

³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

TODAY'S MESSAGE *Relentless Compassion* Rev. Glen A. Shedlock

*HYMN #531 New Century Hymnal (NCH) *God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

*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 *Nearer, My God to Thee* arr. Susan Henry

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: *Thank you!*

Altar Flowers: *Helen Hapanowicz
For the on-going vitality of our church!*

Fellowship: *Not at this time.*

Greeters: *Not at this time.*

Liturgist: *Dan Gerstenberger*

PowerPoint: *Thank you!*

Steeple Lighting: *Not at this time.*

Ushers: *Sandi Ignizio
Thank you!*

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Relentless Compassion

Rev. Glen A. Shedlock

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Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

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Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (One minute of centering)

Rev. Glen Shedlock

All: Holy God, as we prepare our souls for this time of worship, I ask that you would bless each of us with a calm spirit that is fully open and attentive to your loving presence. With each breath we take, may we find that there is no distance or separation between us. We are one with you, we are one with each other. Breathe into our hearts, Holy God, and fill us with your peace.

THE PRELUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Eric Runyan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Gerstenberger

One: Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.

Many: God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.

One: Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

Many: Christ gathers us together that we might proclaim the good news of redemption.

One: Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

Many: The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.

One: Fellow pilgrims, cast aside your worries and fears, and listen for God's message of renewal and unconditional love!

*HYMN #400 The New Century Hymnal (NCH) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

*GATHERING PRAYER

Dan Gerstenberger

One: With open hearts and minds, let us offer a prayer of love to the Source of our existence, the One in whom we live and move and have our being:

Many: Through light and shadow, I am led; I follow you through the ins and outs, the ups and downs of these days, when my heart is failing, when my spirit rejoices, when I can barely put one foot in

Many: front of the other. Still, you beckon me on...when I stumble you support me, when I can go no further you carry me, through light and shadow, in death's dark vale and on the mountain peaks, you lead me...through tangled webs, on rocky ground, on smoother paths, through light and shadow, you lead me, Holy Friend, and I follow; may I never walk alone...

*PRAYER OF OUR LORD

Dan Gerstenberger

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.

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERING DEDICATION

Amen!

Glen Shedlock & Benjamin Knight

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around Mary Anne Reiser

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Glenda Austin

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE -

Dan Gerstenberger

Mark 6:30 - 34, 53 - 56 (NIV)

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

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.
- ⇒ The family of Mary Anne Reiser who are grieving the death of her daughter and sister, Kathy, on Friday, July 9, 2021.
- ⇒ Delys Shupe, whose husband passed from this life on April 22, 2021.

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:

\$3,505.00	June 6, 2021	\$3,390.00	July 4, 2021
\$1,949.50	June 13, 2021	\$3,900.00	July 11, 2021
\$5,622.96	June 20, 2021	\$	July 18, 2021
<u>\$2,686.00</u>	<u>June 27, 2021</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>July 25, 2021</u>
\$13,763.46	June Totals	\$7,290.00	July 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 18, 2021:

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

Monday, July 19, 2021:

6:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting, Heritage Room

Tuesday, July 20, 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 21, 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 22, 2021:

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

Friday, July 23, 2021:

Saturday, July 24, 2021:

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

Sunday, July 25, 2021:

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

Monday, July 26, 2021:

6:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting, Heritage Room

