

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 *Oh, How He Loves You & Me* Kurt Kaiser

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**Alcolyte:** *Thank you!*  
**Altar Flowers:** *Gerstenberger's - The blessings of family and friends!*  
**Fellowship:** *Not at this time.*  
**Greeters:** *All present today!*  
**Liturgist:** *Kelly Gerstenberger*  
**PowerPoint:** *Kelly Gerstenberger*  
**Steeple Lighting:** *Not at this time.*  
**Ushers:** *Thank you!*

**Questions to Contemplate**  
*From Table Talk Questions a UCC Resource*

*What's worth more to your community:  
an endowment with an empty building, or  
experimentation and risk for the sake of the future?*

*If you could abolish one thing from the way in which "it's always been done,"  
what would you get rid of?*

**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*  
**Secretary:** *Kelly Gerstenberger*

# ***Pilgrim United Church of Christ***

## **A Caring Church for Thinking People**

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**Sunday, September 12, 2021**



***JONAH***  
**Rev. Bert Ambrose**

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**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**  
† Sunday, September 12, 2021 †  
**Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (One minute of centering) Rev. Bert Ambrose  
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 *Precious Savior, Dear Redeemer* Rachel Arrington

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Kelly Gerstenberger  
One: Come into the sanctuary and look around. Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people. All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed and desperately hanging on.

**Many: Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.**

One: We believe God's steadfast love is better than life, so let our lips praise God as long as we live.

**Many: We also often doubt God's love. We often doubt that God will really provide when it matters.**

One: But this is what matters today: God said, "Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat." All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed and desperately hanging on.

**Many: So with faith – both bold and timid – let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #6 The New Century Hymnal (NCH) Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good

GATHERING PRAYER Kelly Gerstenberger  
One: Friends, with Divine Love uniting us as a family of faith, let us declare the beauty and mystery of our faith:

**Many: I believe in Truth as a living Reality, not captured in theory or a creed, but revealed to those who love; the Truth of Jesus, the Spirit of Truth, the Truth of God. Because I believe I trust, not blindly, but open-eyed and bold as a child climbing to the top of a tree; the**

**Many: Truth of Jesus, the Spirit of Truth, the Truth of God. Because I believe I serve, not as a slave that serves a tyrant, but like farmers reaping a harvest; the Truth of Jesus, the Spirit of Truth, the Truth**

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 *Change My Heart, Oh God* Arr.: Anthony Burger

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around **Cynthia "Cindy" Smith!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHOIR ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* Arr.: Donald Moore  
**OR**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - Jonah 1 - 4 Rev. Bert Ambrose

TODAY'S MESSAGE **Jonah** Rev. Bert Ambrose

\*HYMN #607 New Century Hymnal (NCH) *We Would Be Building*

\*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**

## 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 experiencing grief.
- ◇ Pilgrim's Faith Community and the journey all are on.
- ◇ The spiritually empty.
- ◇ The emotionally worn-out.
- ◇ Food shortages and food deserts.

### Prayers & Praises

- ◇ Parent's & Grandparents, supporting their children and grandchildren.
- ◇ The situation in Afghanistan that is effecting many people.
- ◇ The Leadership of our country making decisions that effect all of us.
- ◇ The family and friends of Corkie Rey, who went to her heavenly home.
- ◇ Extra prayers for my grandson, Cyle, he has COVID.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Contributions Received:

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\$5,082.00	August 1, 2021	\$ 881.00	Sept. 5, 2021
\$4,536.00+	August 8, 2021	\$	Sept. 12, 2021
\$3,399.00	August 15, 2021	\$	Sept. 19, 2021
\$3,162.50+	August 22, 2021	\$	Sept. 26, 2021
<b>\$3,960.00+</b>	<b>August 29, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 881.00</b>	<b>Sept. Totals</b>
<b>\$20,139.50</b>	<b>August Totals</b>		

+ Includes Reserve Income from Ameriprise:  
**\$2,000.00 + \$1,000.00 + \$2,000.00 = \$3,000.00**

***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.***

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## CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 12, 2021:**

***10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Pilgrim UCC's Sanctuary!  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Bert Ambrose***

**Monday, September 13, 2021:**

Absorbent Minds Montessori School  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Social Hall

***No Leadership Meeting!***

***6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Adult Library/Zoom***

**Tuesday, September 14, 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 15, 2021:**

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

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

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

**Thursday, September 16, 2021:**

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

***6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 - Den Meetings, Social Hall***

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

**Friday, September 17, 2021:**

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

***5:00 p.m. Deadline for October Spire, Church Office***

**Saturday, September 18, 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, September 19, 2021:**

***10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Pilgrim UCC's Sanctuary!  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Bert Ambrose***

**Monday, September 20, 2021:**

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

***1:30 - 2:30 p.m. TKD, Social Hall***

***No Leadership Meeting!***

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