

<sup>3</sup> As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

TODAY’S MESSAGE                      **The BIG Picture**                      Rev. Glen Shedlock

\*HYMN #473 New Century Hymnal (NCH)                      *Blessed Assurance*

\*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                      *All I Need Is You*                      Hillsong UNITED

	
<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><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>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> <i>John Richards</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>

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Sunday, November 14, 2021



***The BIG Picture***  
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**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**

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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost**

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 *The Heart of Worship* Matt Redman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP John Richards

One: Come, bless the Lord who guides us, whose wise teaching directs our days and focuses our minds at night; whose presence sustains us and surrounds us here.

**Many: We bless the Lord who is present among us. We will not be shaken or live in fear. We will sing God's praise and worship with joy!**

\*HYMN #42 The New Century Hymnal (NCH) *O for a Thousand Tongues* to Sing

GATHERING PRAYER John Richards

One: We cannot pray to you, O God, to banish war,

**Many: For you have filled the world with paths to peace, if only we would take them.**

One: We cannot pray to you, O God, to end starvation,

**Many: For there is food enough for all, if only we would share it.**

One: We cannot pray to you, O God, for prejudice and hatred to cease,

**Many: For you are waiting for us to see the good in all that lies before our eyes, if only we would use them.**

One: We cannot pray to you, O God, to root out our despair,

**Many: For the spark of hope already burns within the human heart, waiting for us to fan it into roaring flame.**

One: We must not ask of you, O God, to take away the tasks to which you have called us,

**Many: We cannot shirk, we cannot flee away, avoiding obligation forever.**

One: Therefore, we pray, O God...

**Many: For wisdom and will, for courage to do and to become, not only to look on with helpless yearning as though we had no strength.**

One: For your sake, O God, and for our own, speedily and soon, let it be:

**Many: That our land may be safe, and that our lives may be blessed.**

PRAYER OF OUR LORD John Richards

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 *Amazing Grace* J. Newton

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around **Barbara Mellinger !**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Come, Christians, Join To Sing* Christian H. Bateman

OR

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lamb of God* Arr. Larson

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - John Richards

**Mark 13:1 - 8 NIV**

**13** As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

<sup>2</sup>"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

## WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all visitors!  
Please join us again!

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

- ◇ Birth of Logan Thomas Williams, 10.14.2021, weighing 8#, 3 oz, grandson of Dan & Kelly Gerstenberger.
- ◇ Those dealing with and healing from COVID for: Nick, Fairlawn Paramedic/Firefighter; Mike, Akron Police; Taylor, Army in Alaska; Diane, Lynchburg, Tennessee; Churches with many COVID cases; Tammy & Harvey Curtis; Jim Albright & Linda Middleton. *Thank you to everyone for wearing masks and social distancing!*
- ◇ Healing for Jeff, Missi & Glen dealing with medical issues. **Prayers & Praises**
- ◇ Answers for Andrew, Mark Opritza's father, seeking options for carotid artery blockages at 94 years old.
- ◇ The Kraft family experiencing the death of a grandmother and aunt in a short time.
- ◇ Those who have...left the church, enemies of the church, and have not found a church. The poor and the hungry.
- ◇ The safe return of the Missionaries from Wayne county.
- ◇ Everyone to "Love their neighbors as they love themselves."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Contributions Received:

\$ 3,691.00	October 3, 2021	\$ 2,036.00	November 7, 2021
\$ 2,261.00	October 10, 2021	\$	November 14, 2021
\$ 4,525.00+	October 17, 2021	\$	November 21, 2021
\$ 8,042.50+	October 24, 2021	\$	November 28, 2021
\$ 2,271.00	October 31, 2021	\$	November 28, 2021
<b>\$20,790.50+</b>	<b>October Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,036.00</b>	<b>November Totals</b>

**+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement) \$4,000.00 + \$5,000.00 = \$9,000.00**

- **ACME Community Cash Back** receipts are being collected. See the box across from the restrooms in the education wing.
- **Handbell Rehearsals** are Monday's at 5:15 p.m. in the Music Room. All are welcome to join in the ringing.
- **The Mitten Tree** will be going up next week. Hats, Scarves, & Gloves are needed.
- **Toys Around the Manger**, Sunday, December 5th. Gifts for all ages will be collected for Good Neighbors.



## CALENDAR

**Sunday, November 14, 2021:** Stewardship Sunday  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen Shedlock, Sanctuary**

**Monday, November 15, 2021:**

**Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

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

**5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Music Room**

**6:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting, Heritage Room - All are Invited!**

**Tuesday, November 16, 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 17, 2021:** Secretary out of the office.

**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 18, 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 19, 2021:**

**Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

**Saturday, November 20, 2021:**

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Akron Multi-District AA meeting, Adult Library

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #8186 - Raingutter Regatta, Social Hall

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

**Sunday, November 21, 2021:** Thanksgiving Sunday  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary**

**Monday, November 22, 2021:**

**Absorbent Minds Montessori School**

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

**5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Music Room**

**6:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting, Heritage Room - All are Invited!**