

done?" ³⁶Jesus replied, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn't have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn't from here." ³⁷"So you are a king?" Pilate said. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸"What is truth?" Pilate asked.

TODAY'S MESSAGE **Jesus: King or Court Jester?** Rev. Glen Shedlock

*HYMN #199 Pilgrim Hymnal (PH) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*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
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!

*POSTLUDE *All I Need Is You* Hillsong UNITED

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<p>Mission Statement: <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>Alcolyte: <i>Kristen Howe</i> Altar Flowers: <i>Thank you!</i></p> <p>Fellowship: <i>Not at this time.</i> Greeters: <i>Not at this time.</i></p>
<p><u>Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff</u> Transitional Pastor: <i>Rev. Glen A. Shedlock</i> Minister of Music: <i>Benjamin Knight</i> Choir Director: <i>Kimberly Knight</i> Secretary: <i>Kelly Gerstenberger</i></p>	<p>Liturgist: <i>Kurt Spenoso</i> PowerPoint: <i>Kathie Richards</i></p> <p>Steeple Lighting: <i>Not at this time.</i> Ushers: <i>Thank you!</i></p>

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Reign of Christ Sunday

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 Rejoice, the Lord Is King Charles Wesley

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kurt Spenoso
One: We gather in this sacred place to worship and give thanks and praise to God.

Many: We come, clothed in God's love and inspired by God's Spirit to celebrate the reign of Christ.

One: We gather as God's beloved community, united by a common commitment to follow in the way of Jesus of Nazareth.

Many: In his living, Christ has shown us how to live passionately; In his loving, he has shown us how to love unconditionally; In his dying, he has shown us how to die without fear; and in his rising, he has shown us how to rise above despair and hopelessness.

One: Praise to the One Who Was, Who Is, and Who Is Coming.

Many: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen."

*HYMN #6 Pilgrim Hymnal (PH) *O Worship the King All Glorious Above*

GATHERING PRAYER Kurt Spenoso
One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us stand before the Sovereign Christ and lift our gathering prayer:

Many: Eternal God, Creator and Sovereign of the Universe, you have established Christ as the ruler of all Creation. The world of human power and empire is an illusion. The real world is your Empire of

Grace, ruled over by Christ, the living embodiment of your love. We come to align ourselves once again to your reign of grace. Speak your Word to us as citizens of heaven, that we may be loyal to you alone. We pledge allegiance to you and to no other, in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF OUR LORD Kurt Spenoso
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 The King of Love My Shepherd Is H.W. Baker

JOYS & CONCERNS

TODAY'S "ARMS OF LOVE" are wrapped around **Peg Ewart !**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM Yonder Come Day Arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney
OR
SPECIAL MUSIC *Lamb of God* Arr. Larson

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - Kurt Spenoso
John 18:33 - 38 CEB

³³Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you

WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all visitors!

Please join us again!

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

- ◇ ***Brynn testing for possible cancer.***
- ◇ ***Kelly upcoming surgery on November 30th.***
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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, are enemies of the church, and have not found a church. The poor and the hungry. **Prayers & Praises**
- ◇ 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	\$ 5,450.00+	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		
\$20,790.50+	October Totals	\$ 7,486.00	November Totals

+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement) \$4,000.00 + \$5,000.00 + 2,500.00 =
\$11,500.00

- ***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 4:30 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 21, 2021: Thanksgiving Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen 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

4:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Music Room

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

Tuesday, November 23, 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 24, 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 25, 2021: Thanksgiving Day

Offices Closed

Friday, November 26, 2021: Black Friday

Offices Closed

Saturday, November 27, 2021:

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

Sunday, November 28, 2021: First Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary

Monday, November 29, 2021:

Absorbent Minds Montessori School

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

4:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Music Room

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

Tuesday, November 30, 2021: *Secretary out of office.*

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