



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, sometimes in our desire to be accepted and loved, we try to be someone we are not. Help us to remember that we are made and fashioned in your Gracious Image, and that we are completely loved by you. May this knowledge inspire us to be more authentic, and to love one another more fully. Amen



Holy Baptism

Sunday October 22, 2017 • 10:00 AM

Twentieth 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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October 22, 2017 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Divine Source of Wisdom, Grace and Peace - give us a fuller and better vision of Life on earth - one that rises above flags and nationalism, human-made borders and super-patriotism. Give us the ability to see all people as our sisters and brothers, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

I Will Talk to My Heart

Brinson

"I will dwell in the space of my oneness.
I will dwell in that space when I pray.
I will let go of all my divisions,
till compassion is my inner way."
William Livingstone Wallace, b. 1933

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

* Call to Worship [from *Psalms* 24]

Leader: The earth is the Holy One's, and all that is within it;

People: The world, and all who live therein.

L: For the Creator founded it on the seas,

P: And established it on the rivers.

L: Lift up you heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

P: That the Ruler of Glory may come in.

L: Who is this Ruler of Glory?

All: It is the Sovereign of Hosts - the Holy One, Almighty!

* Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

#55

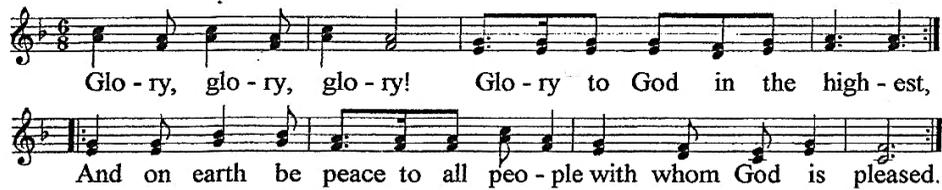
* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we come before you with joy and thanksgiving for your overwhelming compassion and grace. Be with us today as we worship you, and every day as we seek to live-out our faith. By your Holy Spirit, turn our confusion into confidence and our fear into courage. Inspire and enlighten us, so that we may go into the world renewed and energized - eager to serve you, by joyfully serving one another. 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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism bears witness to the Divine Love and Grace that is extended to each of us at every stage of our lives.

P: Today we celebrate God's love for this child, and offer ourselves as instruments of that love in his life.

L: When parents brought their children to Jesus so that he might touch them, his disciples rebuked them; but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

P: "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Realm of God.

L: Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Realm of God like a little child, shall not enter it."

P: Then Jesus took the children into his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

L: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is an outward and visible sign of Divine Grace.

Because the promise of the Gospel is not only to us, but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's Church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith.

P: Out of the Water of Holy Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiveness and grace as members of the One Body of Christ.

Promises of the Parents

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage him to resist the power of evil, and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach and nurture him that he may be inspired to know and follow Jesus Christ?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise to grow with him in the Christian faith and to help him be a faithful member of the Church - by modeling Christ's Compassion in your lives, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering him the on-going nurture of the Church?

Parents: We do, with the help of God.

The Congregational Promise

Pastor: Members and friends of Brecksville United Church of Christ: As witnesses of this Baptism, will you pray for Max and his family, and encourage them as they grow together in faith?

People: We promise them our prayerful support, as they live-out Christ's love among us.

Baptismal Act and Presentation

New Testament Letter	Romans 13:8-14	Pew Bible, page 162
The New Testament Gospel	Matthew 22:15-22	Pew Bible, page 24
The Continuing Testament	from <i>Paying Taxes to Caesar</i>	by Edward Markquart

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem	Always Remember	Crouch, arr. Ferdinand
Sermon	<i>Our Divine DNA</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
Hymn of Reflection	Shadow and Substance [Hymn of the Month]	#398

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

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Lefebvre

* 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 and Caring Holy One, you have created us all in your image and proclaimed that each of us is precious in your sight. Bless these gifts that we offer, that they might reflect our love for you and for your entire creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, one who wonderfully reflects the fullness of your compassion and grace. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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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*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." with chords A, E, A, D, Bm, and E written above the notes. The second staff has the lyrics: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." with chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A written below the notes.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Improvisation in F

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PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, 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 October 15, 2017 – Adults: 67 Kids: 3 Total: 71

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 *Maxwell Scanlan Hunt*, son of Heather and Nathan Hunt, into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. A special welcome also to his family and friends visiting with us on this special day!

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Diane Gressley, in Memory of Evan & Emma's wedding anniversary.

OUR "HYMN OF THE MONTH" for October is *Shadow and Substance* by Daniel Damon. Damon is an internationally published writer of hymn texts and tunes, and a jazz pianist in the San Francisco Bay area. He has a Master of Divinity Degree from Pacific School of Religion, and is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. According to Damon, what he seeks to do with today's hymn, and with each hymn he composes is "To keep things simple and singable, while at the same time exploring the edges of our spoken and sung faith."

STEWARDSHIP Our annual Stewardship 2018 is underway. Stewardship Sunday will be November 12. This year our theme is **Journey to Generosity: The Way of Jesus** and the scripture from Matthew 9:25 to 10:23 is the focus of reflection. Please take a few moments to read the insert included in this bulletin as well as reflect on what Stewardship means to you and to our broader church family. And note that by the end of October, you should receive a letter from our moderator that includes a pledge card. **What is stewardship?** Loving God and loving neighbor. We have an opportunity to make commitments — both material and symbolic — to help this congregation love God and love neighbor in the days, weeks, months, and year ahead.

SAVE THE DATE: The fall cleanup of the church grounds will be Saturday, November 4 at 9 am. The Facilities Ministry would appreciate assistance from the congregation in completing this task. In the event of inclement weather, the alternate date will be November 11.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 29 at 4:00 PM, Brecksville UCC will host a free concert featuring the **Obertones** from Oberlin College. The Obertones are a men's *a cappella* choral ensemble that performs a broad range of current musical styles, including pop, alternative, R & B, and classic rock. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the performance. Plan on joining us to hear this highly recommended group. Bring a friend!

HURRICANE RELIEF - Our UCC Disaster Ministries is already connecting with local congregations and agencies for long-term recovery work in the regions affected by the recent hurricanes. Your contributions help provide community support for holistic recovery for families and children, repairing houses and homes, and restoring dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of these catastrophic events. Gifts may be made to BUCC, marked for "Hurricane Relief" and they will be sent through our Ohio Conference office. So far BUCC Members have contributed **\$2,426** to this effort. Thank You!

Readings

The New Testament Letter - Romans 13:7-10

Saint Paul writes, Pay to all what is due them - taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet" - and any other commandment - are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the Law.

The New Testament Gospel - Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their cunning malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they handed him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were dumbfounded; and they left him and went away.

The Continuing Testament - from *Paying Taxes to Caesar* - by Edward Markquart [edited]

Throughout the centuries, Christians generally have honored governmental authority. We know that human beings need a governing institution in order for humane society to occur. A society cannot function without some form of civic authority. We also realize that at times, there is an insidious temptation for people to worship their government; and sometimes to give the government a kind of blind obedience. Yet governments - like churches - are always in need of scrutiny and evaluation, reformation and positive change.

Christians can, and should, work for progress and favorable changes - both in their faith communities and in the political systems under which they live. One important aspect of this that we must always keep in mind, however, is that we do not worship the governing authority; we worship the Holy One who is revealed in Jesus Christ. We may show our governments respect; but it is the Holy One to whom we owe our reverence and our ultimate allegiance.



Brecksville United Church Of Christ

Presents

The Obertones



A men's *a cappella* choir performs a broad range of current styles, including pop, alt, R & B, and rock!

Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Located near the intersection of Routes 82 & 21
at 23 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141.
Brecksville UCC is handicapped accessible.

Free-will offering,
light reception following program.

For further information, call 440-526-4364.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 22	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
Wednesday, October 25	6:00 am	Early Birds
	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
Thursday, October 26	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, October 29	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	4:00 pm	Free Concert –“Obertones”
		Light reception following

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

OCTOBER 22, 2017

Lay Reader: Sam Koch
Head Usher Jon Thompson
Ushers: Bob & Caroline Chandler
Dave & Julie Bernard
Acolyte: Michalina Fawcett
Peace Candle: Olivia Klonowski
Sound: Tim Wallis
Comns Grtr: Carole Snider
Flowers: Carole Snider
Nursery: Gina Cook
Counters: Donn Whyte, Kathy Pastor
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean Up: Jim & Peg Duffy
Snacks: Bettina Ortiz, Gina Cook

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

OCTOBER 29, 2017

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Lindsey Maier, David Ritchey
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart
Peace Candle: Drew Demko
Sound: David Pastor
Commns Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Sue Stenzel, Jan Renovetz
Servers: Darlene Kelly, Michelle
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Clean-up: Anne Melfo, Doug Fawcett
Snacks: Sue Stenzel, Dorie Gabor