

The Reformation in England -

In **1567** a group of Separatists held worship in London's Plumbers' Hall, calling themselves "The Privye Church". They were persecuted, and their leader was killed. This was the beginning of the "**Congregational Way**", and secret meetings began happening in many places, all aware that government spies might report them at any time. **Robert Browne (1550 – 1633)** was the founder of the **Brownists**, a common designation for early Separatists from the Church of England before 1620. In **1521** in Norwich he voiced his belief that the only true church was a local body of believers who experiences the Christian life together, united to Christ, the head of the church—not the a king or a queen. He maintained that the people were the governors of the church and could elect pastors, teachers, elders, and deacons, according to the authority of the New Testament.



<https://www.geni.com/people/Rev-Robert-Browne/6000000035662316478>

John Smyth (1570 – August 1612) was an early Baptist minister of England and a defender of the principle of religious liberty. Historians consider John Smyth a **founder of the Baptist churches**. First, Smyth insisted that true worship was from the heart and that any form of reading from a book in worship was an invention of sinful man. This rejection of liturgy remains strong among many Baptists still today. Prayer, singing and preaching had to be completely spontaneous. He went so far with this ideology that he would not allow the reading of the Bible during worship on the grounds that a translation was "...the worke of a mans witt...& therefore not to be brought into the worship of God to be read." This idea stemmed from the belief that worship should be ordered by the Spirit."



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Greeters: Everyone present today!

Ushers: Thank You!

PowerPoint: Thank You!

Liturgist: Bob Kindel

Fellowship: Thank You!

Steeple Lighting: Thank You!

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Sunday, October 22, 2017



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Soli Deo Gloria

Rev. Kirk Bruce

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 22, 2017 † Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible* Arr. Faye Lopez

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command No. 592

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 96)

One: Let all the earth sing to the Lord a new song.

All: We shall praise God's holy name and proclaim His salvation is here.

One: Let us declare God's glory among all the nations, His marvelous deeds among all the people.

All: For great is the Lord our God, and worthy to be praised is He.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Bob Kindel

**O Lord, we come this morning to sing our praises to you, to invite you into our lives all over again, and to tell of the joy we find in life with you. Come O Lord, come into our hearts and minds, come into our thoughts and actions. Come O Lord, into our lives, for we invite you in. Hear us now as we pray 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 3* Marilyn Freeman

ANTHEM *Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart* David N. Childs
Bill Henry, guest artist
Pilgrim Choir

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *God of Grace and Glory* Arr. Eugene Butler

*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) Come, O Font of Every Blessing No. 459

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Bob Kindel

Psalm 24 (page 465)
Romans 11:33 - 36 (page 141)

SERMON *Soli Deo Gloria* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) God Moves in a Mysterious Way No. 87

*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 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Arr. Anthony Giamanco

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22

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

Monday, October 23

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #840, A.T.T.I.C.

Tuesday, October 24

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #244, Adult Library
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall
6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Knit & Crochet, Rev. Greene Room
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Rm

Wednesday, October 25

2:15 - 9:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,
Adult Library, Children's Library, Nursery
6:00 p.m. Pilgrim's Hand Bell - Rehearsal, Music Room
7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Romans 11, Heritage Room

Thursday, October 26

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Donato's Night, State Road & Chestnut Blvd.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, Social Hall
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, October 27

Saturday, October 28

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 29

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 - Faith Formation
Reformation Celebration of 500 Years!

Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent Thank You!

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



We will celebrate the Reformation's 500 years with a
German cuisine potluck NEXT SUNDAY 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!

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

Pray for:

The family & friends of Lorna "Ellen" Jenkins, who died October 11, 2017.
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.

FAITH FOCUS - THIS WEEK: The Creation Story Day 3

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!

Welcome Amy Sauriol & Bill McHenry!

***We are so blessed to have you with us this morning!
Your gift of much is VERY appreciated!***