

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 10, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Free Community Lunch, Social Hall

Monday, June 11, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Aloha Summer
6:30 p.m. Trustee Board meeting, Adult Library

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Aloha Summer
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

Wednesday, June 13 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Aloha Summer
3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School Lessons, Children's Library

Thursday, June 14, 2018 - Flag Day

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Aloha Summer
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, June 15, 2018

5:00 p.m. *Deadline for July Spire Information to the Church Office*

Saturday, June 16, 2018

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, June 17, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Social Hall

Monday, June 18, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - All About Art
6:30 p.m. Council meeting, Adult Library

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: *In Honor of Flag Day!*
Bob & Jo Kindel

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Cheryl Bruce*

Liturgist: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

Fellowship: *Thank You!*

Steeple Lighting: *Bev Hannahs*

Thank You!

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

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The Choice
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Sunday, June 10, 2018 † Third Sunday after Pentecost

THE PRELUDE *Fleur Dessés Lée* Pauline Viardot

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 66

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 138)

One: Let us gather and praise the Lord with all our hearts.

All: I will bow down in praise and wonder.

One: For your love is with us always, in joys and sorrows you are present.

All: Fulfill your purpose in me O Lord, may I walk in your love now and always.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Kelly Gerstenberger
Come O Lord, into our day and into our nights. Come O Lord, into our hearts and souls. Come and make us your own. Come and change us to live the life that is possible. Come and abide with us always. 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Faith Focus Jesus Feeds the 5,000 – Five loaves of bread Marilyn Freeman
We're baking bread!

ANTHEM: *Violets* R. Huntington Woodman

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Cross of Sorrow* Esther S. Higgins

*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 (Black Hymnal) *I Must Tell Jesus* No. 486

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 43 :18 - 28 (page 632) Kelly Gerstenberger
Romans 12:1 - 2 (page 141)

SERMON *The Choice* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *We Would Be Building* No. 494

*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 *Ouvre ton coeur* Georges Bizet

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:

Daughter-in-law with cancer, lymphoma, a mother of young children.
 Pray for healing and comfort for the family.
 Marsha, a dear friend for over 40 years, and her struggle with mental illness.
 All who vacation this summer to find time to reconnect with their families.
 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father's Day - June 17th

Quotes, quips, and favorite photos of the men in your life are needed by TOMORROW—Monday, June 11th

Marked photos will be returned.

Staff:

Kelly Gerstenberger, Secretary
 Kirk Bruce, Pastor

Vacation:

June 16 - June 24, 2018
 June 25 - July 20, 2018

Coverage:

Marilyn Freeman
 Contact Office

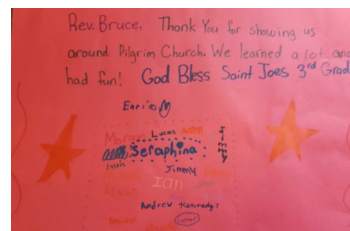
Marilyn Freeman, Faith Formation Director, will be with the Richfield UCC Mission Trip June 24 - July 1, 2018.

From a recent tour of Pilgrim:

Rev. Bruce, Thank you for showing us around Pilgrim Church. We learned a lot and had fun! God Bless

Saint Joes 3rd Grade

Enrico	Morgan Lucas	Aaron	Patrick
Allie	Seraphina	Jimmy	Justin
Cellie	Kennedy	Ian	Jimmy
Issac	Noah	Lincoln	Milo
Grady	Andrew	Carter	Mikaela



From: **stillspeaking Daily Devotional** June 5, 2018

I feel, I need, I ask by Molly Baskette

Then Moses said to God... "What is [your] name?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." Exodus 3:13-14a

From the moment Moses asked God's name, God showed us how to make an "I statement," clearly defining the self, with no frills or caveats: "I am who I am!" Jesus continued the tradition, especially in John's gospel, with his series of madcap metaphors: I am the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Heaven. He goes on and on!

Polite society discourages us from talking too much about ourselves, but hasn't necessarily made us any less egocentric. In fact, a healthy airing of the "I" helps us identify and honor our individual feelings and needs in a way that makes for more peaceful relationships with all of the "yous" around us.

Think of the last fight you had: did you make accusations like "You always ____! You never ____! You are such a ____! You make me feel ____!" The focus on the "you" you are facing just puts your partner on the defensive, and the fight escalates.

The tagline of the Nonviolent Communication (NVC) movement is "what you say next can change your world." At its core, NVC is about recognizing that every human being has a host of feelings: grouchy, exuberant, fascinated, jealous.

Those feelings are directly related to a panoply of legitimate human needs. Needs like rest, pleasure, beauty and trust. You could devote hundreds of hours to learning and then practicing NVC, but I can sum it up for you in these six words: I feel. I need. I ask.

These are three core practices of an NVC conversation: identify and name your feelings. Relate the need behind the feeling. And make a request of your conversation partner (Note: all requests may not be honored!). Like this: "I feel sad when you leave the house without saying goodbye, because I love you and I need intimacy and connection. I am asking you to pause at the door and shout farewell as you leave each day."

This is much harder in practice than it sounds. It is so much easier to say YOUYOUYOU, as it turns out! But it's a definitive way to let me be me, you be you, and God the great I am hold us together.

Prayer

God, in my next fight with that super annoying person who is doing those things to me, Help me honor my feelings (and theirs), guess at both of our needs, and make a way Forward toward Your peace.



About the Author

Molly Baskette is Senior Minister of the First Church of Berkley, California, & the author of the bestselling *Real Food Church* and *Standing Naked Before God*.