

one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Thanks for . . .

Rev. Glen A. Shedlock

*HYMN #460 New Century Hymnal (NCH)

*Be Not Dismayed
(God Will Take Care of You)*

*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 (verse 2)

Steve Garnaas Holmes

*POSTLUDE

He Leadeth Me

Arr.: Jerry Ray

Join Pilgrim UCC for Lemonade on the Lawn in the courtyard!

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*

Minister of Music: *Benjamin Knight*

Faith Formation Director: *Open Position*

Secretary: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *Rich Shisler*

Altar Flowers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

Fellowship: *Not at this time.*

Steeple Lighting: *Not at this time.*

Greeters: *Not at this time.*

Ushers: *John Richards
Thank You!*

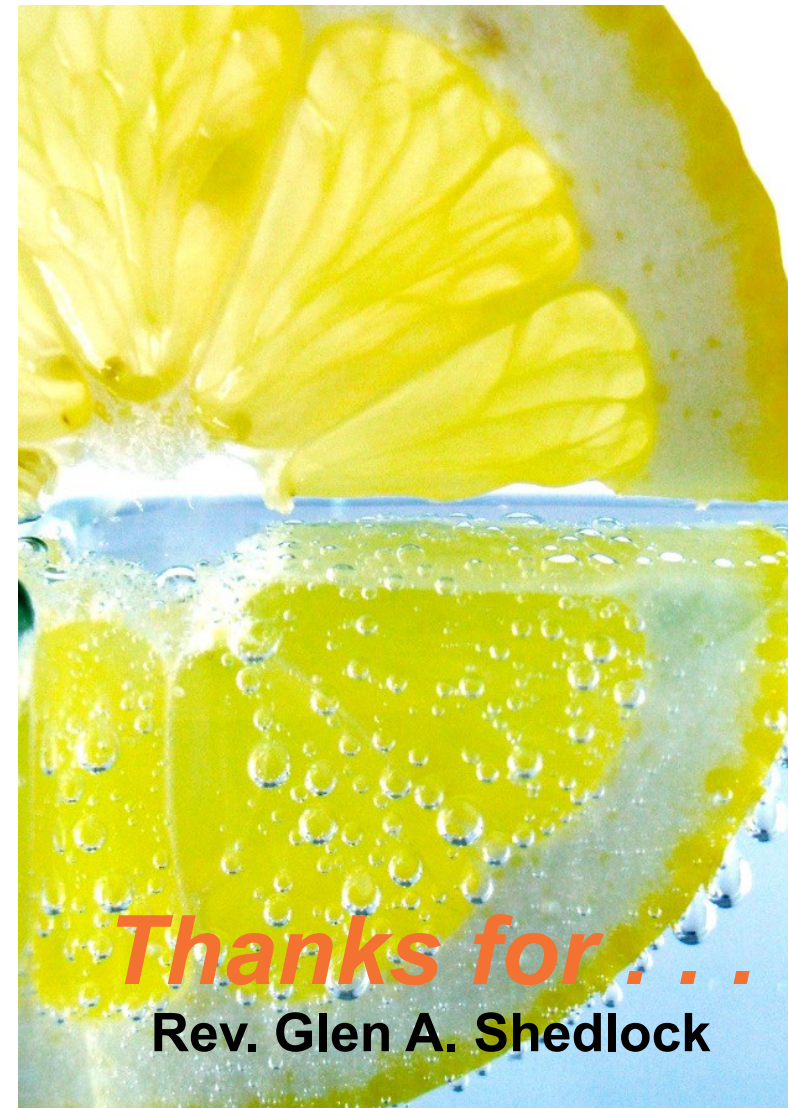
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Sunday, August 15, 2021



Pilgrim United Church of Christ

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

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Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

One: 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 *God Will Make a Way* Don Moen

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rich Shisler

One: For cool mornings and rumbling afternoon storms, for amazing days and even more ordinary evenings, for deep friendships and shallow wading pools:

Many: we give thanks to God!

One: For the laughing God who tickles us with joy, for the broken-hearted Love who joins in our grief and pain:

Many: we give thanks to God at all times!

One: For the Bread of heaven who feeds us hope, for the Spirit of grace who teaches us to dance:

Many: we give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

One: Fellow pilgrims, enter this time of worship with gratitude in your hearts, so that the blessings of the Holy One, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, might be with you in powerful ways.

*HYMN #15 The Pilgrim Hymnal (PH) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

GATHERING PRAYER Rich Shisler

One: Time slips away like water in the hand, or a balloon lifted into the sky. We think there is plenty, but then it is gone, wasted. So it is the will of God that we invest our time wisely in the divine work of worship. So, I invite you now to please join me in offering this loving prayer to the heart of God:

Many: To you, O God, we hold out our hearts. Deal gently with them, we pray. Increase their love with your forgiveness; soften their

Many: bitterness with your peace. To you, O God, we hold out our hungers. Have mercy on them, we pray. Rain down with manna to renew our hope; quench our despair from the wellspring of your glory. To you, O God, we hold out our wounds. Heal their shame, we pray. Bind up their bleeding and wipe their tears, and we will praise the balm of our salvation. To you, O God, we hold out our lives. Be with them in this wilderness, we pray. With each breath, dawn a new day; in each death, light a light to comfort us.

PRAYER OF OUR LORD Rich Shisler

One: Now, Divine 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 *Our Savior's Love* Arr.: Susan Henry

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around **Barbara Mellinger**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Anching* A Traditional Filipino melody

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - Rich Shisler
Ephesians 5:15 - 20 (NIV)

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to

WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all visitors!
Please join us again!

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

- ◇ Pilgrim's Faith Community and the journey all are on.
- ◇ Healing for the sick, struggling, and in mourning.
- ◇ Leadership to make the hard decisions.
- ◇ Safe travels for vacationers.
- ◇ Linda Middleton, who fell, injured her back, and will need time to heal.
- ◇ Rachel Nation & Vince Coven were married on July 31, 2021.
- ◇ The hands, hearts, and feet that are preparing for the Lemonade on the Lawn.
- ◇ The unvaccinated, healthcare workers, overwhelmed hospitals, our neighbors, and anyone with an illness anywhere.
- ◇ Karen Wickiser, get well wishes!
- ◇ 1 in 4 children that do not know where their next meal is coming from.
- ◇ The family & friends of Cindy Hampshire upon her passing on August 6, 2021.
- ◇ Sarah recovering from surgery.
- ◇ Dean, after the family dog, crossed the rainbow bridge.
- ◇ Jim P., dealing with bladder cancer.
- ◇ The mother of Helen's daughter-in-law not well.
- ◇ The spiritually empty.
- ◇ The emotionally worn-out.
- ◇ Food shortages and food deserts.
- ◇ Praises for the blessings Rev. Glen will receive in insurance coverage to see the specialist at Cleveland Clinic.

Prayers & Praises

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Contributions Received:

\$3,390.00	July 4, 2021	\$5,082.00	August 1, 2021
\$3,900.00+	July 11, 2021	\$4,536.00+	August 8, 2021
\$2,701.60	July 18, 2021	\$	August 15, 2021
\$7,440.00+	July 25, 2021	\$	August 22, 2021
\$17,431.60	July Totals	\$	August 29, 2021
		\$9,618.00	August Totals

+Ameriprise Reserve Account - \$3,000.00, \$6,000.00, \$2,000.00 = \$14,000.00 Total

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

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

If you would like to use a credit card, please seek out Kelly Gerstenberger, Secretary, to use Pilgrim's Square device.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 15, 2021:

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary
Followed by: Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, August 16, 2021:

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

Tuesday, August 17, 2021:

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

Wednesday, August 18, 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, August 19, 2021:

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Amy Sauriol Piano Recital, Heritage Room

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

Friday, August 20, 2021:

5:00 p.m. Deadline for Spire Information to the church office.

Saturday, August 21, 2021:

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Akron Multi-District AA meeting, Adult Library

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

Sunday, August 22, 2021:

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

Monday, August 23, 2021:

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

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

