

SONG #454 New Century Hymnal

*Lord I Want to be a Christian*

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

*Your Name*

Paul Baloche & Glenn Packiam  
Arr. Keveren

**Pastoral Search Committee:**

Katherine Subichin, Secretary  
David Kump  
Beverly Hannahs  
Brian Ewart

Bob Kindel, Chaplain  
Cindy Spenoso  
Kathie Richards

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

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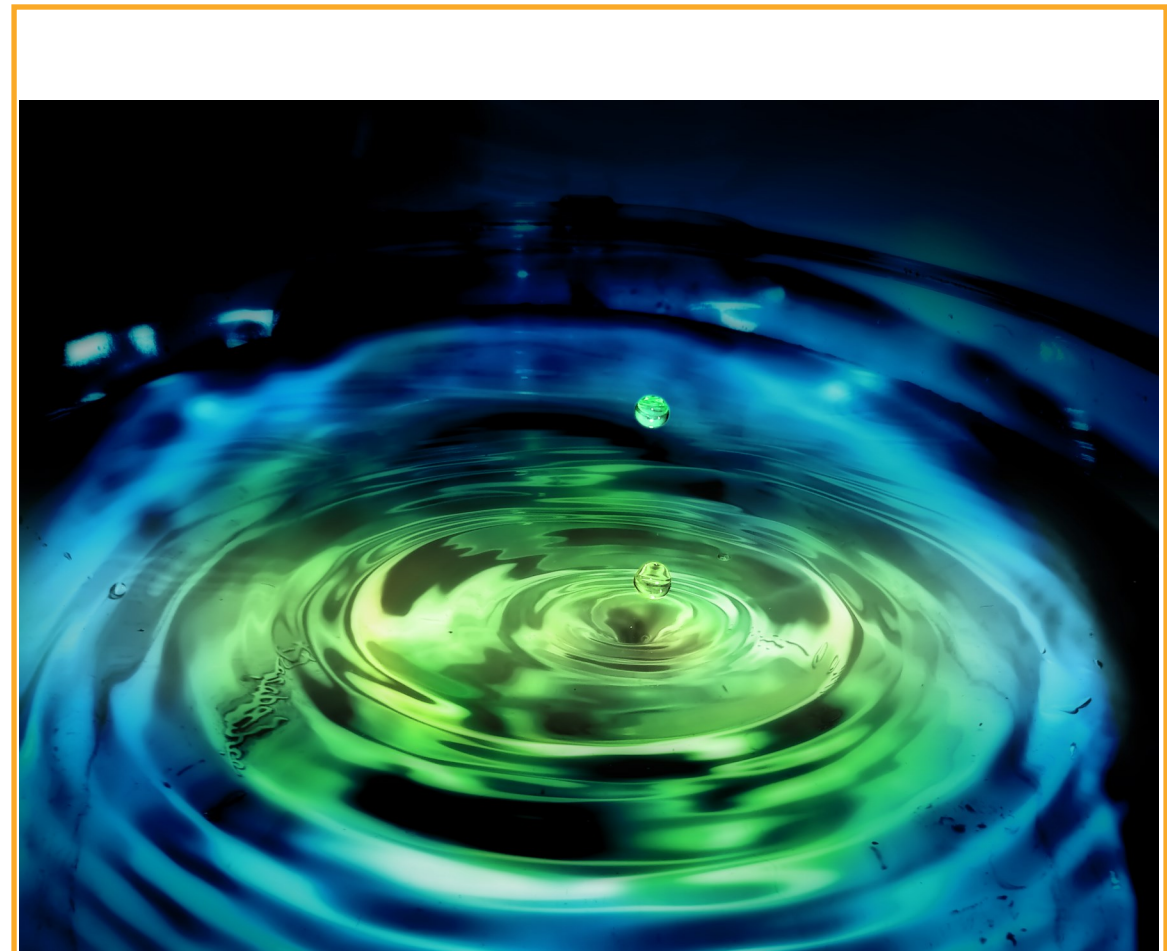
# **Pilgrim United Church of Christ**

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Sunday, September 4, 2022



***Shock Talk!***  
**Rev. Glen Shedlock**

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**

**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**

† **Sunday, September 4, 2022** †

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (moments for silent reflection)

Ram Dass

One: We are all just walking each other home...

PRELUDE

*Holy Spirit*

Katie & Bryan Torwalt, Arr. Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Richards

One: As we gather in this sacred space, opening our hearts to an intimate encounter with God, may we speak truth,

**All: so that our words may give grace to those who hear.**

One: May we pray in faith,

**All: so that our words may give grace to those who hear.**

One: May we sing with joy,

**All: so that our words may give grace to those who hear.**

One: May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,

**All: so that the words of Jesus may give grace to us who hear.**

SONG #42 New Century Hymnal

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

GATHERING PRAYER

John Richards

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, in these precious moments, let us share with God's heart our gathering prayer:

**All: Loving Christ, give me the grace to join you on the cross of the suffering of the world.**

**Borne by your love, empowered by your Spirit in me, raised from death by your grace, held gently in your tenderness, I walk through the refugee's desert of hope, the patient's waiting room of despair, the war victim's ruins.**

**Give me courage to cease reserving my love for my family alone: for the poor, the outcast, the oppressed, those who suffer are also my flesh and blood.**

**Give me grace to die to my separateness and be raised in oneness with you and all things born of your love. Amen!**

RESPONSE

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**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stuart Townend

Arr. Keveren

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 - Luke 14:25 - 33 CEB

John Richards

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and doesn't hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters—yes, even one's own life—cannot be my disciple.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever doesn't carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> "If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it?

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn't finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. <sup>30</sup> They will say, 'Here's the person who began construction and couldn't complete it!' <sup>31</sup> Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down to consider whether his ten thousand soldiers could go up against the twenty thousand coming against him? <sup>32</sup> And if he didn't think he could win, he would send a representative to discuss terms of peace while his enemy was still a long way off. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, none of you who are unwilling to give up all of your possessions can be my disciple.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

***Shock Talk!***

Rev. Glen A. Shedlock

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 4, 2021:

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

### Monday, September 5, 2021: Labor Day

**Offices Closed**

### Tuesday, September 6, 2021:

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 7, 2021:

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 8, 2021:

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 9, 2021:

### Saturday, September 10, 2021:

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pilgrim Community Lunch, Kitchen & Social Hall**  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Scout Pack #3186 - Parent/Committee Meeting, Adult Library  
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. AA Workshop, Social Hall  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

### Sunday, September 11, 2021:

10:30 a.m. In-Person & Live-Stream (Facebook) Worship Service,  
Rev. Glen Shedlock, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship/Social Hour - Retirement Celebration, Social Hall

**Altar Flowers:** Thank you!

**Liturgist:** John Richards

**Dedication:** Thank you!

**PowerPoint:** Kelly Gerstenberger

### 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	\$	September 4, 2022
\$2,145.00+	August 14, 2022	\$	September 11, 2022
\$3,482.50	August 21, 2022	\$	September 18, 2022
\$2,611.10	August 28, 2022	\$	September 25, 2022
<b>\$13,315.00</b>	<b>August Totals</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>September Totals</b>

**+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement) \$2,500.00 + \$1,000.00 = \$3,500.00**

Next Sunday, please join Pilgrim UCC in honoring & celebrating  
Rev. Glen and Missi Shedlock's  
Last Worship Service and Retirement from 35 years of Christian Ministry  
with a special Worship Service & Fellowship Hour in the Social Hall.

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- ◇ Neighbors dealing with health issues and the accumulation of things.
- ◇ Richard, Dave's brother, who fell and has a compound fracture, awaiting on the swelling to go down to finish setting the break.
- ◇ Rayna, recovering from surgery.
- ◇ Justin, recovery & healing at home.
- ◇ Kenneth, from Altercare, in City Hospital dealing with pain.
- ◇ Brian & Bill's cherished canine family member that passed over the Rainbow Bridge.
- ◇ Kim released from a job and accepting a new job closer to home.
- ◇ Sandi, healing from a hospital stay.
- ◇ The flooding in Kentucky, which has effected Missi's hometown, specifically the loss of her stepbrother's house.
- ◇ Missi's stepbrother laid off from his job and has no insurance.
- ◇ People in our lives seeking forgiveness & having difficulty with this.
- ◇ Cindy dealing with skin cancer.
- ◇ Neill, in the hospital following a motorcycle accident, fighting paralysis.
- ◇ Katherine's friend, Stacey, diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- ◇ Alan dealing with cancer issues.
- ◇ 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!