

no one is able to snatch them from my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

TODAY'S MESSAGE

***The Rag Man***

Rev. Glen Shedlock

HYMN #362 New Century Hymnal

*When Love Is Found*

BENEDICTION

PRAYER

**Your Kingdom come around and through and in me;  
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.  
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor,  
And may your living Kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,  
And may you feed a hungry world through me." Amen.**

RESPONSE

*Spirit of God*

Steve Garnaas Holmes

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name, the power to heal, to share your love everywhere. We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, born on your wings. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

POSTLUDE

*Now God Be Praised in Heaven Above*

Melchior Vulpus

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**Altar Flowers:** Thank You!

**Liturgist:** Kelly Gerstenberger

**Dedication:** Thank You!

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff**

**Transitional Pastor:** *Rev. Glen A. Shedlock*

**Minister of Music:** *Benjamin Knight*

**Choir Director:** *Kimberly Knight*

**Secretary:** *Kelly Gerstenberger*



# ***Pilgrim United Church of Christ***

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Sunday, May 8, 2022



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**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**  
**† Sunday, May 8, 2022 †**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (moments for silent reflection) Thomas Merton  
One: True encounter with Christ liberates something in us, a power we did not know we had, a hope, a capacity for life, a resilience, an ability to bounce back when we thought we were completely defeated, a capacity to grow and change, a power of creative transformation.

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Erneuertem Gesangbuch

HANDBELL MUSIC *Fairest Lord Jesus* Arr. Ronald Kauffmann

HANDBELL MUSIC *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Arr. D. Linda McKechnie

CALL TO WORSHIP Kelly Gerstenberger  
One: Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.  
**Many: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.**  
One: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

**Many: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.**  
One: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings, and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

HYMN Tune: *This is My Father's World* *As a Mother in Her Love*  
As a mother in her love surrounds her own with care,  
God gives us birth and life and earth and grace beyond compare.  
This is our Mother's world; her grace is everywhere,  
each person blest, held to her breast, enfolded in her care.  
As a mother tends her young and teaches them her ways,  
God loves us so that her light will show: our lives become her praise.  
This is our Mother's world. Her care for us is sure.  
Though we go wrong her love stays strong. Her love and grace endure.  
As a mother, wise and kind, leads children day by day,  
God holds us near so we can hear the voice that guides our way.  
This is our Mother's world, and so our gifts we bring,  
to freely share her loving care, and praises gladly sing.

OUR GATHERING PRAYER Kelly Gerstenberger  
One: Friends and Followers of Jesus, let us join our hearts and voices in offering to God our gathering prayer:

**Many: Gentle God, we are your sheep, scattered and hungry. Shepherd us with your presence, lead us by your grace, and feed us with your Word, that we may not only lie down in green pastures in times of rest, but also be loving shepherds for your people in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

RESPONSE Tune: *Ode to Joy* (Hymn #4 New Century Hymnal)  
**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of Love,  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above;  
Roll away the stone of heartbreak, drive our doubts and fears away;  
Resurrection shine upon us, fill us with the light of day.**

THE STORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHORAL ANTHEM *Set Me As A Seal Upon Your Heart* David N. Childs

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Peal of Praise* Michael Helman

PASTOR'S PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, 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!**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING - John 10:22-30 CEB Kelly Gerstenberger  
<sup>22</sup>The time came for the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon.  
<sup>24</sup>The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, "How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."  
<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, but you don't believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup>but you don't believe because you don't belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and

## WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all visitors!

Please join us again!

*We are very glad You chose to Worship with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you ... to everyone who ... have continued to send-in contributions!

Contributions Received:

\$1,796.00	April 3, 2022	\$2,802.00	May 1, 2022
\$7,302.00+	April 10, 2022	\$	May 8, 2022
\$2,184.00	April 17, 2022	\$	May 15, 2022
<u>\$3,797.50</u>	<u>April 24, 2022</u>	\$	May 22, 2022
<b>\$15,079.50</b>	<b>April Totals</b>	<u>\$</u>	<u>May 29, 2022</u>
		<b>\$2,802.00</b>	<b>May Totals</b>

+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement) \$5,000.00 = \$5,000.00

Contribution Statements were recently sent out. Please review and advised the church secretary if corrections need to be made. Thank You!

Summer is right around the corner. Pilgrim's expenses will continue. Your support by continuing with your giving is greatly appreciated!

### Pastoral Search Committee:

JP Kraft, Chairperson	Katherine Subichin, Secretary
Bob Kindel, Chaplain	David Kump
Cindy Spenoso	

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 7:00pm**

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- ◇ Jo's mother, Billie Iles, who suffered a stroke this past week.
- ◇ The Pastoral Search Committee
- ◇ The families planning and preparing for their summer vacations.
- ◇ Everyone healing from sickness or surgery.
- ◇ The situation in Ukraine.
- ◇ World Leaders navigating the conflicts and environmental issues.
- ◇ A couple trying to conceive a child.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 8, 2021:

**10:30 a.m. In-Person & Live-Stream (Facebook) Worship Service,**  
Rev. Glen Shedlock, Sanctuary

**11:30 a.m. Fellowship/Social Hour - Beverages, Social Hall**

### Monday, May 9, 2021:

**Absorbent Minds Montessori School (AMMS)**

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

### Tuesday, May 10, 2021:

**Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

2:30 - 6:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Adult Library

6:45 - 9:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA, Social Hall

### Wednesday, May 11, 2021:

**Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Legacy Barbershop Rehearsal, Heritage Room

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Adult Library

**7:00 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee Meeting, Heritage Room**

### Thursday, May 12, 2021:

**Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Scout Pack #3186 - Den Meetings, Available Rooms

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Adult Library

### Friday, May 13, 2021:

**Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

### Saturday, May 14, 2021:

**9:00 - 2:00 p.m. Pilgrim Community Lunch, Kitchen & Social Hall**

6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

### Sunday, May 15, 2021:

**10:30 a.m. In-Person & Live-Stream (Facebook) Worship Service,**  
Rev. Glen Shedlock, Sanctuary

**11:30 a.m. Fellowship/Social Hour - Beverages, Social Hall**

### Monday, May 16, 2021:

**Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

