

neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ^{[44] [a]} ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ^{[46] [b]} ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.” ⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

^{[44] [a]} words of verse 48 are inserted here in many manuscripts.

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TODAY’S MESSAGE

Hell? No!

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*HYMN #471 New Century Hymnal (NCH) *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

*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 *In the Garden* Charles Austen Miles

Alcolyte: *Thank you!*

Altar Flowers: *Thank you!*

Fellowship: *Not at this time.*

Greeters: *Not at this time.*

Liturgist: *John Richards*

PowerPoint: *Kathie Richards*

Steeple Lighting: *Not at this time.*

Ushers: *Thank you!*

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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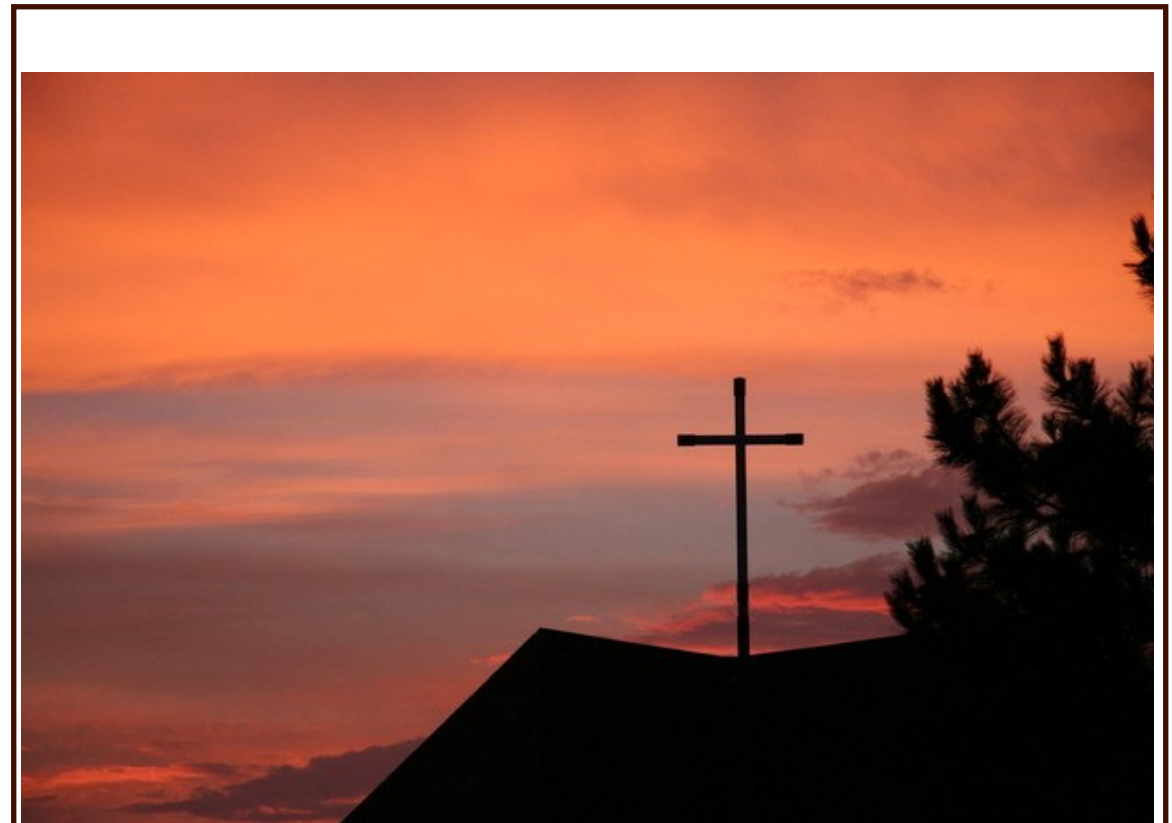
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Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (One minute of centering) Rev. Glen Shedlock
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 *Mo Li Hua* Arr. Christopher Norton

*CALL TO WORSHIP John Richards
One: The people of God were made for worship: to sing and to praise, to laugh and to dance.

Many: The people of God were made for God's presence: for pleasure and praise, for joy and for song.

One: Come, holy people, God's chosen disciples: gather for worship, come from all places.

Many: We have come to God's temple, gathered together; We have come to praise God and enjoy God's presence forever.

*HYMN #407 The New Century Hymnal (NCH) *How Firm a Foundation*

GATHERING PRAYER John Richards
One: We are gathered here not because we have seen fit to choose Christ, but because he has looked upon us, and called us to be his own. With confidence in God's endless compassion, let us rush into God's arms and offer this prayer of love...

Many: God, the encourager, God, the compassionate, God, the merciful, holy, blessed: Disturb us. Rouse us from our sleep. Lift us into consciousness of your presence. Change us, move us, mold us for the better; so that, at the sound of your voice, at the call of our name, we will never be the same. May our worship do this and so much more, in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER OF OUR LORD John Richards
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 *Lord, I Would Follow Thee* Newell Dayley

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around **Ozzie Comstock!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Before Our Lord and King* James Culver
OR
SPECIAL MUSIC *You Are My All in All* Jernigan

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - John Richards
Mark 9:38 - 50 NIV

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

³⁸ "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

³⁹ "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Causing to Stumble

⁴² "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their

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.
- ◇ Kacy Wagner and fiancée Kyle, grieving the death of his father.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ John's sister recovering from major surgery.
- ◇ Rev. Glen & Missi continued dealing with insurance after a car accident while on vacation.

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	\$2,190.50	September 19, 2021
\$3,162.50+	August 22, 2021	\$	September 26, 2021
\$3,960.00+	August 29, 2021		
\$20,139.50	August Totals	\$10,323.05	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.

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!

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 26, 2021:

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

Monday, September 27, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

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

Tuesday, September 28, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

8:00 p.m. Broad Highway group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, September 29, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

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

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Adult Library

Thursday, September 30, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

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

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

Friday, October 1, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

4:00 p.m. Set-Up Social Hall by the Kraft Family

Saturday, October 2, 2021:

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Kraft Birthday party for Zoey's 1st Birthday!

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

Sunday, October 3, 2021:

10:00 a.m. Leadership Update Meeting, Social Hall

Monday, October 4, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

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

