



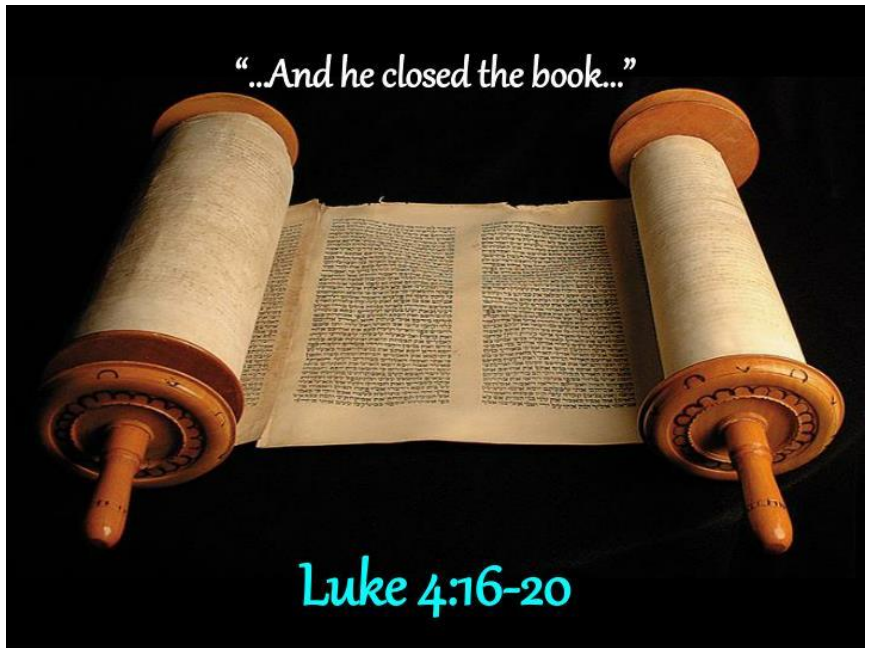
# BRECKSVILLE

## UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

*Divine Source  
of Wisdom and  
Love, we come  
before you as  
your children,  
eager to learn of  
your gracious  
works and  
generous ways.  
Help us to be  
open and  
flexible, that we  
might creatively  
meet the needs  
and challenges  
ahead of us. Fill  
us with the  
Spirit of your  
Compassion  
and Goodness,  
so that we may  
faithfully serve  
you, by serving  
others. Amen.*



**Sunday June 23, 2019 • 10:00 AM**

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**

*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 23, 2019 – Second Sunday After Pentecost

### **Meditation Music**

Gracious Holy One, you call us to love you with our whole being, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Teach us how to work with you to help those who are hurting and bring new life where there is heartache and despair. Make us willing instruments of your grace and peace, so that all those we encounter may be touched by your love and grace. Amen.

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling

Mozart

"If you cannot cross the ocean and the distant lands explore,  
you can find the needy nearer; you can help them at your door."  
Daniel March (1816-1909), alt.

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

**\* Call to Worship** [based on Psalm 139]

Leader: We gather today to worship our loving Creator - the Holy One, who like a Caring Mother or Father:

**People: Often knows us better than we know ourselves;**

L: Loves us totally and unconditionally;

**P: Teaches and guides us in the way we should go;**

L: Patiently corrects us when we stray;

**P: Shows us how to forgive one another;**

L: Gently comforts us in our time of need.

**P: The Holy One's tender compassion is never-ending!**

L: Therefore, let us praise the Source and Sustainer of Life;

**All: Whose gracious Presence is always with us!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

Praise To The Living God

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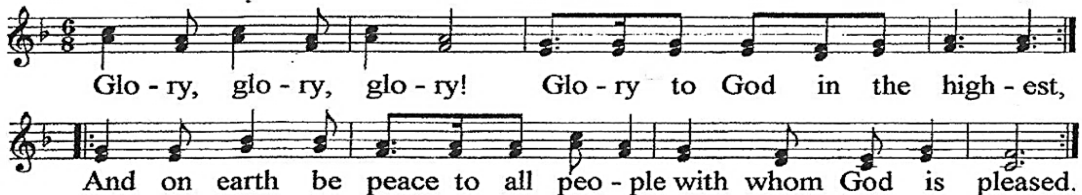
**\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, just you call Jesus to proclaim the Good News of your love to all people, so also inspire us to reach-out to all with your message of compassion and grace. Help us to uplift the inherent worth and dignity of all your children; and to affirm that they, too, are precious in your sight. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who embraces and welcomes 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**

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Pew Bible, page 179

**The New Testament**

Luke 4:14-30

Pew Bible, page 61

**The Continuing Testament** from *It All Begins with God's Love*

by Judith Jones

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Blessed Assurance  
[Becky Anderson, flute]

Knapp

"This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long."  
Fanny Crosby, 1873

**Sermon**

*One More Time!*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

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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 Are Companions on the Journey

Landry

"We have been gifted with each other,  
and we are called by the Word of the Lord:  
to act with justice, to love tenderly,  
and to walk humbly with our God,  
to walk humbly with our God."  
Carey Landry (b. 1944)

#### **\*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]**

**Receive and bless, O Holy One, the gifts that we bring; and bless us as we offer  
ourselves to be partners in your redeeming and healing work in the world. Give to  
us all, your Spirit of kindness, generosity, forgiveness, and love; we ask in the name  
of Jesus our Leader, Example, and Friend. Amen.**

## Going with God's Love

\* Hymn of Departure                      Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer                      #18

\* 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.

### \*Benediction

Postlude                      We Serve the Prince of Peace                      Bolin

### 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 June 16, 2019 – Adults: 65 Kids: 8 Total: 73**

## **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 refreshments and conversation.

**WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS** - We offer several childcare 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 Betty Kaul, in Memory of Jim and David Kaul.

**EMAIL BLASTS** There have been quite a few important email blasts that have gone out recently. If you are not receiving them, please send me your email address, or updated email address so you may be included in the Church information. Send to Jeannette at [buccoh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buccoh@sbcglobal.net), or please feel free to call me at 440-526-4364

**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\****

**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 headphones, your favorite Walkman headphones 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 headphones 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.

### *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](mailto:stenzelsj@sbcglobal.net)**



## **READINGS**

### **The Old Testament - Deuteronomy 24:17-22**

You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Holy One, your God, redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this. When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

### **The New Testament - Luke 4:14-30**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Holy One is upon me, and has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the Season of Divine favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**The Continuing Testament** - from *It All Begins with Divine Love* - by Judith Jones [edited]

If we love others as the Holy One has loved us, there can be no boundaries. The Holy One’s love, made visible in Jesus, is the source for the love we share with others. Jesus ignored the limits that religious communities imposed. He ate and talked with people who the religious leaders had rejected as heretics, as sinful, as filthy and despicable. He touched people who were considered untouchable and welcomed people who many others refused. His harshest words were reserved not for the impure, but for unloving, self-righteous people who saw some of God’s children as beneath their attention, and certainly as unworthy of their love. If Jesus shows us what the Holy One’s love is like, then there can be no doubt how far our love for others must extend: to every single person.

Fortunately, such love doesn’t originate with us. It is not our own, weak, limited love that we share; we are called to open ourselves to Divine love, so that the Holy One’s love can touch others through us. When we love one another, we represent [and re-present] the Holy One to the world. By allowing that Divine love to overflow from us, to our sisters and brothers, we make it real and visible. Through us, Jesus continues to welcome outcasts, touch untouchables, and heal broken lives. For when the Holy One’s limitless love comes alive in us, we become the Real Presence of Christ in the world.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, June 23</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Thursday, June 27</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Friday, June 28</b>		<b>*Office Closed*</b>
<b>Sunday, June 30</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Farwell Gathering and Reception for Pastor Dave</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**JUNE 23, 2019**

Lay Reader: Matt Wolbert  
Head Usher: Anne Melfo Fawcett  
Ushers: Dave & Julie Bernard  
Bob & Caroline Chandler  
Acolyte: Carrie Coyer-Westerberg  
Peace Candle: Amy Coyer-Westerberg  
Sound: Ben Tomlinson  
Comms Grtr: Marge Culver  
Flowers: Dorie Gabor  
Nursery: Kathy Pastor  
C.E. Teacher: Mindy Wade & Ben Davis  
Counters: Sue Stenzel, Jon Thompson  
Servers: Joy Garapic, Sue Stenzel  
Clean-Up: Jane & Cliff Cribbs

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

**JUNE 30, 2019**

Lay Reader: Bob Chandler  
Head Usher: Sue Stenzel  
Ushers: Cliff Cribbs, Darlene Kelly  
Kathy Smith, Matt Wolbert  
Acolyte: Ryan Stewart  
Peace Candle: Cameron Ward  
Sound: Tim Wallis  
Comms Grtr: Caroline Chandler  
Flowers: Carole Snider  
Nursery: Marla Corrado  
C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski & Mickey Fawcett  
Counters: Dave Bernard, Jim Duffy  
Servers: Kathy & Leroy Ford  
Clean-up: Chad & Bridget Sproul