

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

A Caring Church for Thinking People

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Sunday, September 5, 2021



James 2:1-10,14-17 (NIV)
¹My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious LORD Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? ⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

TODAY'S MESSAGE **What's Faith Without Action?** Rev. Jay Schmidt

*HYMN #492 New Century Hymnal (NCH) *I Would Be True*

*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 From the Rising of the Sun #2024 TFWS

<p>Mission Statement: <i>God calls us to live our faith as disciples Sharing the love of God revealed through Christ In the community and the world.</i></p>	<p>Acolyte: <i>Jim Albright</i> Altar Flowers: <i>Thank You!</i> Fellowship: <i>Not at this time.</i> Greeters: <i>Not at this time.</i> Liturgist: <i>Sandi Ignizio</i></p>
<p>Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff Transitional Pastor: <i>Rev. Glen A. Shedlock</i> Minister of Music: <i>Benjamin Knight</i> Secretary: <i>Kelly Gerstenberger</i></p>	<p>PowerPoint: <i>Kelly Gerstenberger</i> Steeple Lighting: <i>Not at this time.</i> Ushers: <i>Crystal Wagner</i></p>

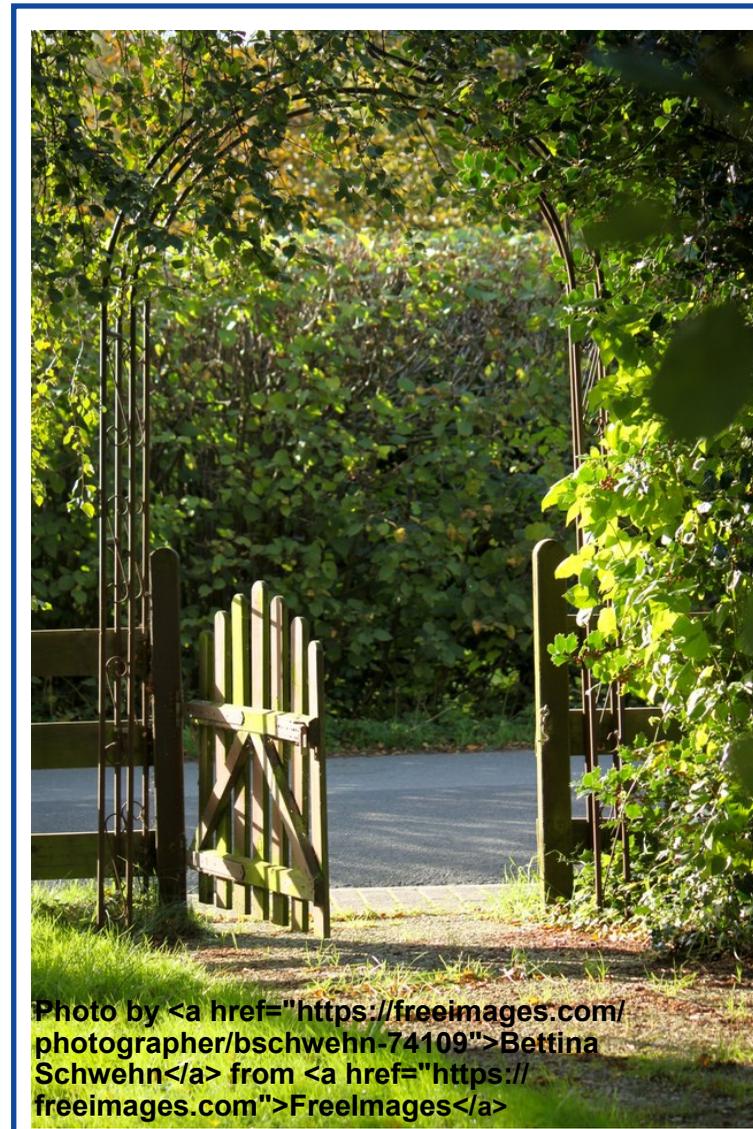


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Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
† Sunday, September 5, 2021 †
Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (One minute of centering) Rev. Jay Schmidt
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 In the Presence of Jehovah/I Love You, Lord
Arr.: Anthony Burger

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sandi Ignizio

One: Praise God with your whole being!

Many: I will praise God as long as I live!

One: Don't trust the plans of humanity. Only God's expansive love is eternal.

Many: We praise the creator, the God of Jacob, the One who straightens the bent, who loves the hungry and the poor.

One: We are here to praise our God, who protects the immigrant, who helps the orphan and widow.

Many: Praise the creator whose love flows from generation to generation until all is as God dreams it can be.

One: Fellow Pilgrims, the Holy One is calling us to this time of worship. Let us open our hearts to receive God's love, our minds to be renewed, and our souls to be set free.

*HYMN #1 The New Century Hymnal (NCH) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

GATHERING PRAYER Sandi Ignizio

One: Friends, let us lift our prayer to the heart of Christ, confident that his promise to be with us always is true, confident that his love is greater than the trials we face, and confident that we are secure in the palm of his hand.

Many: Lord Jesus, you opened the ears of the deaf and empowered the silent to speak up and to speak out. We pray that in our worship you would open our ears to hear what you have to say to us. Then,

Many: make us bold to share with others what we have learned about you. Unleash our tongues to proclaim the good news; open our eyes to see the people who need to be touched by knowledge of your love. Use us, O God, so that in sharing your story, other ears may be opened, and other tongues unleashed. We pray in your name, the savior whose compassion never failed, Jesus the healer, Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF OUR LORD Sandi Ignizio

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 *Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around **Ruth Fowler!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome* Arr.: Anthony Burger

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - Sandi Ignizio

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (NIV)

²² A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. ² Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity, and the rod they wield in fury will be broken.

⁹ The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, ³ for the Lord will take up their case and will exact life for life.

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. Prayers & Praises
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Crystal Wagner, supporting her granddaughters through a difficult time.
- ◇ Kacy Wagner, her fiancé, and Rayna Kasperek dealing with life's changes.
- ◇ The situation in Afghanistan that is effecting many people.
- ◇ The Leadership of our country making decisions that effect all of us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Pilgrim Friends,
Thank you for your Birthday and Sympathy cards. Mary Anne Reiser

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	\$3,162.50+	August 22, 2021
\$17,431.60	July Totals	\$3,960.00+	August 29, 2021
		\$20,139.50	August Totals

+Ameriprise Reserve Account - \$3,000.00, \$6,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$1,000.00, \$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, September 5, 2021:

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Jay Schmidt, Sanctuary

Monday, September 6, 2021:

Offices Closed

NO Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, September 7, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

2:30 - 6:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Adult Library

6:45 - 10:00 p.m. Broad Highway group, Social Hall

Wednesday, September 8, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

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

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

Thursday, September 9, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meetings, Social Hall & Available Rooms

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

Friday, September 10, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

Saturday, September 11, 2021:

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pilgrim Community Lunch, Kitchen & Social Hall

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

Sunday, September 12, 2021:

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal begins, Heritage Room

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Burt Ambrose, Sanctuary

Monday, September 13, 2021:

NO Leadership Meeting

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Adult Library/Zoom



On October 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. all members and friends are asked to meet in the Social Hall to understand the progress made by Pilgrim's Leadership!