



Brecksville

United Church of Christ

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Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming
Congregation, welcoming ALL of
God's children.

Whether you are single, married,
divorced, separated, or partnered,
Whatever your race, ethnicity, or
age,

Whatever your gender identity or
sexual orientation,

Whatever your religious
background, creed, or spirituality,
Whatever your social or economic
circumstances,

Whatever your health conditions,
impairments, or mobility needs,
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!



a just world for all

Sunday October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm

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- Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave - if you are interested in learning more about our church, please feel free to speak to our pastor.
- Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use.

Announcements:

Please submit the announcements you would like to have printed in the bulletin by noon on Tuesday – Thank You!

The Colony Cupboard is back for fall 2026! We will coordinate our next donation in early September. Items in need for back to school include: Notecards, Laundry Soap, Lotion, Chapstick, Athletic Socks (boys and girls) Undershirts (boys and girls), Tissues

A BUCC Advent Tradition Is Growing- For years, BUCC's Advent devotional has brought together the faith and stories of our community. Rooted in that beloved tradition, this year's devotional grows into a journey through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, with each devotion shaped within one of our seven Future Focus word categories. Writers will receive a Scripture reading, Reflection Question, and Continuing Testament prompt, offering several ways to bring their own faith and story to the journey. Sign-ups are coming soon, and all submissions are due October 31. Watch for your opportunity to add your voice as a treasured BUCC practice continues to grow.

Neighbors in Need- Today, we will collect a special offering: Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Pulpit Supply In October- Throughout the month of October, Pastor Dave Shackle will be bringing the message each Sunday.

We're grateful for this opportunity to welcome Pastor Dave back to the pulpit and look forward to the encouragement, fellowship, and messages he will share with us during this time of transition. Please join us each Sunday in October and help us give Pastor Dave a warm welcome back to the pulpit!

We look forward to worshipping together. 🙏

The All Saints' Day service is a loving and reverent remembrance of loved ones who have passed away this year (from November of 2025 to the present). Please submit the names of your departed loved ones and friends to the office email at office@brecksvilleucc.org, or by calling Miranda at (440) 526-4364 by October 27th. All submitted names will be recognized during a moment of silence during the service.

“We Remember” Table - Pictures are a loving way to remember family and friends who have passed into the next life, recently or long ago. A dedicated table space will be available in Pilgrim Hall after our All Saints' Day Sunday Service (11/1), for you to share a picture of someone who was dear to you, no matter when they passed away. Please bring your loved one's photo downstairs to the WE REMEMBER TABLE before church. You may write a short dedication at that time or bring one with the picture.

Attendance last Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026 – Adults: 46; Kids: 3; Online: 2; Total: 51
Additional Views: 13

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR includes the following

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| Tue. Oct 6 | 6:00 pm – AA “Love & Tolerance” (Pilgrim Hall) |
| | 6:30 pm – Social Justice |
| Wed. Oct 7 | 11:00 am – Mindfulness and Meditation |
| | 11:00 am – Spiritual Life |
| Thur. Oct 8 | 7:00 pm – Choir Practice |

Volunteers:

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| Early Usher: | Jill Zedan |
| Late Usher: | Carol Miller |
| Greeter: | Jeff Thompson |
| Reader: | Armand Eusanio |
| Flowers: | Volunteers Needed |
| Counters: | Jan Renovetz |
| | Volunteers Needed |
| A/V: | David Pastor |
| Snack: | Volunteers Needed |
| Set up: | Volunteers Needed |
| Clean up: | Volunteers Needed |
| Communion Bread: | Gayle Colbert |

October 11, 2026

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| Volunteers Needed |
| Diane Gressley |
| Jeff Thompson |
| Jim Duffy |
| Volunteers Needed |
| Jan Renovetz |
| Volunteers Needed |
| Aidan Cunningham |
| Peg Duffy |
| Volunteers Needed |
| Volunteers Needed |
| N/A |

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship and Bringing of the Light *Lord, Listen to your Children Praying*
 Lord, Listen to your children praying.
 Lord, Send your Spirit in this place.
 Lord, Listen to your children praying .
 Send us love; send us power; send us grace

***Call to Prayer**

One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to
 make us one.

Many: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

One: What do we find at today's table?

Many: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

One: What is not at today's table?

Many: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

One: Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all
 who believe.

Many: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

All: Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

***Gathering Song** *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieve.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free; my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood God's mercy rains - unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. **(chorus 2x)**

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God who called me here below will be forever mine. Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine

***Prayer of Openness [Unison]**

**We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.
We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful
service. We serve our God in this community and throughout every land. Let us
serve by working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort
where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred. The Spirit beckons
us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who
calls us!**

***Assurance of Grace**

***Centering Song**

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

First Reading: I Corinthians 11:20-29

When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you! For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves.

Second Reading: Matthew 21: 33-46

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Continuing Testament - from World Communion Meditation - by Anne R.

Ledbetter For almost 80 years World Communion has been a Sunday where we Christians try to lower the walls that separate our communion tables of one denomination with those of another. But I suspect that our vision is too narrow, our dream too small. God does not love only Christians, God loves the world! While the Church throughout the ages has put order and stringent rules around the sacrament, God might remind us that this is Christ's table - the table of that crazy first century rabbi who ate with tax collectors and prostitutes, and viewed no one outside the scope of God's love. Jesus embodied God's radical hospitality and extravagant grace, eating with outcasts and picnicking with the masses; but we have tried to make the table orderly and restrict God's most basic gift of food for a hungry world. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit continually prevents us from governing the exorbitant grace of this table.

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Search Me, O God

Bobby Huguley

Sermon

By Rev. Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

This Is a Day of New Beginnings vs. 1 & 4

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Prayers of the Church In our Prayers

Jon Thompson, Marilyn Pay, Tina Ortiz, Cindy Burton, Jan Wardlaw, Kathleen Stewart, Kathy Repko, Chad Sproul, Dot Bailey, Jane Cribbs, Kathy Ford, Gabe Tassone, Carolyn Chandler, Allison Colbert, Gayle Colbert, Tony Cunningham, Pat Rehm, David Pastor, "Edna House", Search Committee
(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)



Pastoral Prayer

The Savior's Prayer: [Unison]

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Music

***Offering Response**

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son
And now let the weak say I am strong; Let the poor say I am rich;
Because of what the Lord has done for us; Give thanks



***Prayer of Dedication: [Unison]**

Generous God, may these gifts be pleasing to you. We pray to be faithful and fruitful in the use of these offerings so that we will serve you, O God, and our neighbors in love. Amen.

Communion Invitation

ALL are welcome to receive communion. No exceptions.

Communion Hymn

Let us Break Bread Together

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Let us break bread together on our knees. (2x)

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. (2x) **(Refrain)**

Let us praise God together on our knees. (2x) **(Refrain)**

During the hymn, please come forward up the center aisle to gather a piece of bread and a cup and return to your seats via the outer aisles.

We will partake each together as directed. A gluten-free loaf is being used for communion today. To be welcoming to all, the cup(s) are grape juice (not wine).

Invitation to Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion [Unison]

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure, that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

***Circle of Community** Please join us in a circle around the sanctuary and lift your voices together and again after the benediction.

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). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The second staff is a bass line, also in G major. Chord symbols are written above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes.

***Benediction**

Postlude