

BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Divine Source of us all, teach us to see with your eyes of compassion and wisdom, so that we may better understand your will for our world. Help us to recognize and hear those people who are often overlooked or ignored, and inspire us to work for justice and peace - for them, and for us all. Amen.



Sunday May 21, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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, 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.

Summer Office Hours:

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

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Meditation Music

Eternal and Ever-Present Spirit, you come to us in countless ways, calling us to know you and to walk in your gracious path. Help us to hear your call, and grant us the wisdom to respond with courage, compassion, and faithfulness. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

We Are Learners; We Are Teachers Trad. American tune
[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble; Youth Percussion Group;
Pastor Dave, guitar]

"We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay."
Ruth C. Duck, b. 1947

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us praise the Holy One!

People: Let us praise the Spirit who fills the earth with blessings!

L: Let us praise the Christ who has come among of us:

P: To set the captive free;

L: To open blind eyes;

P: To raise up all who are oppressed;

L: To fill our hearts with joyous Good News!

All: Let us rejoice together, for the Holy Ones love and grace!

* Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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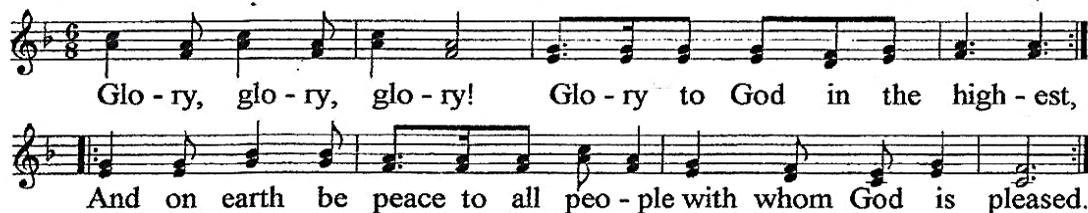
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, in whom we live and move and have our being: we have gathered here to sing your praise and to celebrate your Presence. Unite the prayers of our hearts into one harmony of worship and service, that we might truly be One Body. Accept the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, we pray in the name of Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. 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 145:1-9

Pew Bible, page 581

The New Testament

Romans 12:1-13

Pew Bible, page 161

The Continuing Testament

BUCC Affirmation of Welcome

Bulletin, page 1

Time with Young Worshipers

Recognizing our Many Ministries and Ministers

Choir Anthem

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Myrin/Redman,
arr. Sorenson

Sermon

Any Volunteers?

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

The Prayer of Jesus

[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

Together We Serve

Damon

"Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least."
Daniel Charles Damon, 1996

*** 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 thank you, O Holy One, for the opportunity to share in your creative and healing work. May these offerings strengthen the ministries of this congregation and help strengthen the Church in other places and situations. May they also express our gratitude, and our desire to be your faithful and loving people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose Spirit and steps we follow. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Andante from Sonata 15a, K. 533

Mozart

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[verse 1]

#80

*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 two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. 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 first staff has lyrics under the notes, and the second staff has lyrics under the notes. Chord symbols are written above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

*Benediction

Postlude

By All Your Saints Still Striving English tune,

arr. Vaughan
Williams

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Bill Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, 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, May 14, 2017 – Adult: 83 Kids: 13 Total: 96

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.

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Bettina Ortiz in Honor of the birthdays of my daughter, Rachel Kubic (5/21/68), and granddaughters Grace & Julianna Kubic (5/15/2000).

WAY TO GO! Last week's collection for the benefit of Edna House was a spectacular success. Over \$1450.00 was collected when all the sources were totaled up. In addition, about 25 bags of clothing and other items were donated. Thank all who so generously supported this worthwhile effort to help women overcome dependence on opiates and alcohol.

OUR HYMN OF THE MONTH for May is *In the Midst of New Dimensions*, written by Julian Rush. Rush integrates Native American spiritual imagery with Hebrew imagery in this 1985 text. He composed the tune, *New Dimensions*, along with the words. An ordained minister of the United Methodist Church, Julian Rush was the founding director of the Colorado AIDS Project in 1983.

If you find a particular hymn with words that move you, or a melody that intrigues you, please let Pastor Dave or Dave Debick know, and we will try to use it as a future Hymn of the Month.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sunday, June 11 after Service. Please get on sing-up sheet so we can know what is needed.

CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, July 9 at 2:00pm. Swim, fish, games, fun! Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided. Watch for Sign-up sheet for side dishes!

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM - During coffee hour over the next three weeks, Dave Debick will be recruiting volunteer singers and instrumentalists to share their musical gifts at Sunday services over the summer months while the choirs take some well-deserved time off. Dave will be glad to help you choose music and rehearse with you before your scheduled Sunday. High school students and youth are welcome to participate. If you've never volunteered for summer music in the past, please let Dave know you're interested so he can get you on the schedule.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

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.

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.

BUCC HAS THE LATEST, up-to-date version of the Williams personal sound system. It may just be your answer if you are concerned (1) that the quality of sound deteriorates between the speakers and your pew in the sanctuary, or (2) that your hearing is getting poorer but not yet bad enough to buy hearing aids, or (3) that you have hearing aids and you want to hear even better or (4) that you are bothered by the route 82 traffic noises or any noise generated by your pew mates during worship.

Receivers are available in the narthex for you to borrow which pick up ALL PARTS of the worship service - sermon, readings, choir and organ music, etc. ►

Just plug in one of our head phones, your favorite Walkman head phones or any other unit with a 3.5mm plug and you are ready for a new hearing experience. Don't know if you want to do this? Then try it out; borrow one of the church's head phones and "test drive" a Williams receiver during a worship service.

And if you already have digital hearing aids, an even better experience awaits you. Simply have your audiologist activate the teleloop option of you hearing aids, borrow a receiver with a teleloop plugged in and experience sound quality you never would have expected. The sound remains electronic all the way from the speaker's mic to your ear drum.

DID YOU MISS last Sunday's service or do you just want to have a chance to rehear Pastor Dave's sermon. The Sunday services are recorded in their entirety on audio CDs each week. You can borrow a CD in the church office and listen to it at your convenience at home or in your car. Several recent weeks' recordings are always available. Check them out and check them out.

Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 145:1-9

I will extol you, my Source and Sovereign, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Holy One, and greatly to be praised; the Holy One's greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The Holy One is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Holy One is good to all, and shows compassion for all of Creation.

The New Testament - Romans 12:1-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, in Divine mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, consecrated and acceptable to the Holy One, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the Divine will - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that the Holy One has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; detest what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Holy One. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 21	10:00 am	Worship Service Teacher/Music/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	OCWM Meeting
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Tuesday, May 23	7:00 pm	Leadership Development
Wed., May 24	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thurs., May 25	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, May 28	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 21, 2017

Lay Reader: Sam Koch
Head Usher: Caroline Chandler
Ushers: Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Lindsey Maier, Chad Sproul
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr: George Snider
Flowers: Bettina Ortiz
Nursery: Dot Bailey
Counters: Donn Whyte, Sue Stenzel
Servers: Julie Bernard, Vicki Szabo
Clean-Up: Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Gina Cook

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 28 2017

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: Stu & Dot Bailey,
Betty Kaul, Diane Gressley
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: Max Roha
Comns Grtr: Chad Sproul
Flowers: Dorie Gabor
Nursery: Marla Corrado
Counters: Jim Duffy, Dave Bernard
Servers: Joanne Cook, Carole Snider
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Peg Duffy, Jane Cribbs