

The Reformation in England -

The Reformation unrest came England with 15 years of its beginning in Europe. In **1534, King Henry VIII (1491-1547)** broke with the Church of Rome and established the Church of England. He appointed himself as the secular head and appointed an Archbishop of Canterbury as its spiritual leader. This became the Anglican Church, and the Episcopal Church in the USA. When Catholic **Mary Tudor (1553-58)** became the Queen of England, she persecuted the Protestants and burned Anglican bishops. Many fled to Europe—to John Calvin. **Queen Elizabeth I (1558 - 1603)** was more tolerant and welcomed the dissenters who now were immersed in Reformed theology.



The **Puritans in 1563**, felt the reforms were not enough. They criticized Anglican liturgy and its ceremonies and began the move toward independent thought, church autonomy, ridding the church of rituals and institutions. They really thought of themselves as purifying the church, and not founders of a new church. **King James I (1566-1625)** commissioned a new Bible translation known as the King James Version. This did not satisfy the Puritans, who were now becoming known by various names—Dissenters, Independents, Non-Conformists, Separatists. They later separated themselves into groups called **Quakers, Baptists and Congregationalists.**



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Acolyte: Thank You!

Altar Flowers:

*"In celebration of our children & grandchildren!"
Dan & Kelly Gerstenberger*

Greeters: Everyone present today!

Ushers: Thank You!

PowerPoint: Thank You!

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Fellowship:

*S.A.R.A., Stanley's & Gerstenberger's
Steeple Lighting: Thank You!*

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Sunday, October 15, 2017



***"I bring home in my heart,
more than I brought home in my suitcase!"***

**Marty Siegel, Missionary of
Sharing America's Resources Abroad (S.A.R.A.)**

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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Sunday, October 15, 2017 † Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *Wild Rose* Edward MacDowell

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 8

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 106)

One: Let us gather and give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

All: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or daily declare His praise?

One: All who live in the awareness of God shall open their hearts and minds to follow.

All: Remember me, O Lord, open my heart to see the blessings of Your favor.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Kelly Gerstenberger

Gracious God we come into Your house to have our hearts opened and our minds reminded of the gifts You shower upon us. Life is a gift and we are not here alone. We have each other to share it with and You to guide us on our journey. Bless us as we step forward each day in life. Hear us now as we pray together the prayer Your son taught us, "Our Father . . . "[debt, debtors]

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Red Hymnal) No. 513

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

OUR LIFE TOGETHER Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Faith Focus - The Creation Story Day 2 Marilyn Freeman

ANTHEM *Great God, Attend, While Zion Sings* Eugene Butler
Pilgrim Choir

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *The Flower that Shattered the Stone* Jarvis and Henry

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Red Hymnal) *Sweet Hour of Prayer (vs. 1)* No. 505

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Maker's throne let all my needs and wants be known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer!

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?* No. 539

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Kelly Gerstenberger

Exodus 17:10 - 13 (page 60)

Matthew 10: 1 - 16 (page 8)

SERMON *"I bring home in my heart, more than I brought home in my suitcase!"*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor* No. 590

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(We invite you to join hands as we sing)*

(Red Hymnal) *God Be With You Till We Meet Again (Verse 1)* No. 62

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE *Fugue* G.F. Handel

SIGN-IN

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.

We joyfully welcome all visitors!

Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.

Please join us again!

We are so glad You are Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for:

The people affected by the Hurricanes and Earthquakes.

A member trying to adjust to additional health issues and not give up on life.

Chandler & his family for strength & patience with his cancer diagnosis & treatments.

Our public servants, first responders and medical personnel.

Our elected officials in the White House!

Continue prayers for Cousin Jeff's continued progress with healing.



WELCOME ... Marty Siegel, a Sharing America's Resources Abroad (S.A.R.A.) missionary! She will join us for Fellowship Hour with a Light Lunch after worship today! Please give her and her grandson a warm welcome!

FAITH FOCUS - THIS WEEK: The Creation Story Day 2

This will be held in the Children's Library! It includes a story, craft & snacks!

For children: Preschool - Early Elementary Ages Children may leave the sanctuary with Marilyn Freeman after the Children's Sermon today!

14 - 60" round tables were purchased at \$100/table.

Thank you for the families that signed up to purchase a table!

Donations are still able to be made for the tables! Checks: Pilgrim UCC

We will celebrate the Reformation's 500 years with a German cuisine potluck during Fellowship Hour on October 29th!



Faith Formation will provide the main course.

Please plan on attending and bringing a side dish or dessert to share!

Knitting & Crocheting Update:

The Knitting & Crocheting will meet in the Rev. Greene Room from

6:30 pm - 8:15 pm EVERY Tuesday!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15 - Laity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room

9:30 a.m. Reformation Book Study, Adult Library

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce with Marty Siegal (S.A.R.A.), Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #4

Monday, October 16

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Summit Co. Teen Institute, Social Hall

6:30 p.m. Community Connections Committee, Adult Library

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting, Heritage Room

Tuesday, October 17

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. EOAWRA Periodic Support Education Day/Lunch, Social Hall

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library

6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Knit & Crochet, Rev. Greene Room

8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

Wednesday, October 18

2:15 - 9:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons, Adult Library, Children's Library, Nursery

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Heritage Room

8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir, Music Room

Thursday, October 19

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meetings, Adult & Children's Library & Nursery

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, October 20 - Spire Deadline

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Crooked River Alliance of Time Banks - Cuyahoga Falls Hub, Social Hall

Saturday, October 21

(No Time Given) Act-It UP! Set Work, Social Hall & Stage

11:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Children's Library

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room

9:30 a.m. Book Study: Reformation, Adult Library

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #3

11:45 a.m. Stewardship Board Meeting, Heritage Room

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #169, ATTIC

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