

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

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Sunday, April 1, 2018

“April Fools” Rev. Kirk Bruce

Translation of the *Requiem*:

IV. *Pie Jesu* - Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest, grant them rest, eternal rest.

VI. *Libera Me* - Deliver me, O Lord, from everlasting death on that dreadful day when the heavens and the earth shall be moved when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

VII. *In Paradisum* - May the angels receive them in Paradise, at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. There may the chorus of angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may thou have eternal rest.

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.*

*“They found the stone rolled away
from the tomb, but when they went
in, they did not find the body.”
Luke 24:2-3*

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Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Altar Flowers:

See the list of dedications in the bulletin.

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Cheryl Bruce*

Liturgist: *Janis Morgan*

Fellowship: *Thank You!*

Steeple Lighting: *Thank You!*

RAISE YOUR JOYS AND
TRIUMPHS HIGH;

SING YE HEAVENS,
AND EARTH REPLY,

ALLELUIA!

—Charles Wesley

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
A Caring Church for Thinking People
Sunday, April 1, 2018 † Easter Sunday

THE PRELUDE *Blow Ye the Trumpet* Henry Purcell
 Brian Ewart, soprano saxophone

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* No. 182
 Bill McHenry, trumpet

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)
 One: Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God, for He is good.
All: Let all God's people sing of His love which endures forever.
 One: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.
All: This is a day that the Lord has made. Let us gather and be glad in it.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Janis Morgan
O Lord our God, there is much we do not understand in life but, this we know. You love us so much that you would let nothing come between us and yourself. For your great love we give you our thanks. There is nothing you would not do for us. You gave us yourself. Come 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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
 Faith Focus Jesus Lives!

SPECIAL MUSIC from *Requiem* Gabriel Faure
 IV. *Pie Jesu* Ashley Hafler, soprano
 VI. *Libera Me* Nicholas Guitierrez, baritone
 VII. *In Paradisum* Pilgrim Choir

***all who are able may stand**

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:

A friend with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is showing great improvement, still needs prayers because PTSD is a lifelong battle for the person & the family. The prayers for Carl, who has cancer, are working! He has not gotten better BUT IT HAS STAYED THE SAME SIZE AND HAS NOT INFECTED OTHER AREAS!!!! This is a blessing for this type of cancer. Cheryl's mom, Susan's mom, Louise & Jaynu all in their 90's & having medical problems. For the sick & suffering from various health, family & emotional problems & are in pain. Bless them as we enter Holy Week! Peace to all!
 Linda with a back problem.
 Thelma with a hip problem. ***Thank You for the Prayers!***
 Howell & Stimmel families for peace and healing.
 Mark Poling, step-son of Dr. Don, recovering slowly from a stroke.



SAVE THE DATE: *Healing Service Sunday, April 8th after 10:30 a.m. Worship*

Healing services bring our congregation together to bless one another while specifically asking for healing in our world, nation, community, families, and friends. This may include those we know or don't know enduring serious illnesses, stress, concerns and/or natural or man-made disasters. This ritual offers us a time and place to pause, lift up concerns, and encounter the healing energy through the laying-on-of-hands.

EVERYONE is welcome!

April 29 ~ 2 pm ~ Pet Blessing



Bring your real pets, virtual pets, pet pictures and/or pet memories and we'll bless all God's critters! Even snakes!

Easter Lilies that were purchased, are to be taken by the purchaser TODAY! These are labeled with the dedication and the name of the person that purchased these lovely lilies. Your patience is needed as Polly distributes the lilies after worship today!



CALENDAR

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 - Offices Closed

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Summit County Teen Institute, Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting, Adult Library

Tuesday, April 3, 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, April 4, 2018

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:15 - 9:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,
Adult Library, Children's Library, & Nursery
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Heritage Room
8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, April 5, 2018

3:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Set-Up Dad's & Donuts, Social Hall
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meetings, Adult & Children's Library, Nursery
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, April 6, 2018

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Dad's & Donuts, Social Hall

Saturday, April 7, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 - Committee Meeting, Adult Library
11:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons,
Children's Library
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, April 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Healing Service, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Social Hall
11:45 a.m. Stewardship meeting, Heritage Room
2:45 - 5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #501, Adult Library
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, April 9, 2018

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #840, ATTIC
6:30 p.m. Trustee Board meeting, Adult Library

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus* Cesar Frank
Bill McHenry, flugel horn & Brian Ewart, soprano saxophone

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER
(Black Hymnal) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand (vs. 1)* No. 472
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak,
I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my
hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM *Easter Anthem* Jack Schrader

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES John 20:1 - 18 (page 100) Janis Morgan

SERMON *"April Fool"* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name No. 195

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(We invite you to join hands as we sing)*
(Black Hymnal) *Peace I Leave with You, My Friends (Refrain)* No. 249
Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.

POSTLUDE *from Rejoice in the Lamb* Benjamin Britten
For the Flowers and Great Blessings



In memory of parents & grandson, Aiden.

In remembrance of Aldo, Lexi & Charles Viola.

In loving memory of Robert McIntire.

In loving memory of my husband, & son George.

In loving memory of Mom & Dad.

In loving memory of my Mother.

In loving memory of Dad.

In loving memory of Linda Stimmel.

In loving memory of Cindi Yanik

In memory of Jon Middleton, Sr. & Jessie Klein.

In honor of Pete & Karen.

In memory of loved ones.

Vic & Evelyn Ing

Sara, Bill & Thelma

Chuck & Mitzi Stanley

Ruth Fowler

Bev Hannahs

Nancy Zeller

Polly McCallum

Steve Stimmel

Lou Yanik

Linda Middleton

Bob & Jo Kindel

John & Kathie Richards

In loving memory of my husband Steve.

In loving memory of Dad, Mom & Sister.

In memory of Linda Stimmel.

In loving memory of my husband Gordon.

In memory of Linda & James Hyden.

To God's Glory!

In memory of our parents.

In memory of Bobby.

In loving memory of Ted & Evelyn Richardson.

In loving memory of our daughter, Heidi Lagasse. Dan & Kelly Gerstenberger

In memory of Hazel & James Carsten. Jim Carsten & Carol Letvin Families

In memory of Grandma Jean Hyden & Grandpa Hyden.

Michael Subichin & Family

