

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
130 Broad Blvd.  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221  
**December 6, 2020 - Worship Service**

**WELCOME**

**INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE**

*Carol of the Bells*

**Brass Quartet**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: I heard the bells on Christmas Day,  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet, their words repeat
- P: of peace on earth, good-will to men.**
- L: I thought as how the day had come,  
the belfries of all Christendom,  
had rolled along the unbroken song,
- P: of peace on earth, good-will to men.**
- L: Till ringing, singing, on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
- P: of peace on earth, good-will to men.**
- P: Then in despair I bowed my head,  
There is no peace on earth, I said,  
For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.**
- L: Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,  
God is not dead, nor doth God sleep,  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
- P: with peace on earth, good-will to men.**

***POEM FOR REFLECTION*** *Dreams* by Langston Hughes **Melissa Shedlock**

**WE LIGHT THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE - PEACE**

*Our thanks to Diane Badner and Duane and Cooper Tomak for lighting today's advent candle.*

**ONE CANDLE IS LIT**

**Pianist: Benjamin Knight  
Vocalist: Ms. Kim Brenstuhl**

**SONG***Angels, from the Realms of Glory***James Montgomery****SCRIPTURE****Mark 1:1-8****Common English Bible**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God's Son, <sup>2</sup>happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah:

Look, I am sending my messenger before you.

He will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>a voice shouting in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way for the Lord;

make his paths straight.”

<sup>4</sup>John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. <sup>5</sup>Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He announced, “One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**VIDEO PRESENTATION***Those Who Dream***The Many****TODAY'S MESSAGE***Prepare the Way...and Dream!***Rev. Glen Shedlock****SONG***On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry***Charles Coffin**Translated: **John Chandler****BENEDICTION****Rev. Glen Shedlock****POSTLUDE***Crown Him with Many Crowns***Matthew Bridges**