

*Pilgrim United Church of Christ*  
*A Caring Church for Thinking People*

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Sunday, March 25, 2018

***Attitude Adjustment***

**Rev. Kirk W. Bruce**

Plan to celebrate the joy of Easter with  
family and friends on  
Sunday, April 1st at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy special music, scriptures, and an uplifting sermon by Rev. Kirk W. Bruce.  
Although there will not be communion, there will be the blessing of the children.

Then stay for fellowship hour.

**Mission Statement:**

*God calls us to live our faith as disciples  
Sharing the love of God revealed through Christ  
In the community and the world.*

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Acolyte: *Thank You!*  
Altar Flowers: *For Family & Friends!*  
*Rich & Kris Gill*  
Greeters: *Everyone present today!*  
Ushers: *Thank You!*  
PowerPoint: *Cheryl Bruce*  
Liturgist: *Ed Schadle*  
Fellowship: *Team #4*  
Steeple Lighting: *Thank You!*



PALM SUNDAY  
CELEBRATE THE KING!

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**Sunday, March 25, 2018 † Palm Sunday**

THE PRELUDE *Hosanna! Hosanna!* Mary Kay Beall  
\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 155  
Hand Bells

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)  
One: Let us gather and give thanks to the Lord for he is good.  
**All: His love endures forever.**  
One: Let all God's people sing of how great His love is.  
**All: You O Lord, are our God and to you we give you our thanks.**

\*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Ed Schadle  
**O Lord, we gather this day to tell one another of your great love in our lives; to sing of the joys we discover when we open our hearts to see your blessings, and to give you our thanks. For life with you is a gift. Come now into the depth of our hearts and souls. Come now to bless us and guide us as we pray together the prayer your Son taught us, "Our Father . . ." [debt, debtors]**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (Red Hymnal) No. 513

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD AND EACH OTHER**

\*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

OUR LIFE TOGETHER Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce  
Faith Focus Palm Sunday Parade

ANTHEM: *Hosanna! He Comes* Bruce Stevenson  
Pilgrim Choir

**\*all who are able may stand**

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Angelus* Victor Herbert

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER  
(Red Hymnal) *Abide With Me (verse 1)* No. 209  
**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide; when other helpers fail, and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* Kevin McChesney  
Hand Bells

\*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Now the Green Blade Rises* No. 238

**GOD GIVES TO US**

SCRIPTURES Philippians 2:5 - 11 (page 174) Ed Schadle  
John 12:12 - 16 (page 92)

SERMON *Attitude Adjustment* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE**

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty* No. 175

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Here I Am Lord (verse 3 with refrain)* Dan Schutte  
*(We invite you to join hands as we sing)*  
**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will give my life to them, whom shall I send? Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

POSTLUDE *A Garden Sunrise* David Paxton



### **SIGN-IN**

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.  
We joyfully welcome all visitors! Please join us again!  
Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.  
We are so glad You are Worshiping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ***Pray for:***

Amy, a co-worker, with hearing loss due to an ear infection. Pray that medicine will restore some of her hearing.

Sister who needs help and guidance with addiction problems.

Mark Poling, step-son of Dr. Don, recovering from a stroke.

Jane (92), a friend, in the hospital dealing with several medical issues.

A friend with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), & the family, who are struggling.

Friends Carole and Jed.

Kelly K., so she gets her transfer back home closer to her parents.

My family to be healed and reunited together. To keep us close to God and allow his grace to work out a miracle for our situation.

Rev. Stephen Szilagyi for healing from surgery & positive outcome for his cancer diagnosis.

Healing for those who are sick or dealing with a difficult diagnosis.



#### ***Faith Formation Board -***

***Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, activities & crafts. . .***

***To help now***, please bring wrapped candy in and place in the donation box in the Social Hall.

***To help is needed on March 30, 2018*** to fill the plastic eggs with candy & set-up for the event.

***To help the day of the event, March 31, 2018***, contact Mitzi, Evelyn, Marilyn or the church office at 330-928-4847.

***Due to the lack of middle and high school Youth. . .***

***Help is needed in the kitchen*** to help with the cooking and serving of the pancakes and sausage.

***Help is also needed to supervise*** the craft tables, face painting, calk walk, age-divided Easter Egg

Hunt, don the Easter Bunny costume, take & print photos with the Easter Bunny AND clean-up.

***Cakes are needed for the CAKE WALK, too! Drop off on Friday or early Saturday morning.***

*The fliers are posted at the main entrances & bulletin boards!*

Please share with your neighbors, family and friends! Thank You!

#### ***Easter Lilies for April 1, 2018***

For those who have signed-up for Easter Lilies. Please make your check payable to Pilgrim UCC for \$ 12.00. Thank you! Diaconate Board

#### ***HEALING SERVICE—Sunday, April 8th following the 10:30 a.m. service!***

Plan to attend the . . .

***Seder/Palestinian Meal on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall***

***Tennebrae Service at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary***

Please contact Kathie Richards if you are able to help with the prep, serving or clean-up!

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary  
Children's Palms Parade

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #4, Social Hall

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #169, Adult Library

#### **Monday, March 26, 2018**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #840, A.T.T.I.C.

#### **Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

***10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library***

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall

8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

#### **Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Children's Library

***1:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal, Music Room***

***NO Bible Study***

#### **Thursday, March 29, 2018 - Maundy Thursday**

***6:30 p.m. Seder/Palestinian Meal, Social Hall***

***7:30 p.m. Tennebrae Service, Sanctuary***

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

#### **Friday, March 30, 2018 - Good Friday**

***9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Faith Formation Set-up for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny,***  
Kitchen, Social Hall, Heritage Room

#### **Saturday, March 31, 2018**

***8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & More, Social Hall, Kitchen***

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

#### **Sunday, April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Social Hall

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall

#### **Monday, April 2, 2018 - Easter Monday**

***Offices Closed***

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Summit County Teen Institute, Social Hall

6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board Meeting, Adult Library