

SERMON SCRIPTURE James 1:16-17, 19-25 Rev. Sandra Hutchinson

¹⁶ Don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all.

¹⁹ Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. ²⁰ This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you. ²² You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. ²³ Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. ²⁴ They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

SONG #377 New Century Hymnal

Forward through the Ages

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION PRAYER

Words by Jalal al-Din Rumi

One: Be grateful for your life, every detail of it, and your face will come to shine like a Sun, and everyone who sees it will be made glad and peaceful.

All: The path of gratitude is not for children; it is a path trod by tender heroes, who whatever happens, keep burning on the altar of their hearts the flame of adoration.

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

There is a Balm in Gilead

Traditional Spiritual

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Sunday, September 18, 2022



What to hold on to when you're moving on.
Rev. Sandra Hutchinson

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
† Sunday, September 18, 2022 †
15th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (moments for silent reflection) Ram Dass
We are all just walking each other home...

PRELUDE *Lift High the Cross* Sydney H. Nicholson

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Sandra Hutchinson

One: Gracious is our God! Righteous and merciful!

All: God has delivered our souls from death and has kept our feet from stumbling!

One: Gracious is our God!

SONG #8 New Century Hymnal *Praise to the Living God*

UNISON PRAYER Michael Subichin

God, we pray for your grace to set us free. Our fear is that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

May Your Spirit be alive within us.

Reform us to be your church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of Your creation.

Amen.

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.

OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* William Croft

CHOIR ANTHEM *Peace I Leave with You* Mozart, Arr. Donald Moore
(or)
SPECIAL MUSIC *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Arr. Lloyd Larson
Kimberly Knight, soloist

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 Michael Subichin

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

⁷ The Pharisees and some legal experts from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. ² They saw some of his disciples eating food with unclean hands. (They were eating without first ritually purifying their hands through washing.

³ The Pharisees and all the Jews don't eat without first washing their hands carefully. This is a way of observing the rules handed down by the elders.

⁴ Upon returning from the marketplace, they don't eat without first immersing themselves. They observe many other rules that have been handed down, such as the washing of cups, jugs, pans, and sleeping mats.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and legal experts asked Jesus, "Why are your disciples not living according to the rules handed down by the elders but instead eat food with ritually unclean hands?" ⁶ He replied, "Isaiah really knew what he was talking about when he prophesied about you hypocrites. He wrote,

*This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far away from me.*

⁷ *Their worship of me is empty
since they teach instructions that are human words.*

¹⁴ Then Jesus called the crowd again and said, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand. ¹⁵ Nothing outside of a person can enter and contaminate a person in God's sight; rather, the things that come out of a person contaminate the person."

²¹ "It's from the inside, from the human heart, that evil thoughts come: sexual sins, thefts, murders, ²² adultery, greed, evil actions, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, insults, arrogance, and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from the inside and contaminate a person in God's sight."

TODAY'S MESSAGE ***What to hold on to when you're moving on.***
Rev. Sandra Hutchinson

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 18, 2021:

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

Monday, September 19, 2021: *Labor Day*

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

Tuesday, September 20, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin Lessons, Adult Library
6:45 - 9:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA, Heritage Room

Wednesday, September 21, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

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
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee meeting, Heritage Room

Thursday, September 22, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Scout Pack #3186, Social Hall, ATTIC, Art Room
7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Adult Library

Friday, September 23, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

Saturday, September 24, 2021:

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, September 25, 2021:

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

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

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

Contributions Received:

\$5,076.00+	August 7, 2022	\$1,065.00	September 4, 2022
\$2,145.00+	August 14, 2022	\$7,075.50+	September 11, 2022
\$3,482.50	August 21, 2022	\$	September 18, 2022
\$2,611.10	August 28, 2022	\$	September 25, 2022
\$13,315.00	August Totals	\$8,140.50	September Totals

+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement) \$2,500.00 + \$1,000.00 + \$5,000.00 =
\$8,500.00

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who helped to make
Rev. Glen and Missi Shedlock's
Last Worship Service and Retirement Celebration
so very special!

Pastoral Search Committee:

Katherine Subichin, Secretary	Bob Kindel, Chaplain
David Kump	Cindy Spenoso
Beverly Hannahs	Kathie Richards
Brian Ewart	

Next Meeting: To Be Announced

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- ◇ People in our lives seeking forgiveness & having difficulty with this.
- ◇ 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!

Altar Flowers: Sandi Ignizio

Dedication: In loving memory of Bill.

Liturgist: Michael Subichin

PowerPoint: Kelly Gerstenberger