

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, “When you host a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward.” <sup>13</sup> Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they can’t repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected.”

TODAY’S MESSAGE                      *Partying with Jesus!*                      Rev. Glen Shedlock

SONG #81 New Century Hymnal                      *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

BENEDICTION

PRAYER

One: If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces, never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That’s the beauty of being alive!

**All: We can always start over again. Enjoy God’s amazing opportunities bestowed upon us. Have faith in God always. 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                      *Peace Like a River*                      Traditional

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Sunday, August 28, 2022



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**Rev. Glen Shedlock**

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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (moments for silent reflection) Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi  
One: Without love, all worship is a burden, all dancing is a chore, all music is mere noise. All the rain of heaven may fall into the sea, but without love, not one drop could become a pearl. Without love, even the shining brightest stars get burned out, eclipsed and extinguished.

PRELUDE *Because He Lives, Amen* Gaither, Arr. Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP Kathie Richards

One: Let us worship the One in whose image we are made.

**All: The One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.**

One: Let us worship the One who has come to show us the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**All: The One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.**

One: Let us worship the One Whose holy breath fills us and calls us to live fully in each moment.

**All: The One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.**

SONG #292 New Century Hymnal *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

GATHERING PRAYER Kathie Richards

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, in these precious moments, let us speak aloud what we believe to be true:

**All: We believe in God, creator of all things, the fountain of life, who provides for us with grace and abundance. We trust in Jesus Christ, who made God manifest among us. He healed the sick, raised up the downtrodden, ate with sinners, and spoke the Word of God. He died in love for all people, and none are undeserving. Crucified by the powers of oppression, he was raised by**

the power of love, and lives among us now, inviting all to the feast of God's love and generosity.

**We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of trust and hospitality. As the Body of Christ, in unity with the whole universal church, we devote ourselves to live in love in the name and the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

RESPONSE #283 New Century Hymnal

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, make me, fill me;  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *Your Great Name* Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff

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 - Luke 14:1, 7 - 14 CEB Kathie Richards

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> "When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don't take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. <sup>9</sup> The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give your seat to this other person.' Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. <sup>10</sup> Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, 'Friend, move up here to a better seat.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. <sup>11</sup> All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 28, 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, August 29, 2021:

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

### Tuesday, August 30, 2021:

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin Lessons, Adult Library  
6:45 - 9:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA, Heritage Room

### Wednesday, August 31, 2021:

1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin Lessons, Adult Library  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Legacy Barbershop Rehearsal, Heritage Room

### Thursday, September 1, 2021:

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

### Friday, September 2, 2021:

### Saturday, September 3, 2021:

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

### Sunday, September 4, 2021:

**10:30 a.m. In-Person & Live-Stream (Facebook) Worship Service,**  
**Rev. Glen Shedlock, Sanctuary**  
**11:30 a.m. Fellowship/Social Hour - Beverages & Treats, Social Hall**

**Altar Flowers:** *Sandi Ignizio*      **Dedication:** *In memory of my sister, Susan.*  
**Liturgist:** Kathie Richards      **PowerPoint:** *Kelly Gerstenberger*

### Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff

**Transitional Pastor:** *Rev. Glen A. Shedlock*  
**Minister of Music:** *Benjamin Knight*  
**Choir Director:** *Kimberly Knight*  
**Secretary:** *Kelly Gerstenberger*



## **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**

### **Pastoral Search Committee:**

Katherine Subichin, Secretary      Bob Kindel, Chaplain  
David Kump      Cindy Spensoso  
Kathie Richards      Brian Ewart

**Next Meeting: September 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Please join Pilgrim UCC in celebrating Rev. Shedlock's last Worship Service & Retirement Celebration, Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.

## **PRAYERS & PRAISES**

- ◇ Richard, Dave's brother, who fell and has a compound fracture, awaiting on the swelling to go down to finish setting the break.
- ◇ Rayna, recovering from surgery.
- ◇ Justin, recovery & healing at home.
- ◇ Kenneth, from Altercare, in City Hospital dealing with pain.
- ◇ Brian & Bill's cherished canine family member that passed over the Rainbow Bridge.
- ◇ Kim released from a job and accepting a new job closer to home.
- ◇ Sandi, healing from a hospital stay.
- ◇ The flooding in Kentucky, which has effected Missi's hometown, specifically the loss of her stepbrother's house.
- ◇ Missi's stepbrother laid off from his job and has no insurance.
- ◇ People in our lives seeking forgiveness & having difficulty with this.
- ◇ Cindy dealing with skin cancer.
- ◇ Neill, in the hospital following a motorcycle accident, fighting paralysis.
- ◇ Katherine's friend, Stacey, diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- ◇ Alan dealing with cancer issues.
- ◇ Gun violence ripping apart families and communities.
- ◇ Love for all people.
- ◇ Teachers, Staff, Support Staff, & Students to continue growing and have a successful year, and receive the support needed, including safety for a new school year!