

Marilyn & Kelly will be out of the office on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 for ALICE training sponsored by Church Mutual, Pilgrim's Insurance Company, in Columbus, Ohio.

Mulch Day, Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 10:00 am

Bring your rakes, shovels & wheel barrels to help spread one (1) load of mulch. Speak to a Trustee if you have any questions—Dan, Chuck, Steve, Joel, & Carol.

Father's Day will be here before we know it - Sunday, June 17th!

This year Pilgrim will celebrate with quotes, quips, and favorite photo's of our Father's. This includes Grandfather's, Uncles, or a man that was there for you at some time in your life. Please write down the quotes &/or quips and drop these by the church office with the photo's by Monday, June 11th. Marked photo's will be returned.

The Trustee Board would like to make the congregation aware that this is the year to paint the exterior of Pilgrim.

Currently, the cost quoted is \$20,000.

If any member or friend of Pilgrim would like to donate specifically to this endeavor, please write "PAINT" on the line following "Other" on the monthly or weekly envelopes. Thank You!

Diaconate is seeking:

1. **Liturgist's** on Sunday mornings to read the Invocation and the Scriptures.
2. **People to purchase altar flowers** (\$30 - Checks payable to: PUCC)
 - Give the secretary your dedication or place it on the clipboard hanging up in the social hall.
 - Then take the flowers and delivery them to someone.
 - OR
 - Ask Diaconate (Kathie, Polly, Crystal, Brian, or Rich) to deliver them.

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: To the memory of my grandparents Harry & Hattie Wright. Brian Ewart

Greeters: Everyone present today!

Ushers: Thank You!

PowerPoint: Cheryl Bruce

Liturgist: Sandy Ignizio

Fellowship: Thank You!

Steeple Lighting: David Kump

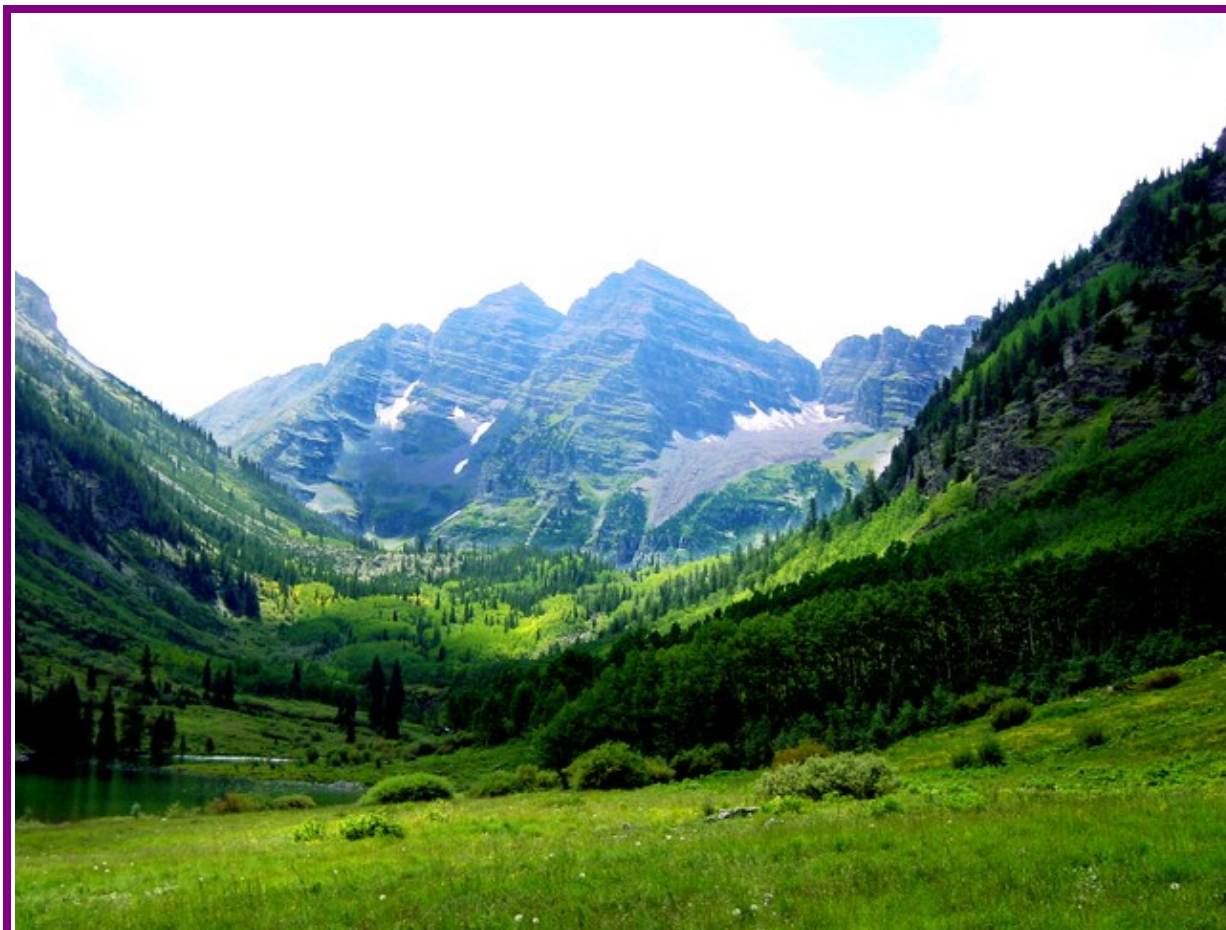
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Sunday, April 15, 2018



How Far is That?

Rev. Kirk Bruce

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
A Caring Church for Thinking People
Sunday, April 15, 2018 † Third Sunday of Easter

THE PRELUDE *Ombra Mai Fu* G.F. Handel

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* No. 345

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 4)

One: O Lord, we gather on this day that you have made, calling out your name.

All: We come looking for your light to shine upon us.

One: We come looking for that great joy with which you can fill us.

All: We come desiring the peace and safety you offer. Come and hold us in your love.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Sandy Ignizio

Heavenly Father, Holy God, Mighty Victor, we gather in your house in this season after Easter. We come remembering your great victory, that you won in Christ. There is no greater love. Teach us to love each other the way you love us. Teach us to care for others the way you care for us. Teach us as we follow your son who taught us to pray by saying, "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 Marilyn Freeman
Dorcas Sews for the Poor
A lacing project!

ANTHEM: *Behold the Lamb* Lloyd Larson
Pilgrim Choir

Congregation joins in on the final verse (see insert) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Victory in Jesus* E.M. Bartlett
Adam Holthaus, tenor

*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

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Come Down, O Love Divine* No. 239

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES I John 3:1 - 10 (page 212) Sandy Ignizio
Luke 24:36 - 48 (page 78)

SERMON *How Far is That?* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *I Want Jesus to Go with Me* No. 490

*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 *Fugue in C Major* G.F. Handel

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!

Pray for:

Helen healing from pneumonia.
Marjorie for healing mercies.
Sue and her family. Her mom is in hospice.
A friend with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is showing great improvement, still needs prayers because PSTD 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! Peace to all!
Linda with a back problem.



Thank You for the Prayers!

Thelma with a hip problem.
Howell & Stimmel families for peace and healing.
Sandy for healing from the flu.
A very contrite man beginning to serve a prison term for a 10 year old incident.
The Redd family as they prepare to move to the east. To find reasonable housing, new friends & new jobs! Also to feel the love from us as they continue with their new adventure.
Those with health issues & pain, that God bless them.
John my neighbor.
Nancy for healing of her medical problems.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m. Annual Pet Blessing
Bring your real pets, virtual pets, pet pictures and/or pet memories and we'll bless all God's critters! Even snakes!



CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15, 2018

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
11:45 a.m. Faith Formation meeting, Adult Library
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall

Monday, April 16, 2018

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Summit County Teen Institute, Social Hall
7:00 p.m. Council meeting, Heritage Room

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #244, 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 18, 2018

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

Thursday, April 19, 2018

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 20, 2018

5:00 p.m. Deadline for June Spire information to the church office

Saturday, April 21, 2018

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 22, 2018

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

Monday, April 23, 2018

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