

TODAY'S MESSAGE *Jesus Heals on the Sabbath* Rev. Burt Ambrose

*HYMN #522 New Century Hymnal (NCH) *I Love to Tell the Story*

*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 *Awesome God* Rich Mullins

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! Thank You!

Altar Flowers: Sandi Ignizio - In loving memory of my husband Bill!
Greeters: All present today!
Liturgist: Kelly Gerstenberger
PowerPoint: Kathie Richards
Ushers: John Richards

Questions to Contemplate

From Table Talk Questions a UCC Resource

How important is your building to your sense of identity, and how does that contribute to your willingness to take risks in spiritual leadership?

Who's not here? Do you want them here? Are you willing to change?

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.*

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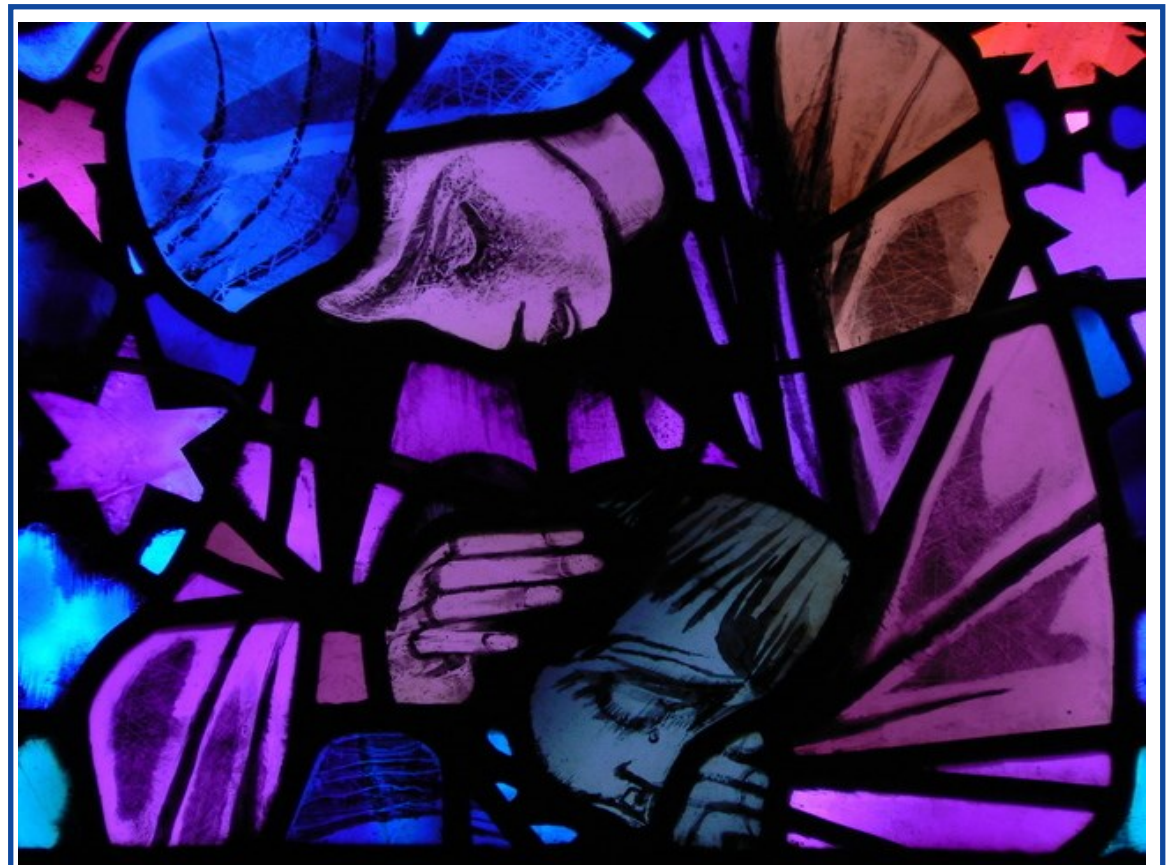
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Sunday, September 19, 2021



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Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
† Sunday, September 19, 2021 †
Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (One minute of centering) Rev. Burt 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 I Need Thee Every Hour Arr. Larry Shackley

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kelly Gerstenberger

One: Come with what you have. For you who grieve this day, know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.

Many: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

One: Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness, know that your melody will find harmony.

Many: Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

One: Come with what you have. For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs', know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.

Many: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

One: Come with what you have. For you who have the answers, know that new questions await you.

Many: Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

One: Come with what you have. For you who come seeking, know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.

Many: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

*HYMN #505 The New Century Hymnal (NCH) *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

GATHERING PRAYER Kelly Gerstenberger

One: We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning of time has swept over the face of creation, bringing to life all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.

Many: We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untamable, who is creatively and imaginatively active in the world.

One: The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.

Many: We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.

One: We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Many: Through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our relationships, and our 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 *How Majestic Is Your Name* Michael W. Smith

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around **Jackie Wanclovic!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Open My Eyes* Paul Baloche

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - Rev. Bert Ambrose
John 5:1 - 19

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.

- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Extra prayers for my grandson, Cyle, he has COVID.

Prayers & Praises

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Contributions Received:

\$5,082.00	August 1, 2021	\$ 881.00	September 3, 2021
\$4,536.00+	August 8, 2021	\$7,251.55+	September 12, 2021
\$3,399.00	August 15, 2021	\$	September 19, 2021
\$3,162.50+	August 22, 2021	\$	September 26, 2021
<u>\$3,960.00+</u>	<u>August 29, 2021</u>		
\$20,139.50	August Totals	\$8,132.55	September Totals

+Ameriprise Reserve Account - \$2,000.00 + \$1,000.00 + \$2,000.00 + \$3,000.00 = \$8,000.00 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.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 19, 2021:

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

Monday, September 20, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

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

Tuesday, September 21, 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 22, 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 23, 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 24, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

Saturday, September 25, 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 26, 2021:

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

Monday, September 27, 2021:

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