



We Never Forgot
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Brothers and Sisters at rest
We never forget
The gift you give
We still receive

How could you know
So young that your battle
At all cost
Must be won

Brothers and Sisters at rest
May we, in your eyes
Pass your test
And one day, with honor
Join your ranks

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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: *In loving memory of Linda.
Steve Stimmel*

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

PowerPoint: *Cheryl Bruce*
Liturgist: *John Richards*

Fellowship: *Thank You!*
Steeple Lighting: *Anonymous*

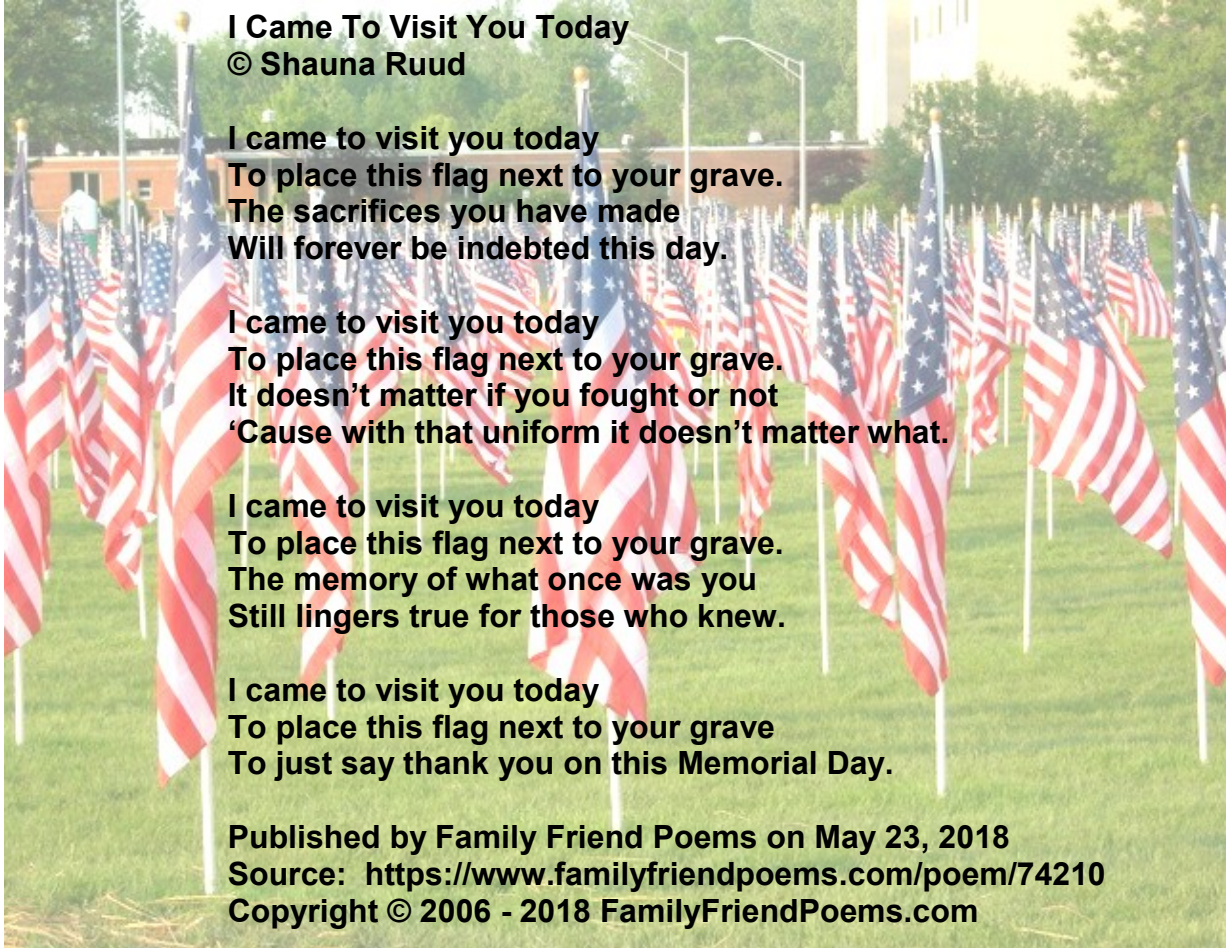
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A Caring Church for Thinking People

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Sunday, May 27, 2018

I Came To Visit You Today
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I came to visit you today
To place this flag next to your grave.
The sacrifices you have made
Will forever be indebted this day.

I came to visit you today
To place this flag next to your grave.
It doesn't matter if you fought or not
'Cause with that uniform it doesn't matter what.

I came to visit you today
To place this flag next to your grave.
The memory of what once was you
Still lingers true for those who knew.

I came to visit you today
To place this flag next to your grave
To just say thank you on this Memorial Day.

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Born to Die or Born to Live
Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
A Caring Church for Thinking People
Sunday, May 27, 2018 † First Sunday after Pentecost

THE PRELUDE *Je Crois Entendre Encore* George Bizet
*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* No. 443

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)
One: Let us gather and give our thanks to the Lord our God.
All: He is mighty and wonderful. His voice thunders over the waters.
One: The Lord speaks in the flash of lightening and the boom of thunder.
All: Let us gather and give ear to the word of our Lord.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) John Richards
We come this day O Lord, to listen for your calling. We gather to hear your voice speaking in our lives. We seek your direction and guidance. Come now and call our names. Come now and guide us in our living. Come, 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
Announcement from the Trustee Chair Dan Gerstenberger

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Faith Focus Flower Box Planting – Planting flower boxes Marilyn Freeman
Weather Permitting

ANTHEM: *America the Beautiful* John Ness Beck
Pilgrim Choir

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* John Newton

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER
(Black Hymnal) *Sweet Hour of Prayer (vs. 1)* No. 505
Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Maker's throne let all my needs and wants be known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer!

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* No. 429

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 6:1 - 8 (page 595) John Richards
John 3:1 - 17 (page 81)

SERMON *Born to Die or Born to Live* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Some Glad Morning* No. 595

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(We invite you to join hands as we sing)*
Spirit Song by John Wimber
O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

POSTLUDE *All Glory Be to God on High* Johann Pachelbel

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:

The family and victims of the Santa Fe, Texas high school shootings.
A young couple in a broken marriage.
Jane and her family.
Our niece Becky as she moves to North Carolina for a change in life and career.
My nephew, to find comfort & solace in a difficult home life.
Ethan Perkins Rios
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 move to Maryland. May they carry our love with them on this new adventure.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

Time is coming to an end for Pilgrim's SARA collecting **vitamins** for the **Good Samaritan Children's Home** in the **Ukraine**.
The collection ends on **May 30**.
The collection box is in the Social Hall today and remains in the office during the week!

Both children and adult vitamins are needed.
They prefer gummy vitamins, but any type is good.



CALENDAR

Sunday, May 27, 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, May 28, 2018 - Memorial Day

Offices are Closed!

Tuesday, May 29, 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, May 30, 2018

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Graduation Rehearsal, Social Hall, Stage & Rev. Greene Room

Thursday, May 31, 2018

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Field Day, Social Hall Back-up
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, June 1, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Kindergarten Graduation, Social Hall, Stage & Rev. Greene Room

Saturday, June 2, 2018

9:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Ohio & Western Reserve Associations Oversight Committee on Ministry - *Healthy Practices for Ministry: Oops, Now What?*, Social Hall & Heritage Room
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, June 3, 2018

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
Don Moore, Guest Organist
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Free Community Lunch, Social Hall
11:45 a.m. Stewardship Board meeting, Heritage Room

Monday, June 4, 2018

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