



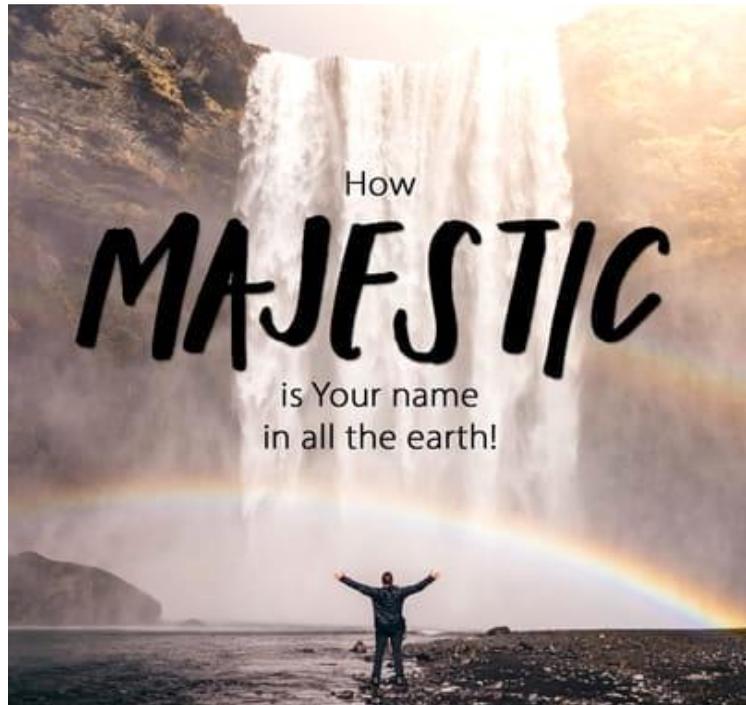
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Gracious and welcoming Holy One, teach us how to receive others, in the warm and wonderful ways you receive us. Inspire us to boldly practice hospitality, through the gracious and compassionate ways in which you create a home for us all. Amen.



Sunday May 26, 2019 • 10:00 AM
Sixth Sunday of Easter/Memorial Day

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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May 26, 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter/Memorial Day

Meditation Music

The still, small voice of calm is so often drowned out in our noisy world, where those who shout loudest seem to hold all the power. May we be truly counter-cultural in our listening, our gentleness, our peace, and our quietness - so that others may come to learn the effective impact of a well-timed word or action. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude Medley: We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom/Shall We Gather at the River
Hopson/Lowry

*[Dedicated to all those in the Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.]
Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar Ensemble]*

"When wars of desolation and hate come to an end,
when nation meets with nation and calls the other 'friend,'
still peace in all its fullness will only have begun:
shalom for all creation begins with justice done."
Kathleen R. Moore, 2010

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**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore you

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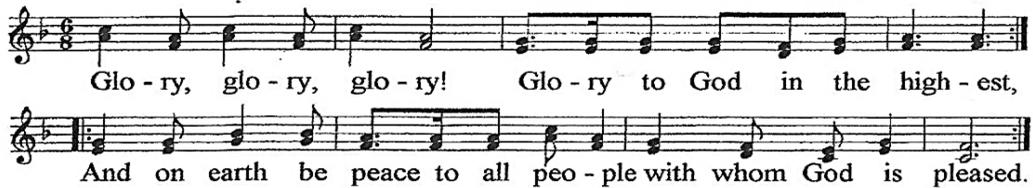
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that your compassionate care is for all people and all Creation. Help us to trust in your deep concern for us and for our entire world. Bring your wisdom and power into our lives, that we may join you in bringing help and healing to those in need, that your Reign of justice and peace might be known among us all. 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 8

Pew Bible, page 492

The New Testament

Acts 17:22-31

Pew Bible, page 137

The Continuing Testament

from *American Idols*

by Melissa Bane Sevier

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Sing a New World

Tune: NETTLETON, from Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Pt. II*, 1813; arr. Daigle

Sermon

An Idol Threat

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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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

We Lift Our Voices

Liles

"All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you."
Dwight Liles, 1984

***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]**

Accept these offerings, O Holy One, giver of every good and perfect gift. Grant that they may represent our love and ourselves, offered more fully to you. Use all these gifts and each of us, that your perfect Realm may come, and your gracious Will be done on earth, even as it is in heaven. This we ask in the name of Christ our Savior, Example, and Friend. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[verse 1]

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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.*

A musical score for the hymn "Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja." The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is on the top staff, and the accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes several chords: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace

Maori melody (New Zealand)

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jan Wardlaw, 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 May 19, 2019– Adults: 74 Kids: 12 Total: 86

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 FLOWER'S are given by Lenore Harris in Memory of Bill Harris who is missed everyday.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM - This morning during coffee hour, Dave Debick will begin recruiting volunteers for our summer music ministry. If you'd enjoy sharing your musical gifts with our very-affirming congregation, please let Dave know so he can schedule you for a Sunday that's convenient for you. High school students are welcome to participate.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH - Pentecost Sunday (this year on June 9th) is traditionally known as the birthday of the church. On June 9th we will again be given the opportunity to celebrate the church by contributing to our ***Strengthen the Church*** special mission offering .

As God calls our congregations to **be the Church** in new ways, your generosity will help fulfill our commitment to new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and help visions and dreams become reality as we invest in ministries and practices that work toward meeting the ever growing needs of our communities both locally and nationally

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to ***Strengthen the Church*** special offering and, as always, thank you for your continued support .

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Our book for June is "The Bridge Ladies" a memoir by Betsy Lerner. It is a narrative of two generations - mother and daughter - in a suburban Connecticut town. It is a true story of a bond between a mother and daughter. We will meet in the Parlor at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 3rd. All are welcome!

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.

****There are several open Sunday's this Summer, and quite a few open for the Fall...take a look****

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.

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.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule on the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

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.

AFTER WORSHIP LUNCH BUNCH - All are welcome to join this spirited group of BUCC worshippers after coffee hour for brunch and some great conversation. We meet at a restaurant most Sundays around Noon. If you are single, widowed, a couple, or a family – anyone that just doesn't want to cook or dine alone, please join us. You'll be glad you did! We usually call in reservations around 11:30, to give the restaurant fair warning. Jon Thompson, Susan Snyder, Dave Debick, Bridget & Chad Sproul, Kathy Smith, Pastor Dave, and Marge Culver are regulars. Ask any of us how much fun we have!

SAVE THESE DATES!

There are going to be 2 gatherings in Celebration of Pastor Dave's Retirement.

Saturday, June 22 - Mid Afternoon thru Dinner (times to follow) here in Pilgrim Hall.

Also:

Sunday, June 30 – Will Be Pastor Dave's Final Service with us, and we will be having a Light Reception following Worship Service

We are hoping you can join us for either, or both!

Please watch the Bulletin, and your email for more details.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 8

O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have establish a stronghold to thwart those who oppose your ways, to silence those who seek vengeance and destruction. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have made; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mere mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than Yourself, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have entrusted to them the works of your hands; you have put all things under their care, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The New Testament - Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The Holy One who made the world and everything in it, the One who is Sovereign of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since God gives to all mortals life and breath and all things that exist."

"From one ancestor, the Creator made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps reach and find God - Who indeed is not far from each one of us. For as even some of your own poets have said, 'In God we live and move and have our being' and 'For we too are God's offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone - an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, God now commands all people everywhere to repent, because a day has been set in which God will judge the world in righteousness."

The Continuing Testament - from *American Idols* - by Melissa Bane Sevier
[edited]

Most of us, at some time or other, have a feeling that something is missing in our lives; so we go searching. We are not unlike the ancient Athenians. They erected structures to every god in their pluralistic society, even one “to an unknown god” just to cover all the bases. Searching isn’t a bad thing, though some quests are more noble than others. Shallow goals typically produce shallow results. Fame and possessions usually don’t yield deep satisfaction. Those pursuits can turn into false idols, when they replace the deeper searches for meaning.

What if we took Paul’s advice to look for the God who is not far away, but actually close? Our inward looking could lead us to the places where God has already been at work in our souls, stirring in us the desire for meaning. Our outward searching could lead us to the places where God has already been at work in the world. Our searching could lead us to recognize that meaning, happiness, peace, and belonging, aren’t that far away. The object of our true search is right here, with us and within us.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 26

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day – Office Closed

Thursday, May 30

1:00 pm Bible Study

4:30 pm Recorder/Dul/Guit

5:30 pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm Choir

Friday, May 31

Office Closed

Sunday, June 2

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE

May 26, 2019

Lay Reader: Jill Zedan
Head Usher: Bob Chandler
Ushers: David & Kathy Pastor
Beth Rehling, David Ritchey
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers: Dot Bailey
Nursery: Jonathan Cook
C.E. Teacher: Beth Rehling
Counters: Marge Culver, Dave Bernard
Servers: Joy Garapic, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up: Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks: Marla Corrado, Anne Melfo

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JUNE 2, 2019

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Head Usher: Kathy Smith
Ushers: Michelina Fawcett, Diane
Gressley, Sam Koch, Kim
Wallis
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candle: Lily Hunt
Sound: Ben Tomlinson
Comns Grtr: Dave Bernard
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski & Mickey Fawcett
Counters: Carole Snider, David Pastor
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Clean-up: Jill Zedan, Jan Renovetz