

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
130 Broad Blvd.  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221  
**November 22, 2020 - Worship Service**

**WELCOME**

**VOCAL PRELUDE**

*As the Deer*

Pianist: Benjamin Knight  
Soloist: Rev. Glen Shedlock

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .

P: **Not because the world is good and last week was awesome, but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the God who rules the cosmos, and my life.**

L: O come let us worship and raise our hands . . .

P: **Not because our lives are all sweetness and light, but because even those who walk in darkness can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star.**

L: O come let us worship and bow down . . .

P: **Not because God gives us what we want, but because God gives us what we need – Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.**

**SONG**

*Come, O Thankful People, Come*

Henry Alford

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts/debtors")**

L: Almighty God: from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people.

P: **King of Kings and Lord of Lords: you became weak so you could confront the strength of sin and death, confounding their ridicule with your resurrection.**

L: Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope; your hope leads us into your Kingdom.

P: **Now, as you draw us close to your heart, which is our true home, let us once again pray using the words Jesus taught us, saying,  
"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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Come, Follow Me*

Arr: Susan Henry  
Mr. Benjamin Knight

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Glen Shedlock

**VIDEO PRESENTATION**

*I Am Human*

Maya Angelou

**SCRIPTURE READING****Matthew 25:31-46****Common English Version**

<sup>31</sup>“Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

<sup>34</sup>“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. <sup>35</sup>I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

<sup>37</sup>“Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

<sup>40</sup>“Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>I was hungry and you didn’t give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn’t give me anything to drink. <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you didn’t welcome me. I was naked and you didn’t give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

<sup>44</sup>“Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn’t do anything to help you?’ <sup>44</sup>Then he will answer, ‘I assure you that when you haven’t done it for one of the least of these, you haven’t done it for me.’ <sup>46</sup>And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life.”

**TODAY’S MESSAGE***Cost and Joy of Discipleship***Rev. Glen Shedlock****SONG***Now Thank We All Our God***Martin Rinkart****BENEDICTION****Rev. Glen Shedlock****POSTLUDE***You Are My Hiding Place***Michael Ledner**