



# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Holy Source of Divine Wisdom, help us recognize how we can often be narrow-minded in our assumptions and prejudices. Help us to break out of what we assume to be the only or obvious way of proceeding in a situation. Give us the flexibility and courage to see the world from the viewpoint of others. And give us all the insight to perceive things from your perfectly Divine perspective. Amen.



**Sunday June 12, 2016 • 10:00 AM**

**Fourth 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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## June 12, 2016 – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Meditation Music

Divine Source of power and grace, open our hearts to know - and to trust - that you truly care for us all. Inspire us with your kind, forgiving and generous Spirit, so that we may graciously extend your compassion to others. Amen.

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

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

#### Prelude

To My Precious Lord  
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Park (Korea)

"To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil;  
kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil."  
Chung Kwan Park, 1983; English trans. Edward Poitras, 2001

### Bearing the Light of Peace

### Bearing the Light of Christ

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Divine Source of Mercy, Strength, and Peace,

**People: We bring ourselves to you this day.**

L: We bring our strengths and our weaknesses;

**P: We bring our successes and our failings.**

L: We bring our hopes and our fears;

**P: We bring our faith and our prayers.**

L: Gather us together in your grace, and surround us with your love!

**All: Give us the courage we need to boldly walk in your ways!**

#### \* Hymn of Praise

Creator God, Creating Still

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

**Gracious Holy One, we thank you that in your love for this world, you have shown us how to live as your faithful people. Thank you for the humble, yet powerful example that Jesus Christ has set for us. Help us to also show our love for you, in our service to one another. Inspire us to take our part in your work of lifting the oppressed, binding the brokenhearted, and drawing all people into a community of compassion and grace. 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

Psalm 32

Pew Bible, page 506

The New Testament

Luke 7:36-50

Pew Bible, page 66

The Continuing Testament

from *Clearing the Slate*

by Alan Brehm

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Clumsy

Rice

[*Diane Lightbody, soloist*]

Sermon

*This May Get a Bit Messy!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

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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

Mazurka

Delius

### \*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]

We offer ourselves with these gifts, Gracious Holy One, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see the signs of your love which surround us every day. Open our hearts to embrace new ways to serve you and others. Renew our compassion and inspire our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Hope and our Joy. Amen.

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure

We Love Your Realm, O God

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\*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

Musical notation for the hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". The music is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

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.

### \*Benediction

**Postlude**

All with Joyful Exultation  
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Hasidic Melody

**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, June 5, 2016 – Adults: 72 Kids: 17 Total: 89

***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 by Sherrill Witt in Celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BUCC!

**HAVING TROUBLE HEARING PARTS OF THE SERVICE?** Please talk to any usher about the Williams Sound - Personal PA Receiver, available for your use. These simple-to-use units can help improve your worship experience, by amplify those parts of the Service that may be more difficult to hear.

**COMPUTER HELP** - Mary D'Agostino is looking for help in learning a new computer program that uses voice activated capabilities. The program name is "Dragon Naturally Speaking". If anyone is willing to try to help her, please contact the office at 440-526-4364.

**“200 YEARS OF SERVING”** Many of the bicentennial cookbooks have been sold. Thanks very much for your support! 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 25 – 26. They are also available for purchase on the website [www. Cookbookshoppe.com](http://www.Cookbookshoppe.com).

**FATHER’S DAY WOMANKIND COLLECTION JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:keightykay@gmail.com). Thank you again, as always, for your generosity. Let’s fill up that crib for Father’s Day!

**PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!** At Donn Whyte’s house on Sunday, July 3. Come by at 8:00 pm. Bring an appetizer to share (if you want to). Show starts at 10:00 pm!

**BUCC SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** the office will be closed on Fridays this summer - starting June 10. Regular Office hours will resume after Labor Day. Phone messages and emails will be checked at 12:00 pm every Friday, so feel free to leave a message.

**WOMEN UNITED JUNE ACTIVITY** - Those of us who are able will help out at the 200th Anniversary Open House which will be held along with Brecksville Home Days on June 25 and 26th from 1:00PM to 8:00PM. Let Pastor Dave know if you wish to help. Church # 440-526-4364.

**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.

**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.

## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Psalm 32**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Holy One imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Holy One" and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

The Holy One says, "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Holy One. Be glad in the Holy One and rejoice, O righteous ones, shout for joy all you upright in heart."

### **The New Testament - Luke 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. A woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that Jesus was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner!" Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak."



“A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this then, who even forgives sins?” And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

### **The Continuing Testament - *Clearing the Slate* - by Alan Brehm [edited]**

Many of us today are uncomfortable admitting that we have sinned, and even more so that we are sinners. In the evangelical world, people tend to think “I’m saved. I asked Jesus into my heart and confessed my sin on such-and-such a date.” So while they may feel the need to periodically confess really bad actions, they tend to think they’ve already confessed to being a sinner - they’ve got that part covered. In our mainstream branch of Christianity, we tend to think “I’m a good person, I go to church, I try to help people and be kind to them, I volunteer my time.” We may feel like the demand to confess that we are sinners is offensive, given all our efforts at living the Christian life.

And yet, acknowledging our sin is something that remains an important part of an ongoing relationship with God. When we refuse to acknowledge our sin, it tends to fester inside us and comes out in all kinds of ways that aren’t so pleasant. Pride, anger, bitterness, and other behaviors that are attributed to a “psychological” origin, may relate to repressed guilt. I think we can all relate to the sense of foreboding we have when we know we’ve messed up, and there are going to be consequences to pay, but it hasn’t happened yet. That’s one more clue that we need the relief and release that comes when we confess our sin.

The confession of sin is an important part of learning to trust in God. As long as we hold back and refuse to acknowledge who we really are and what we've done, there must be some doubt in our minds about whether God really accepts us. But when we let go the burden, we find God's love embracing us, and God's grace and mercy healing us. When we make ourselves vulnerable by approaching God with the confession, "I am a sinner," and experience not condemnation, but acceptance, forgiveness and love, we walk away from that experience with a stronger sense of trust in the One who has embraced us.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, June 12**

10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

**Wed., June 15**

6:00 am Early Birds  
**PILLAR DEADLINE**

**Thurs., June 16**

1:00 pm Bible Study

**Sunday, June 19**

10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JUNE 12, 2016**

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley  
Head Usher: Jon Thompson  
Ushers: Tim & Kim Wallis  
Carole & George Snider  
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski  
Sound: Kevin Smith  
Comns Grtr: Marge Culver  
Narthex Grtr: Dorie Gabor  
Flowers: Dorie Gabor  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
Counters: Marge Culver, Sue Stenzel  
Servers: Darlene Kelly  
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JUNE 19, 2016**

Lay Reader: Stu Bailey  
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler  
Ushers: Kathy Smith, David Ritchey  
Chad & Bridget Sproul  
Acolyte: Carli Began  
Peace Candle: Garrett Demko  
Sound: Doug Fawcett  
Comns Grtr: Joanne Cook  
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek  
Flowers: Julie Bernard  
Nursery: Courtni Began  
Counters: Stu Bailey, Bruce McCain  
Servers: Sue Stenzel  
Clean-Up: Peg & Jim Duffy