



# BRECKSVILLE

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# UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*Divine Source  
of all, you are  
our giver, our  
gift, and our  
power to give.  
Be with us now  
as we explore  
the wonder of  
your Word, and  
as we seek to  
be a blessing  
to the world.  
Amen.*



***“When You Bring The People Out Of Egypt, You Shall  
Worship The Holy One On This Mountain.”  
Exodus 3:12***

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**Sunday, February 17, 2019 • 10:00 AM  
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**

*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, or pangender*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*If you are fully abled, 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!**



*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, please speak to our pastor.*

*Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed*

### **Office Hours:**

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

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## February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

### Meditation Music

Gracious Holy One, give us strength and wisdom to be faithful and hopeful as we tell the story and live the life of your Holy Realm. In all that we do and say, may we reflect the true nature of your love for this world, and for all that lives within it. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

Blest Are They

Haas

*[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]*

"Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
they shall be consoled.  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!"  
David Haas, b. 1957

### Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: This morning the Holy One calls us to come away from the familiar and comfortable;

**People: We are called to look inward to what is lies hidden and undeveloped.**

L: Today, we are invited to look for the potential, the possible, the wonderful!

**P: We are called to embrace the Holy, and to be embraced by the Holy One in return.**

L: Let us open our eyes to the signs of the Divine Life and Love which are all around us;

**P: Let us open our ears to the Holy One's call to be a new and renewed people.**

L: In this time of worship, let us seek together the power of Divine transformation,

**All: So that we might share that power with others, wherever we may go!**

#### \* Hymn of Praise

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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

Divine Spirit of Welcome, you open yourself to everyone, and your loving embrace reaches-out to all of creation. As we come together today, teach us to welcome others as joyfully as you have welcomed us. Open our eyes to see those who are waiting for an invitation and open our hearts to be the gracious people you call us to be. Empower us with your compassion and enlighten us with your 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**

Deuteronomy 34:1-10

Pew Bible, page 191

**The New Testament**

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, page 4

**The Continuing Testament** *I've Been to the Mountaintop*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Anthem**

A touching place  
[Erin Tomlinson, flute]

Scottish traditional,  
arr. Bell/Debick

**Sermon**

*Mountaintop Moments*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Be Now My Vision

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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

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Cuéllar

"God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded  
so that no one will lack for food."

Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955; trans. Hesla/Pharris

### \*Offertory Hymn

**Winter has come, it's taken hold.  
The days are short, the nights are cold.  
The poor need food and help and heat.  
We send our gifts, their needs to meet. Amen.**

### \* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]

**Gracious Holy One, may the Light of your Love shine in and through us today.  
Bless these gifts, that they might be used to further your work in this community  
and in our world. Bless us as we seek to give of ourselves in serving you, by  
serving others. We ask these things in the name of the One who gave himself for  
us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

### Words of Institution

### Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Larghetto from Sonata No. 1

Chopin

The Blessing

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure

Sent Forth by God's 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 first staff is the vocal line, and the second staff is the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has lyrics: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." The second staff has lyrics: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." Above the first staff, there are chord markings: A, E, A, D, Bm, E. Above the second staff, there are chord markings: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

\*Benediction

Postlude

O Christ the Same

Schalk

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR

The Family of Ed Lusk, Suzanne Patrick, Niece of Kathy Smith, Pat Bailey, Fred Pesek, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, 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 February 10, 2019– Adults: 82 Kids: 12 Total: 94

## ***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 refreshments and conversation.

**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 an Anonymous Donor in Honor of Jeanne Cowden and Bill Toneff's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthdays.

**100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAYS!** Please join us Today at Coffee Hour for a special birthday party celebrating the 100th birthdays of Jeanne Cowden and Bill Toneff.

**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.

**MARDI GRAS SERVICE:** On Sunday March 3, we will host our annual Mardi Gras service, complete with New Orleans-style jazz band! The ensemble will feature Pastor Dave on trumpet; Steve Ostrow, trombone; Mark Mazak, tuba; Bob Gref, clarinet; Steve Kraus, banjo; and Dave Debick, piano. The service will be followed by a potluck luncheon to celebrate the last Sunday before the start of Lent. We hope you can join us on March 3 to share in the festivities. Bring a friend!

**THE FACILITIES MINISTRY** has determined that the sanctuary roof will need to be replaced this coming summer. The current roof is over 25 years old and has had minor repairs to prevent leaking and water damage. The Church Council has approved the roof project and a 'Fund the Roof Campaign' to help raise the necessary funds to pay for it. More information will be forthcoming over the next several months.

### **FLOWER MINISTRY – *THERE ARE STILL MANY OPEN DATES FOR 2019!***

Flowers are placed in the front of the church each Sunday to honor/celebrate your family/friends/events. We need your help to get this information to our office manager, Jeannette Kroeger, before she prepares the Bulletin on Wednesdays. It's easy as 1-2-3.

1. Put your name on the chart hanging on the west wall just inside the double doors to the Narthex. ►

2. Fill out the information form found in the pocket below the chart. \*\*If you are providing the flowers yourself, please check that box on the form and let me know so there are no mix ups.

3. Turn this information and money in to Joy Garapic, our financial secretary.

The flower ministry does not want to miss sharing your joy by not having the correct information. Thank you, Janet Renovetz

**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.

**MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE** the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: [www.brecksvilleucc.org](http://www.brecksvilleucc.org). It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last-minute changes. Please check it out.

**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.

**OFFICE** I am looking for a strong volunteer who would please empty the paper boxes into the cupboard beside where they are stored. I am finding it's too heavy for me. **THANK YOU!!!!!!** Jeannette

## ***The Readings***

### **The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 34:1; 4-10**

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Holy One showed him the whole land....The Holy One said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

Then Moses, the servant of the Holy One, died there in the land of Moab, at the Holy One's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred-twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Holy One had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Holy One knew face to face.

### **The New Testament - Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the realm of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see the Holy One. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of the Holy One. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the realm of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**The Continuing Testament - from *I've Been to the Mountaintop* –**

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

[edited]

*[This speech was given on April 3, 1968, at the Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee.  
The next morning, Dr. King was killed by an assassin's bullet.]*

If I were standing at the beginning of time, with the possibility of taking a kind of general and panoramic view of the whole of human history up to now, and the Almighty said to me, "Martin Luther King, which age would you like to live in?" Strangely enough, I would turn to the Almighty, and say, "If you allow me to live just a few years in the second half of the 20th century, I will be happy." Now that's a strange statement to make, because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land; confusion all around. That's a strange statement. But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars....

And another reason that I'm happy to live in this period is that we have been forced to a point where we are going to have to grapple with the problems that people have been trying to grapple with through history, but the demands didn't force them to do it. Survival demands that we grapple with them. For years now, people have been talking about war and peace. But now, no longer can they just talk about it. It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it's nonviolence or nonexistence. That is where we are today....

We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And God has allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land! And so I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man! Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, Feb. 17</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations!</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 20</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb. 21</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 24</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>CE Meeting – Library</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Youth Percussion</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Ministry</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2019**

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson  
Head Usher: Bob Chandler  
Ushers: Joe Wilson, Cliff Cribbs  
Kate Klonowski, Jon  
Thompson  
Acolyte: Michelina Fawcett  
Peace Candle: Natalie Corrado  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comns Grtr: Lenore Harris  
Flowers: Jan Renovetz  
Nursery: Erin Tomlinson  
C.E Teacher: Gina Cook  
Counters: Kathy Pastor, Jim Duffy  
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel  
Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler  
Snacks: 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!  
Snow Hrdr: Dan Stewart

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard  
Beth Rehling, Jill Zedan  
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
Sound: Ben Tomlinson  
Comns Grtr: Betty Kaul  
Flowers: Betty Gifford  
Nursery: Jonathan Cook  
C.E. Teacher: Anne Melfo  
Counters: David Pastor, Jon Thompson  
Servers: Marge Culver, Sue Stenzel  
Clean-Up: Cliff & Jane Cribbs  
Snacks: Susan Snyder, Bridget Sproul  
Snow Hrdr: Dave Bernard