

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

A Caring Church for Thinking People

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Sunday, July 4, 2021



TODAY'S MESSAGE *The True Spirit of Patriotism* Rev. Glen A. Shedlock

*HYMN #591 New Century Hymnal (NCH)

This Is My Song

*BENEDICTION (Unison)

From A Prayer By St. Teresa of Avila

As I return to the sacred dance of my daily living, I remember that Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with my heart. May the blessings of the Holy One be upon me, for Christ has no body now but mine.

*RESPONSE

Spirit of God

Steve Garnaas Holmes

*POSTLUDE

He is Exalted

Twila Paris

Mission Statement:

*God calls us to live our faith as disciples
Sharing the love of God revealed through Christ
In the community and the world.*

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff

Transitional Pastor: *Rev. Glen A. Shedlock*

Faith Formation Director: *Open Position*

Minister of Music: *Benjamin Knight*

Secretary: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

Acolyte: *Kathie Richards*

Altar Flowers: *Jo & Bob Kindel*

*In honor of Americans who work for
Peace!*

Fellowship: *Not at this time.*

Greeters: *Not at this time.*

Liturgist: *Kathie Richards*

PowerPoint: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

Steeple Lighting: *Not at this time.*

Ushers: *John Richards*



The True Spirit of Patriotism
Rev. Glen A. Shedlock

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
† Sunday, July 4, 2021 †
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE *The Heart of Worship* Matthew James Redmon

JUST BREATHE: (One minute of centering) Rev. Glen Shedlock

All: Holy God, as I prepare my soul for this time of worship, I ask that you would bless me with a calm spirit that is fully open and attentive to your loving presence. With each breath I take, may I find that there is no distance or separation between us. Breathe in me, Holy God, and fill me with your peace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathie Richards

One: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice, even when it was unwelcome. Who will hear their message?

Many: We will listen and we will hear!

One: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

Many: We will listen and we will hear!

One: Christ sent out his disciples to proclaim the good news in any place that would welcome them. Who will hear their message?

Many: We will listen and we will hear!

One: God's prophets are among us still, in our churches, in our cities and towns, holding us accountable to God's longing for justice, mercy, and humility. Who will hear their message?

Many: We will listen and we will hear!

*HYMN #592 The New Century Hymnal (NCH) *God of the Ages, Who with...*

*GATHERING PRAYER Kathie Richards

All: Holy God, who is Love, make our hearts and minds open and hospitable households for your message of unconditional love and grace. Grant us spiritual wisdom to recognize and welcome the prophets among us who continue to remind us of who we are as your people, and challenge us to live with spiritual integrity. Strengthen us to hear words of truth, to withstand their conviction, and to join in the work of your still-unfolding reign. May we find more comfort in sharing than in

possessing, in hoping than in holding, and in honoring the "we" of your heart more than the "me" of our egos.

*PRAYER OF OUR LORD

One: Now, Holy Friend, as you draw us close to your heart, which is our true home, we join our hearts and voices in praying together the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

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!

*RESPONSE *Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain)*

Lead me, guide me along the way, for if you lead me I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee, lead me, O Lord, lead me.

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around Oscar "Ozzie" Comstock

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *There is a Balm in Gilead* Nana Mouskouri

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - Philippians 2:1-11 (CEB) K. Richards
2 ¹Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, **2** **complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other.** ³**Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves.** ⁴**Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.** ⁵**Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:** ⁶Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. ⁷**But he emptied himself** by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, ⁸he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹**Therefore, God highly honored him** and gave him a name above all names, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all visitors!

Please join us again!

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

- ⇒ Prayers for those healing, those mourning, and those in a rough spot in their lives. Prayers & Praises
- ⇒ Safe travels and good health to everyone enjoying this summer!
- ⇒ Blessings for the gardens planted, & a bountiful harvests to feed others.

If you have a prayer that you would included here, contact the church office by phone, 330.928.4847 or email, pilgrimoffice@ameritech.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Contributions Received:

\$2,850.00	May 2, 2021	\$3,505.00	June 6, 2021
\$3,625.00	May 9, 2021	\$1,900.00	June 13, 2021
\$2,255.00	May 16, 2021	\$1,979.50	June 20, 2021
\$5,490.17	May 23, 2021	<u>\$2,686.00</u>	June 27, 2021
<u>\$ 840.00</u>	<u>May 30, 2021</u>	\$10,070.50	June Totals
\$15,060.17	May Totals		

Please . . .

Drop your offering in the offering plate located near the ramp, either before or after the worship today.

Offerings may also be made via Pilgrim's Website. www.pilgrimcf.org

If you would like to give your offering via a credit card, please seek out Kelly Gerstenberger, Secretary, to use the Square device.

Looking for Volunteers . . .

Each Sunday with in-person Worship in the sanctuary, the following tasks need to be filled:

Acolyte; Altar Flowers (\$30.00 & Dedication); Liturgist; PowerPoint; and Ushers (2).

A clipboard is located on the table in the education wing . .

OR see Kathie Richards to sign-up.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 4, 2021: *Independence Day*

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary

Monday, July 5, 2021:

Offices are closed in observance of July 4th, Independence Day

Tuesday, July 6, 2021:

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons,
Children's Library

8:00 p.m. Broad Highway group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, July 7, 2021:

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

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's
Library

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Adult Library

Thursday, July 8, 2021:

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

Friday, July 9, 2021:

Saturday, July 10, 2021:

7:30 a.m. Social Hall Air Conditioning Unit replaced by Jennings Heating &
Cooling (Rescheduled from July 2nd, due to parts not being received)

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

Sunday, July 11, 2021:

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary

Monday, July 12, 2021:

6:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, via Zoom

TBA Diaconate Meeting, TBA

