

dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

# Pilgrim United Church of Christ

## A Caring Church for Thinking People

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Sunday, October 31, 2021



TODAY'S MESSAGE

***Beyond Death***

Rev. Glen A. Shedlock

WE REMEMBER OUR SAINTS

**Spirit of Love and Life, remind us to love life as fully as we are able. Remind us to treasure our friends and families as they treasured their friends and family. We celebrate the lives they lived among us, and now we find comfort in knowing their souls are at rest with you. For this we give you our eternal thanks and praise. Amen.**

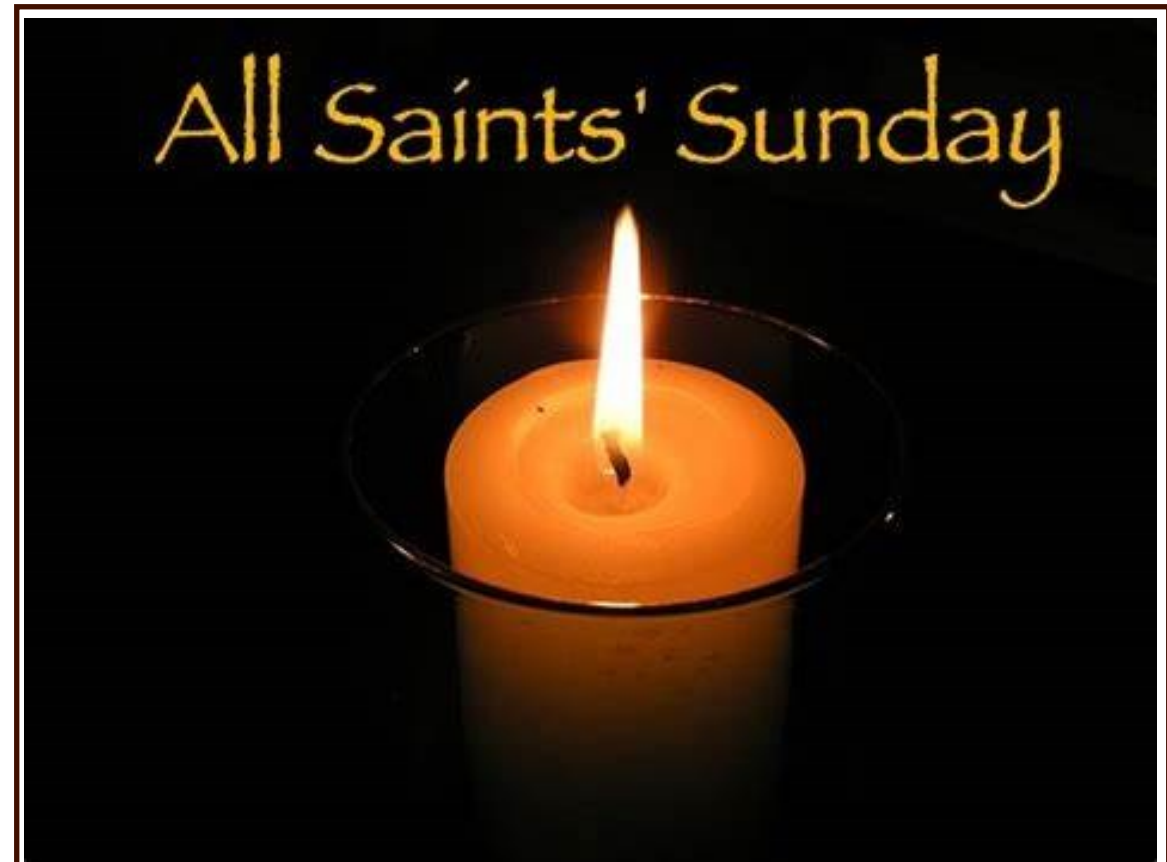
\*HYMN #433 New Century Hymnal (NCH) *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

\*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 *He's All I Need* Arr. Anthony Burger

<p><b>Mission Statement:</b>  <i>God calls us to live our faith as disciples          Sharing the love of God revealed through Christ          In the community and the world.</i></p>	<p><b>Alcolyte:</b> <i>Kristen Howe</i>  <b>Altar Flowers:</b> <i>Thank you!</i></p> <p><b>Fellowship:</b> <i>Not at this time.</i>  <b>Greeters:</b> <i>Not at this time.</i></p> <p><b>Liturgist:</b> <i>Thank You!</i>  <b>PowerPoint:</b> <i>Kathie Richards</i></p> <p><b>Steeple Lighting:</b> <i>Not at this time.</i>  <b>Ushers:</b> <i>John Richards</i></p>
<p><b><u>Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff</u></b>  <b>Transitional Pastor:</b> <i>Rev. Glen A. Shedlock</i>  <b>Minister of Music:</b> <i>Benjamin Knight</i>  <b>Choir Director:</b> <i>Kimberly Knight</i>  <b>Secretary:</b> <i>Kelly Gerstenberger</i></p>	



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**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**  
† Sunday, October 31, 2021 †  
**Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost**  
**All Saint's Day**

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 *Doxology* Traditional

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For this one hour, Spirit of Life and Love, we let go.

**Many: Because life is short, for this one hour, we will try to let go of our anxieties, our fears, our anger, our self-doubts, our regrets, our petty grievances, and our distractions.**

One: If only for this one hour, let the gentle voice of the Divine speak to our hearts and minds and lead us on our way to peace and serenity.

**Many: Amen. For this one holy hour. Amen.**

\*HYMN #297 The New Century Hymnal (NCH) *Give Thanks for Life*  
(To the tune of #299)

GATHERING PRAYER

One: Today we gather as God's people to remember and celebrate those who, by their faith and love, have blessed our lives. Together, let us cherish the memories they evoke and open our hearts to feel their presence among us, and give thanks to God, who gently holds us in love's eternal embrace. Let us pray together...

**Many: Holy and Eternal One, Source of Life and Conqueror of Death, we give you thanks and praise for all the special people who have helped to make our lives worth living. We come just as we are, offering our tears and laughter in witness to the power of love, which refuses to be contained by space or time. Comfort and**

Inspire us through the presence of your Holy Spirit, that we might hold tight to your promises and remember that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor heavenly rulers, nor things that are present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 *Thy Word* A. Grant/ M. Smith

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around ***Marjorie Mortimer !***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Yonder Come Day* Judith Tucker

OR  
SPECIAL MUSIC *You Are My All In All* Jernigan

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE -

Revelation 21:1-6b NIV

<sup>21</sup>Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully

## 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. Prayers & Praises
- ◇ The spiritually empty.
- ◇ The emotionally worn-out.
- ◇ Food shortages and food deserts.
- ◇ Parent's & Grandparents, supporting their children and grandchildren.
- ◇ Turmoil around the world that is effecting many people.
- ◇ Our country's Leadership and the decisions being made that effects our future.
- ◇ ***The significant interest in Pilgrim's future by the members and friends of the faith community.***
- ◇ ***All healing from surgeries.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Contributions Received:

\$ 881.00	September 3, 2021	\$ 3,691.00	October 3, 2021
\$7,251.55+	September 12, 2021	\$ 2,261.00	October 10, 2021
\$2,190.50	September 19, 2021	\$	October 17, 2021
\$5,365.00+	September 26, 2021	\$	October 24, 2021
\$		\$	October 31, 2021
<b>\$10,323.05</b>	<b>September Totals</b>	<b>\$ 5,952.00</b>	<b>October Totals</b>

**+Ameriprise Reserve Account - \$2,000.00 + \$3,000.00 = \$5,000.00 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](http://www.pilgrimcf.org)***



## CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 31, 2021: All Saint's Day**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary**

**Monday, November 1, 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, November 2, 2021:**  
***Absorbent Minds Montessori School***  
2:30 - 6:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library  
8:00 p.m. Broad Highway group, Heritage Room

**Wednesday, November 3, 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, November 4, 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, November 5, 2021:**  
***Absorbent Minds Montessori School***

**Saturday, November 6, 2021:**  
**12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Akron Multi-District AA meeting, Adult Library**  
6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

**Sunday, November 7, 2021:**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary**

**Monday, November 8, 2021:**  
***Absorbent Minds Montessori School***  
:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library  
**6:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting, Heritage Room**