

*Prayer Station located in the Heritage Room . . .*

*Seeking God*

Jeremiah 29:13 ~ “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

*I Saw Jesus Today* by Vinita Hampton Wright

I saw Jesus on the train today. He had worked a long shift, his coveralls a patchwork of sweat and grime; yet he joked with a coworker in the adjacent seat. I saw Jesus awhile later, as the crowd filed onto the stairs to the street below—he was a young girl with two small children in tow, her nerves clearly frayed. And then, In the grocery store, there was Jesus again, a check-out clerk who smiled and wished me a good evening. The next time I saw him, he was stuck in traffic, his business suit rumpled and his eyes weary. And when I walked by my neighbor's house, Jesus sat on the front step, passing the time with a friend.

When Jesus came to share our human existence, he changed what it means to be ordinary people going through the day. Each one of us has a purpose and a place in the world. Each of us experiences pain, fatigue, humor, and hope. If we look more intently at the people we encounter on a typical day, we will see who they truly are—persons loved by God. Regardless of appearance or situation, the woman, man, or child before you is brimming with holy possibility. Consider that you are gazing into the eyes of God. Understand that Jesus comes to you in many faces and places.

Vinita Hampton Wright is a Loyola Press editor and writer of many books, including *Days of Deepening Friendship* and *Simple Acts of Moving Forward*.

Look through the pictures on the table. Choose one that speaks to you and study it for a moment or two. Why did you choose this picture? How would you describe this image to another person? What story does it tell? How might it relate to the scripture passage above? How might God be in this image? What would God be doing? What is God saying to you from this picture and scripture? How is God inviting your story to be connected to the story in the picture?



Acolyte: *Thank You!*  
Altar Flowers: *Herb & Lois Rake*  
*“In Memory of Lois Shook”*  
Greeters: *Everyone present today!*  
Ushers: *Thank You!*  
PowerPoint: *Thank You!*  
Liturgist: *Rich Shisler*  
Fellowship: *Team #2 – Janna Redd*  
Steeple Lighting: *Thank you!*

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# *Pilgrim United Church of Christ*

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Sunday, April 9, 2017



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.*

*Pilgrim United Church of Christ*  
*A Caring Church for Thinking People*  
Sunday, April 9, 2017 † The Sixth Sunday in Lent

*Requiem* by John Starr Alexander

I. *Requiem aeterna, Kyrie*

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 155

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 31)

One: O Lord, let Your mercy reign in our lives when we are tired and weak.

All: We come trusting in You O Lord, for You are our God.

One: Let Your face shine upon us and embrace us with Your love.

All: For we come this day trusting and loving, knowing You are our God.

\*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Rich Shisler

We gather in Your house O Lord, setting aside all that separates us from one another, trusting in Your power to make us one. We come knowing that we do not always see the world the same as those around us, but we know Your mighty love within us, can make us one. Work Your miracle upon and around us. Hear us now 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

II. *Gradual*

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

\*all who are able may stand

III. *Offertorium*

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Red Hymnal) *Just As I Am Without One Plea (vs. 4)* No. 319

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

IV. *Sanctus*

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Rich Shisler

The Gospel According to Matthew 21:1 – 11 (page 19)

V. *Pie Jesu*

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

VI. *Agnus Dei*

VII. *Lux aeterna*

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go In Peace* Kenneth White

(*We invite you to join hands as we sing*)

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life! Go in Peace and the peace of God be with you always.

VII. *Libera Me*

*Thank You to:*

*The Chancel Choir; Ashley Halfer, soprano; Mackenzie Henry, soprano; Matt Flors, tenor; Ken Anderson, baritone; Chelsey Bruce, violin; Jennifer Ledyard, english horn; Ariel David Londono, violoncello; Cecilia Hiros, harp; Amy Sauriol, piano; Kyle Kelvington, director*

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 9 – PALM SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Team #2  
11:30 a.m. Music Committee Meeting, Rev. Greene Room  
11:45 a.m. Stewardship Board Meeting, Heritage Room

### Monday, April 10

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

### Tuesday, April 11

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group, Rev. Green Room  
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

### Wednesday, April 12

4:00 – 8:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School–Cello, Adult Library  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Heritage Room  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Heritage Room  
7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall  
8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir, Music Room

### Thursday, April 13 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meetings, AL, CL, N, CR  
6:30 p.m. Palestinian Meal with Seder Elements, Social Hall  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room  
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, April 14 – GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Youth Group & Faith Formation Board – Set-Up Breakfast WTEB and More!  
Girl Scout Troop #319, Adult Library

### Saturday, April 15 – HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and More!  
11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School–Cello, Children’s Library  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

### Sunday, April 16 – EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Team #3

\*Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent\* Thank You!

## SIGN-IN

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.

We joyfully welcome all visitors!  
Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.

Please join us again!  
We are so glad You are Worshiping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

*Thank You to our vocalists and musicians during worship this morning!*

*The Chancel Choir: Ashley Halfer, soprano, Mackenzie Henry, soprano;  
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**Roberts Middle School in Cuyahoga Falls** has invited Pilgrim’s active adults (senior citizens) to a free activity on April 13th from 8 –9 am, Pastries, donuts & coffee will be served to all attendees with live choral and instrumental music. At 9:00 – 11:00 am the first 20 people to RSVP will be paired with an advanced art students and move to the art room for a painting party. Questions and RSVP to the school at 330-926-3809.

### *Pray for:*

The family of Nancy Van Waes grieving the death of Gordon on April 3rd.  
Those who are facing a tough road ahead with illness in the family.

Alice for patience, strength and endurance.

Peace & healing for people who are hurting & dealing with life's' struggles.

A good friend who is struggling and needs prayers of comfort & support.



### **Maundy Thursday — April 13th**

6:30 p.m. Palestinian Meal with Seder elements, Social Hall  
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

A list of services for:

**Good Friday** at local United Church of Christ Churches is available in the office.

Once again the Youth Group and Faith Formation Board are gearing up for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny... games, crafts, photographs, cake walk, stories, and age-divided Easter Egg Hunt.

Please volunteer to help! Jobs include: cooking pancakes and sausage, providing small individual wrapped candies & decorated cakes, help with crafts, help with photographs, clean-up and more. No one will be turned away from helping.