



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious Holy One, we pray for the whole earth and for all of its people. Forgive us for living with a short-term, short-sighted vision. Forgive us for not caring for your Creation. Forgive us for taking this great gift for granted. Help us to follow Jesus' example of treating one another, and all of Life, with compassion, gentleness, and grace. Amen.



Sunday June 11, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Trinity Sunday

Second 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, 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

Take a moment today to step outside. Look at the sky, and marvel at its magnificence. Close your eyes, and listen to the sounds around you. Open your eyes. This is the Holy One's Good Creation, formed by love; and you are part of it. Then, offer your own prayer to the Gracious One who loves and sustains you, and all that is around you.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Thou Who Art Three in Unity

Alberti

"Let God Almighty be adored,
And God the Son, the only Lord,
And equal adoration be,
Eternal Comforter, to Thee."
Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Our Divine Source creates the world,

People: And asks us to care for it with love.

L: Jesus welcomes us as his sisters and brothers,

P: And invites us to become One Family.

L: The Holy Spirit fills us with power and compassion,

P: And calls us to transform the world with grace and peace.

L: The Holy One speaks to us in many ways,

P: So that we who are many, may learn to be One.

L: Let us joyfully raise our voices,

All: And praise the Holy One together!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Divine Creator of our world, ourselves, and all that exists - we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself fully in the person of Jesus Christ, who fully shared his life with others. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to follow Christ's example and be fully present with and for one another today, and in all our days to come. 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 Reading

Proverbs 8:1-7; 22-31

Pew Bible, page 590

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible, page 34

The Continuing Testament

from *Inconvenient Truth*

by Don Underwood

Musical Offering

Lord of the Dance

19th cent. Shaker tune

[*Ann Klonowski, soprano, guitar; Kate Klonowski, soprano*]

Time with Young Worshipers

Sermon

Doctrines, Doubts, And Disciples

Pastor Dave Shackles

Hymn of Reflection

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
[verses 1 and 2]

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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

O Jesus, My King and My Sovereign
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

Mendoza

"O God, tell me what could I give you
for all your great goodness to me?
Could this be enough: serve and love you,
committing my whole life to thee?"

Vicente Mendoza, 1920;
trans. by Esther Frances, 1982, and George Lockwood, 1988

* 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]

Divine Source of us all, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, and for the many ways in which we see your glory throughout Creation. 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 Redeemer, and our Sustaining Spirit. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure Creator God, Creating Still #278

*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 score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is on the top staff, and the bass line is on the bottom staff. Chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: 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 God of Many Names Rowan

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Jim Pay, Bill Toneff, Tina Ortiz, Dassi Matsuoaka, 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, June 4, 2017 – Adult: 75 Kids: 7 Total: 82

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 Dot & Stu Bailey in Honor of all the dedicated and hardworking people at BUCC.

OUR HYMN OF THE MONTH for June is *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*, written by James K. Manley. Manley was born in 1940 at Holyoke, Massachusetts, and received his education at Whittier College, Pacific School of Religion, and Claremont School of Theology. He was ordained to the ministry of the United Church of Christ in 1966. Manley "felt the urging of the Holy Spirit to write this hymn" after he had completed the rough draft of his Doctor of Ministry thesis. A new arrangement was created for *The New Century Hymnal* in 1995.

As we move into our long Church Season of Pentecost, this hymn serves as a good reminder of the many ways in which the Spirit has moved - and continues to work - through the lives of God's people. If you find a particular hymn with words that move 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 TODAY! After Service, Please join us in Pilgrim Hall.

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

OUR CHRISTIAN EDAND SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRIES will be organizing a group to march in the Cleveland Pride Parade. The parade is June 24th and starts near Erieview Plaza in Cleveland at 12:00. The route ends at Voinovich Park and is just about a mile long. We will need to line up by 11:00 and will be given our staging location closer to the date. This is a great opportunity for us to present BUCC as a truly open and affirming congregation and to attract new members who may not know that we are here

SUMMER MUSIC - The volunteer schedule for summer music has been emailed to all who are signed up. A list is also posted at the bottom of the choir loft stairs. Please contact Dave Debick with any questions as summer progresses. Many thanks to all who will be sharing their musical gifts with our congregation and guests over the next three months.

SUMMER MONTHS are busy. This is a fact. If you know when you will not be available to be included in the schedule please email me at stenzelsj@sbcglobal.net with the details. Sue Stenzel

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 your 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.

One of our ushers and members of the Spiritual Life Ministry are ready to help you get started. Check with them before the service next Sunday. Your questions are gladly answered.

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 - Proverbs 8:1-7; 22-31

Does not Wisdom call, and does not Understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth...."

The Holy One established me first of all, the foremost of creation, long ago. I was made in the very beginning, at the first, before the world began. I was born before the oceans, when there were no springs of water. I was born before the mountains, before the hills were set in place, before the Creator made the earth and its fields or even the first handful of soil. I was there when the Holy One set the sky in place and stretched the horizon across the ocean, when the clouds were placed in the heavens and the springs of the ocean were opened. I was present when the boundaries were set for the waters of the sea, and when the earth's foundations were laid. I was beside the Holy One like an architect, a daily source of joy, always happy in the Divine presence - happy with the world, and delighted with the human race.

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. And 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 - from *Inconvenient Truth* - by Don Underwood [edited]

If one were to "listen in" on the conversations of a group of diehard Christians, there's a good chance that it would consist of triumphal talk and confident faith. Oftentimes Christians talk as if faith is easy and doubt is ridiculous. I dare say there are Bible study groups where an authentic expression of doubt would be met with deep disapproval, if not downright ostracism. Yet that approach is not faithful to the concluding words of Matthew's Gospel, nor a faithful reflection of the challenges faced by modern believers.

Imagine a conversation on *Matthew's* concluding verses. People might be talking enthusiastically about baptizing believers in the far corners of the earth; and then Matthew himself drops by with an embarrassing little reminder about verse 17: "When they saw [Jesus], they worshiped him; but some doubted...." What would be the response? I am guessing that some in the group would be offended, but others would breathe a sigh of relief in knowing that they are not alone with their questions and doubts.

I wonder if it's possible that Matthew knew exactly what he was doing when he preceded the Great Commission with the observation that at least some of the early disciples struggled with their response to the Resurrection. Is it possible that he was reminding us that, in the task of spreading the Gospel and baptizing followers, we should always be mindful and respectful of those in the crowd who are struggling with doubt? Perhaps faithful proclamation of the Good News demands the courage to acknowledge that faith isn't easy. Maybe Matthew was counting on the fact that both proclaimer and hearer can, in fact, handle the inconvenient truth that faith and doubt are very much a part of the same conversation.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 11	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service *Ice Cream Social*
Wednesday, June 14	6:00 am 7:00 pm	Early Birds Council
Thursday, June 15	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday, June 16		*Office Closed*
Sunday, June 18	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 11, 2017

Lay Reader: Diane Gressley
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Stu & Dot Bailey
Dan & Ian Stewart
Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Ben Davis
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Courtni Began
Counters: Bruce McCain, Marge Culver
Servers: Joanne Cook
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs
Snacks: Marilyn Wrights, Kathleen Stewart

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 18, 2017

Lay Reader: Jim Duffy
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Joanne Cook, Fred Pesek
Jess Barnes, Wes Novak
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Max Roha
Flowers: Sue Stenzel
Nursery: Robin Coyer-Westerberg
Counters: Donn Whyte, Dave Bernard
Servers: Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up: Bridget & Chad Sproul
Snacks: Beth Rehling, Gina Cook