

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
130 Broad Blvd.
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221
November 29, 2020 - Worship Service

WELCOME

VOCAL PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Pianist: Benjamin Knight
Soloist: Ms. Kim Bernstuhl

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The power of dreams lies in waking up,
for when we close our eyes,

P: we can see a better world.

L: When we close our eyes...

P: we can dream a better dream.

L: But when we open our eyes,

P: we begin the work of faith.

L: The power of worship is the same;
When we enter this space,

P: we can see a better world.

L: When we enter this space,

P: we dream a better dream.

L: But when we leave this space,

P: we begin the work of faith.

L: So come in. Dream your dream.

P: Find hope here.

L: For in an hour,

P: we will begin the work of faith.

SONG

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

WE LIGHT THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

Our thanks to the Subichin family for lighting today's advent candle.

ONE CANDLE IS LIT

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VIDEO PRESENTATION

Those Who Dream

The Many

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-37

Common English Bible

²⁴"In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won't give its light. ²⁵The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. ²⁷Then he will send the angels and gather

together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

²⁸“Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he’s near, at the door. ³⁰I assure you that this generation won’t pass away until all these things happen. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

³²“But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. ³³Watch out! Stay alert! You don’t know when the time is coming. ³⁴It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. ³⁵Therefore, stay alert! You don’t know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. ³⁶Don’t let him show up when you weren’t expecting and find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert! Keep awake!”

TODAY’S MESSAGE

Keep Awake and Dream!

Rev. Glen Shedlock

WE GATHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Please have some juice and a small piece of bread, a cracker, or some other item suitable to represent the host, available for your full participation.

BENEDICTION

L: We believe in God.

P: We believe that God has dreams for humanity.

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

P: We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when our dreams turn to nightmares.

L: We believe in Jesus.

P: We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up, inviting us to be the church in the world.

L: We believe in dreams.

P: We believe in the power that dreams have to show us a new way.

L: So in this advent season,

P: We are those who dream and those who wake up. May it be so. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Four Hands

By: F. Schubert
Pianists: Lily & Marko Laszlo