

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Unlikely King

Rev. Carol Clements

SONG #91 New Century Hymnal

Wake, My Soul

PRAYER

One: Christ our king, reign in our hearts and grant this world your peace.

**All: Reign in our hearts, that your love may change this world, for it is the only power that can do so, through the grace of Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

RESPONSE

Spirit of God

Steve Garnaas Holmes

**Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ is the World's True Light

Johann Sebastian Bach



These small stuffed critters are in the church sanctuary and are ready, to take to anyone who needs to know that someone cares about them.

Altar Flowers: *Mick Miller*

Liturgist: *Kathie Richards*

Dedication: *In honor of family & friends!*

PowerPoint: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

Live Stream: *Dan Gerstenberger*

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff

Guest/Pulpit Supply Pastor: *Rev. Carol Clements*

Minister of Music: *Benjamin Knight*

Choir Director: *Kimberly Knight*

Secretary: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

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Sunday, November 20, 2022



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Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
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Reign of Christ Sunday

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST BREATHE: (moments for silent reflection)

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my stronghold and my refuge.”

One: *I call on you Lord, who is worthy to be praised.*

PRELUDE *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I* Johann Crüger, Arr. Shackley

CALL TO WORSHIP Kathie Richards

One: Come! Let us worship the King! Give praise to our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: For in Jesus was our promised Messiah, God with us in every way.

One: All who know Christ know also the very heart of Almighty God!

All: God was in Christ, redeeming us and calling us to receive eternity.

One: God so loved us that we were sent the Christ to give us eternal life.

All: Let us then celebrate the fullness of God in Christ and worship and praise the one who has brought us out of darkness.

HYMN #301 New Century Hymnal *Crown with Your Richest Crowns*

GATHERING Kathie Richards

One: All-knowing God who sent Jesus to this earth to demonstrate your rule of love, let your chosen one inspire us now to make a faithful response to your call for justice and peace.

All: We recognize your beloved child as head of the church and ruler in our individual lives. May we live even now as residents of your realm. Amen.

RESPONSE #283 New Century Hymnal

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, make me, fill me;
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *Praise to God, Immortal Praise* Sir Francis Champneys

HYMN #277 Pilgrim Hymnal *Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Carol Clements

CHOIR ANTHEM *Thanksgiving!* John Ness Beck

(or)

SPECIAL MUSIC *O God Beyond All Praising* Gustav Holst
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 Kathie Richards

Luke 23:33 - 43 CEB

³³When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.” They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

³⁵The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one.”

³⁶The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read “This is the king of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, “Don’t you fear God, seeing that you’ve also been sentenced to die? ⁴¹We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus replied, “I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise.”

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 20, 2022:

10:30 a.m. In-Person & Live-Stream (Facebook) Worship Service,
Rev. Carol Clements, Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship/Social Hour - Beverages, Social Hall

11:40 a.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal, Music Room

Monday, November 21, 2022:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin Lessons, Adult Library

Tuesday, November 22, 2022:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin Lessons, Adult Library

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA, Heritage Room

Wednesday, November 23, 2022:

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin Lessons, Adult Library

6:45 - 9:30 p.m. Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Social Hall

Thursday, November 24, 2022: Thanksgiving Day

Offices Closed

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

Friday, November 25, 2022: Thanksgiving Holiday

Offices Closed

Saturday, November 26, 2022:

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, November 27, 2022: 1st Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. In-Person & Live-Stream (Facebook) Worship Service,
Rev. Carol Clements, Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship/Social Hour - Beverages, Social Hall

11:40 a.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal, Music Room

Monday, November 28, 2022:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin Lessons, Adult Library

WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all visitors!

Please join us again!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The collection box is set-up in the hallway on the way to the sanctuary from the parking lot. Place your receipts from August 4 - December 24, 2022 with the "Community Cash Back" amounts in the collection box or send into Pilgrim's office.

As of November 6th Pilgrim has collected \$1,681.05 in Community Cash Back!



Advent Dinner, Crafts & Carols

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Pilgrim UCC Social Hall

*Sign-up to bring a side dish, salad or dessert!
Sign-up Sheets are located on the table across from the restrooms in Education Wing!*

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- FILL THE PEW -

- ◇ Bring new blankets and new towel sets for Good Neighbors.
- ◇ Items are being collected for the Blessing Box.
 - Cereal
 - Canned Vegetables
 - Shaving Cream/Razors
 - Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
 - Gloves/Mittens/Hats/Scarfs
 - Canned Fruit
 - Canned Meats
 - Kleenex
 - Toilet Paper