Farwell
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Bridget Sproul

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 29, 2016

Lay Reader: Tia Began
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Dot & Stu Bailey
George Snider, Dave Bernard
Acolyte: Drew Demko
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Max Roha
Narthex Grtr: Linda Kriynovich
Flowers: Tina Ortiz
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Stu Bailey, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Julie Bernard, Marge Culver
Clean-Up: Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett
Snacks: Betsey Wilson, Marla Corrado