

God's Helpers

by George Wiseman

God could not be in every place
with loving hands to help erase
the teardrops from each baby's face,
and so He thought of **mother**.

He could not send us here alone
and leave us to a fate unknown;
without providing for His own,
the outstretched arms of **mother**.

God could not watch us night and day
and kneel beside our crib to pray,
or kiss our little aches away;
and so He sent us **mother**.

And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
that's why He placed our tiny hand
securely into **mother's**.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
to love us still, was **mother**.

And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
to welcome home her child again,
that ever-faithful **mother**.

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.*

Father's Day - June 17th

Quotes, quips, and favorite photos of
the men in your life are needed by
Monday, June 11th.
Marked photos will be returned.

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Acolyte: *Thank You!*
Altar Flowers: *For my Mom. Bev Hannahs*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*
Ushers: *Thank You!*

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Sunday, May 13, 2018



**Mom Raised You When She Could've Gotten
a Hamster and Called it a Day!**

Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

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Sunday, May 13, 2018 † Seventh Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day

THE PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Paul Bunjes
*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Savior, Like a Shepherd* No. 327

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1)
One: Come O Lord, and bless us, as we walk in the ways of life that you ordain.
All: Make us to be like a tree planted beside a stream, yielding fruit in season.
One: May our leaves never wither.
All: Watch over us O Lord, both now and evermore.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Sandi Ignizio
Come O Lord, and celebrate life this day with us. Come as we give you our thanks for the warmth of the sun, the light of this day, and love all around us. Come O Lord, and help us open our eyes to see the beauty of joy and open our hands to show your gift of love. 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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Mission Moment *Strengthen the Church* Kelly Gerstenberger

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Faith Focus A Mother's Day Project Marilyn Freeman

ANTHEM: *At Home, Let There Be Love* Ruth Elaine Schram
Pilgrim Choir

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace* Eric Thiman

*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 (Black Hymnal) *God, Bless Our Homes* No. 429

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Proverbs 31:10 - 30 (page 576) Sandi Ignizio
Ephesians 6:1 - 3 (page 172)

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Word That Means the World to Me* arr. Kirk Roose
The Men of Pilgrim's Choir

SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Mom Raised You When She Could've Gotten a Hamster and Called it a Day!

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *When Love is Found* No.362

*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 *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* Johann Goltfried Walther

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 Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

Pray for:

My nephew, to find comfort & solace in a difficult home life.
Glady's recovering from heart surgery.
Candice having a difficult time with her ex-husband's marriage.
John my neighbor. Linda with a back problem.
Marjorie for healing mercies. Thelma with a hip problem.
Those with health issues & pain, that God bless them.
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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilgrim's SARA will be collecting vitamins for the **Good Samaritan Children's Home** in the **Ukraine**.

The collection will be from **April 15 to May 30**.

The collection box will be in the office during the week and in the social hall on Sundays.
Both children and adult vitamins are needed. They prefer gummy vitamins, but any type is good.



NEXT WEEK . . . Pilgrim United Church of Christ will celebrate

**Pentecost - The Birth of the Church
and**

**Communion - A Sacrament of the Church
Sunday, May 20, 2018 - Don't forget to wear Red!**



Do you like to pray for others? If so, would you like to be part of Pilgrim's prayer chain? Then please let the church office know!

By phone: 330.928.4847 or By email: pilgrimoffice@ameritech.net

Next Sunday during Fellowship/Social Hour, Pilgrim will be celebrating the Redd's move to Maryland. If you have anything you'd like contribute to the gift bag or donate towards the cake and gifts. See Kelly in the office. Thank you!

Are you heading to college or a trade school? **2018 Scholarship Applications** are due on May 29th to the church office. Forms are on the bulletin boards or available in the office.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 13, 2018 - Mother's Day

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, May 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Book Fair Set-Up, Nursery
6:30 p.m. Trustee Board Meeting, Adult Library

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

8:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Book Fair, Nursery
8:00 - 11 a.m. & 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Grandparent's Day, Social Hall & Heritage Room
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, May 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Book Fair, Nursery
8:00 - 11 a.m. & 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Grandparent's Day, Social Hall
4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,
Adult Library & Nursery

Thursday, May 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Book Fair, Nursery
8:00 - 11 a.m. & 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Grandparent's Day, Social Hall
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 - Blue & Gold Banquet, Social Hall & Kitchen
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Adult Library

Friday, May 18, 2018

8:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Book Fair - Take Down, Nursery
10:45 a.m. St. Joseph Tour with Rev. Kirk Bruce
5:00 p.m. Deadline for Spire Information to the office

Saturday, May 19, 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, May 20, 2018 - Pentecost

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 - Celebrating the Redd Family
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

Monday, May 21, 2018

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