

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*The Life of the Party*

Rev. Glen Shedlock

HYMN

*You are the Nerve*  
Tune: *Finlandia*

Steven Garnaas Holmes

O God, your Christ is risen in your people.  
 On earth Christ has no body now but ours.  
 We are the flesh and blood of your compassion:  
 moved by your Spirit, with its loving powers.  
 God be our heart, and we will be your Body,  
 serving in love in all our days and hours.

We are your feet, that go with joy to others  
 to share your love, the gospel we confess.  
 We are your eyes that see what is and may be,  
 that see each person's need and loveliness.  
 We are your hands, that work with strength for justice,  
 your hands that shelter, heal and feed and bless.

Love, move in me, and guide me by your Spirit,  
 even when I don't see or understand.  
 My life is yours, to be your living Body,  
 that I may love and serve at your command.  
 This is my life, my purpose and my power:  
 you are the nerve, and I your willing hand.

\*BENEDICTION (Unison) Adapted from a prayer by Henri Nouwen  
**As I return to the sacred dance of my daily living, teach me, O God, to ask the questions that matter most: Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I speak words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? Yes, Divine Friend, as the gift of my life continues to unfold, teach me to ask the questions that matter most. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Emmanuel*

Bob McGee

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

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Sunday, January 16, 2022



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**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**  
**† Sunday, January 16, 2022 †**  
**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (One minute of centering) Prayer by St. Ambrose of Milan  
One: Let the door of your heart stand open to receive him;  
Unlock your soul to him; offer him a welcome in your mind,  
and then you will see the riches of simplicity,  
the treasures of peace, the joy of grace.”

PRELUDE *All Hail, King Jesus* David Moody

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, we are invited to join Jesus and his mother at a wedding in Cana, in Galilee. So, gather round and join the celebration! But pay attention and expect the unexpected, for the baby of Bethlehem is all grown up, and he's ready to start a party of his own. Gather round and join the celebration! Expect the unexpected, for he will turn tables and make the wine flow abundantly. Gather round and join the celebration! Expect the unexpected, for with Jesus there is always plenty to go round, and the good news is that Jesus' party isn't over! He's saving the best for last!

HYMN *Your Hands and Your Face* Lyrics by Steven Garnaas Holmes  
Tune: *Be Thou My Vision*

God of all holiness, baptized in you,  
we are your Body: your presence shines through.  
We, poor in spirit, are blessed with your own.  
May our lives shine forth with your grace alone

We who with Jesus do mourn with the world  
shall see your banners of deep joy unfurled.  
We who are hungry for love freely shared  
feast at the banquet that you have prepared

May we be merciful and pure in heart,  
your gentle peacemakers, doing our part.  
Dying and rising, we do not fear loss,  
sealed with your Spirit and marked with your cross.

Blest and beloved and baptized to serve,  
we are your Body and you are our nerve.  
Not by our effort, but by your pure grace,  
may we be your hands and your human face.

PRAYER

**Gracious God, as Jesus turned the water into wine, so you have made our lives beautiful and blessed. Jesus is with us in our celebration now, turning the water of our lives into the wine of your praise. In our worship, transform us and make us new in the image of Christ, that we may be your glory for all the world. Open our hearts and minds, that as the scriptures are read and your good news proclaimed we may hear with joy what you are saying to us today. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Healer of Our Every Ill* Marty Haugen  
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 - John 2:1-11 Common English Bible (CEB)

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."  
<sup>4</sup>Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet." <sup>5</sup>His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. <sup>9</sup>The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. The headwaiter called the groom <sup>10</sup>and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

## WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all visitors!  
Please join us again!

***We are very glad You chose to Worship with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!***

- ◇ Answers for people with questions.
- ◇ Healthcare workers, including Doctors, Surgeons, Nurses, Dietary, Cleaning, Reception, Laboratory, and Radiology.
- ◇ Brynn's recovery from surgery.
- ◇ Those dealing with and healing from COVID.  
***Thank you to everyone for wearing masks and social distancing!***
- ◇ Healing for everyone dealing with medical issues.
- ◇ All who are struggling to get through their week.
- ◇ Those who... have left the church, are enemies of the church, and have not found a church.
- ◇ The poor and the hungry.
- ◇ Everyone to "Love their neighbors as they love themselves."

### Prayers & Praises

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ACME Community Cash Back** receipts **are needed A.S.A.P.**
- **Handbell Rehearsals** are Monday's at 4:30 p.m. in the Music Room. All are welcome to join in the ringing.
- **The Mitten Tree** is located outside the 1st floor restrooms for socks, gloves, scarves, and mittens. Everything collected now through February will be taken to Good Neighbors.
- **Check out Pilgrim's website to view the January 2022 Spire and Calendar!**

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

Contributions Received:

\$ 2,441.00	December 5, 2021	\$2,732.50	January 2, 2022
\$ 5,885.00+	December 12, 2021	\$7,656.59+	January 9, 2022
\$ 3,998.50	December 19, 2021	\$	January 16, 2022
\$ 3,974.90	December 26, 2021	\$	January 23, 2022
<b>\$16,299.40</b>	<b>December Totals</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>January 30, 2022</b>
		<b>\$10,389.09</b>	<b>January Totals</b>

+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement) \$3,500.00 + \$3,000.00 = \$6,500.00

**The Secretary is looking for items to put in the February Spire!**

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 16, 2021:

**10:30 a.m. Live-Stream (Facebook) Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary**

### Monday, January 17, 2021: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

#### **Offices Closed**

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

**4:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Music Room**

### Tuesday, January 18, 2021:

#### **Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

2:45 - 6:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Adult Library

6:45 - 9:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA, Social Hall

### Wednesday, January 19, 2021:

#### **Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

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

3:00 - 8:00 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, January 20, 2021:

#### **Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

6:30 p.m. Scout Pack #3186 Den Meetings, Social Hall

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

### Friday, January 21, 2021:

#### **Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

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

### Saturday, January 22, 2021:

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

### Sunday, January 23, 2021:

**10:30 a.m. Live-Stream (Facebook) Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary**

### Monday, January 24, 2021:

#### **Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

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

**4:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Music Room**



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