



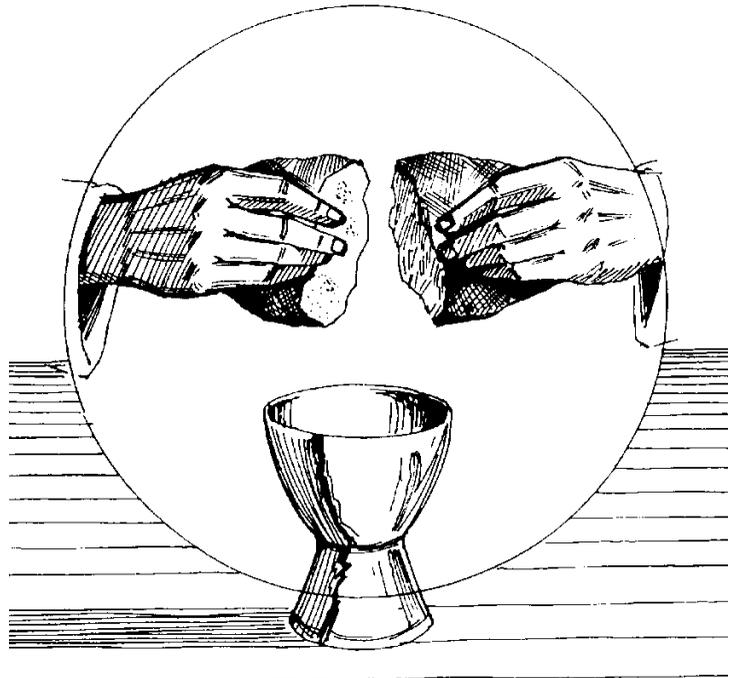
BRECKSVILLE

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, our
living together
in community is
the great hope
and joy of the
Gospel. We are
called to be One
Family. Help us
to not shut our
minds to the
possibilities
that are before
us, but to live in
the hopeful
expectation of a
better and
unified world.
Amen.*



Sunday June 2, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pastor

• Rev David Shackles

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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June 2, 2019 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Meditation Music

Liberate us, O Holy One, from those things that stifle the free flow of your Spirit. Lead us to rejoice in your Presence, wherever your path may take us. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Morning Mood

Grieg

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us gather in the awareness of Divine Love.

People: The love which gives us life and brings us to this time and place.

L: Let us gather in the confidence and hope that this love brings us,

P: Knowing that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

L: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

P: Because we are welcomed, we too can welcome others.

L: Let us rejoice in the Holy One's marvelous grace!

All: Let us offer to the Holy One our worship and praise!

*** Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12

*** Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your One Family, to care for your world and all within it. You challenge us to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring hope and comfort where there is grief and despair. Forgive us when we fail to do so. Mend our broken human family. By your Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power of your amazing and abundant love and grace, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Brother, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

L: People of Faith, rejoice and give thanks! The Holy One's gracious Spirit is here with power to heal our brokenness, forgive our sins, and fill us with newness of life and purpose!

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Passing the Peace**

L: As forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.
The Peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you!

*** 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 47 Pew Bible, page 518
The New Testament Acts 1:15-26 Pew Bible, page 118
The Continuing Testament from *Commentary on Acts* by Richard Jensen

Youth Anthem There's a Spirit of Love in This Place Miller
[Joyful Noise]

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem We Are One Tate

Sermon *Don't Leave Us Hanging....* Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak #531

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

Allegretto

Dvořák

*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 Holy One, we offer ourselves with these gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see the signs of your love which surround us every day. Open our hearts to embrace new ways to serve you and others. Renew our compassion and inspire our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Hope and our Joy. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

#283

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: Baptized by your Spirit into One Body, we testify to your faithfulness toward people of every time and place, language and nation, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Communion Song

Stockstill/Bethany Worship

"Let's have a meal
Let me reveal who I am
I'm your Savior
I will kneel down and wash
All the sin from your soul
I'm your servant
I am all you need"

Jonathan Stockstill with Bethany Worship, 2017

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
[verse 1]

#77

* 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.*

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. 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." Chord symbols are placed above and below the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

*Benediction

Postlude

Earth and All Stars

Johnson

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 26, 2019– Adults: 61 Kids: 17 Total: 78

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.

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 FLOWER'S are given by Pat Rehm & Carol Miller in Memory of Chase Dornan.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM - This morning during coffee hour, Dave Debick will be recruiting volunteers for our summer music ministry. If you'd enjoy sharing your musical gifts (vocal or instrumental) 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 .

It's All About Dave

Break out your flip flops, straw hats and sunglasses for PD's

Beach Retirement Party on June 22, 2019.

Festivities will begin at 4:00 PM in Pilgrim Hall.

There will be food and beverages, music and an opportunity to express your appreciation to Dave for all the years he has been sharing his talents with us

Food and beverages will be served at 5:00PM...there will be children friendly foods

Please RSVP your acceptance to Jeanette by June 18th either by phone or email

Babysitting will be available if needed. A Freewill collection will also be available

Farewell Gathering and Reception

On Sunday, June 30 following services we will be hosting a light reception for Pastor Dave. It will be an opportunity to share thoughts on your journey over the last 15 years.

A presentation acknowledging his time with us as a Congregation will be followed by a light reception. There will be a sign-up sheet to provide items for the reception similar to what we serve for our Music Receptions.

Any questions please call Sue Stenzel at 216-695-1899 or email stenzelsj@sbcglobal.net

Readings

The Old Testament - Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you people; shout to Holy One with loud songs of joy! For the Holy One, the Most High, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth. The Holy One brought the peoples among us, and the nations before our feet. The Holy One determined our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob. The Holy One has gone up with a shout and has ascended with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to our Maker! Sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises! For the Holy One is the ruler of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! The Holy One is sovereign over all the nations, enthroned in power and glory forever! The rulers of all the nations assemble with the rulers of the children of Abraham - for all the powers of the earth belong to Holy One, who is highly exalted.

The New Testament Acts 1:15-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers and said, "Friends, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." [Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakel-dama, that is, Field of Blood.])

“For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it’; and ‘Let another take his position of overseer.’ ”

“So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that Jesus was among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Continuing Testament - from *Commentary on Acts* - by Richard Jensen [edited]

About twenty years ago, a denominational church paper produced a series of articles based on the question most commonly asked by people in the pews: “How do I figure-out God’s will for my life?” I suggest two things that can be said in answer to this question.

First, we already know the framework of God’s will for our lives in this world: we are called to “love God and to love our neighbor”. All the decisions we make about our lives ought to be framed within these two great commandments. We are called to love God *by* loving our neighbor! This is the framework in which our lives ought to be lived.

Second, we know we live our lives under the canopy of God’s gracious love. This is a very important reality. I don’t believe that God’s specific will for our life is revealed to many of us through an indisputable sign. We can pray for God’s specific will to be revealed to us, but few of us will have that prayer answered in an absolute, definitive way. So, we will just have to choose our path boldly! As we walk it, we may not know for certain that it’s the right path. Yet we do know that God’s gracious love will sustain us in the midst of all our life’s decisions.

As people committed to the loving Way of Jesus Christ, we pray and choose, we decide and we act!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 2	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Stewardship - Parlor
Monday, June 3	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Facilities
Thursday, June 6	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir
Friday, June 8		*Office Closed*
Sunday, June 9	10:00 am	Worship Service/Pentecost *Strengthen the Church Offering*
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS 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: David Pastor
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

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

JUNE 9, 2019

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs
Head Usher: Jill Zedan
Ushers: Ben Davis, Betty Kaul,
Bridget & Chad Sproul

Acolyte: Jillian Davis
Peace Candle: Amelia Tyler
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Lenore Harris
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E Teacher: Mindy Wade
Counters: Dave Bernard, Nancy Stella
Servers: Marge Culver, Betty Kaul
Clean-Up: Bob & Caroline Chandler