



**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**  
† Sunday, August 22, 2021 †  
**Thirteenth 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 *Redeemed* Arr.: Larry Shackley

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Kelly Gerstenberger

One: How beautiful is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**Many: My inmost being longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my body sing for joy to the living God.**

One: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**Many: How blest are those who live in your house, who can praise you continually.**

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

\*HYMN #31 The New Century Hymnal (NCH) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

GATHERING PRAYER Kelly Gerstenberger

One: The Lord is steadfast in love and hears the prayers of all who come with an open heart and an expectant Soul. I invite you to please join me in offering this loving prayer to the heart of God:

**Many: Lord Jesus, you have called us to come forth and follow you. Help us to be more faithful disciples in all that we do or say. Sometimes, being your disciples is not easy in this world. You came to love and to save the world, but the world responded with cruelty and hatred. You send us into the world in your name, and sometimes the world responds to us in the same way that the world responded to you.**

**Many: Therefore, we need your help. May our time of worship be not only a time to praise you but also a time when we receive the spiritual wisdom that enables us to stand up to the challenges that we face as your disciples. Strengthen us to be strong in face of temptations and threats that might cause us to compromise our faith in order to accommodate ourselves to the world.**

PRAYER OF OUR LORD Kelly Gerstenberger

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 *Great Is the Lord* Michael W. Smith  
Michael Smith

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around **Peg Ewart!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Arr.: Glenda Austin

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - Kelly Gerstenberger

John 6:56-69 NIV  
<sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

## 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ All children and young adults that are beginning a new year of learning, keep them safe.

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	\$3,399.00	August 15, 2021
\$7,440.00+	July 25, 2021	\$	August 22, 2021
<b>\$17,431.60</b>	<b>July Totals</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>August 29, 2021</b>
		<b>\$13,017.00</b>	<b>August Totals</b>

+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](http://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 22, 2021:**

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

**Monday, August 23, 2021:**

***Absorbent Minds Montessori School Teacher In-Service***

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

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

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021:**

***Absorbent Minds Montessori School Teacher In-Service***

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

**Wednesday, August 25, 2021:**

***Absorbent Minds Montessori School Begins***

**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 26, 2021:**

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

**Friday, August 27, 2021:**

**Saturday, August 28, 2021:**

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

**Sunday, August 29, 2021:**

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

**Monday, August 30, 2021:**

***Absorbent Minds Montessori School Begins***

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

