

Pilgrim Sanctuary Reopening Plan

In the interest of the health and safety of all, we will be implementing the following guidelines as we gather together in person.

Please practice good hygiene, washing your hands frequently. Hand sanitizer will also be provided in the hallway by the parking lot.

Maintain a proper distance between your group and others, especially as you arrive, wait to be seated, and depart.

Ushers will guide you to your seat. Every other pew will be utilized, with family groups distanced at least 6 feet from each other.

We ask that masks be worn at this time, unless vaccinated.

An offering basket will be placed on a stand near the entrance, to avoid the possibility of inadvertently spreading the virus.

You will be dismissed by the ushers, row by row, at the end of the service. Please hold conversations outside to ease the flow of those exiting the building.

We ask that you please worship from home, utilizing the recorded services, if you are not feeling well.

These guidelines are being implemented with respect for all we have accomplished together as a community.

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.***

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff

Transitional Pastor: *Rev. Glen A. Shedlock*

Faith Formation Director: *Open Position*

Minister of Music: *Benjamin Knight*

Secretary: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

Acolyte:

Altar Flowers: *John & Kathie Richards*

In celebration of Fathers everywhere.

Fellowship: *Not at this time.*

Greeters: *Not at this time.*

Liturgist: *Melissa Shedlock*

PowerPoint: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

Steeple Lighting: *Not at this time.*

Ushers: *Crystal Wagner*

Rich Shisler

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

A Caring Church for Thinking People

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Sunday, June 20, 2021



Pipsqueaks and Bullies
Rev. Glen A. Shedlock

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
† Sunday, June 20, 2021 †
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE *Gentle Shepherd* Bill & Gloria Gaither
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JUST BREATHE: (One minute of centering) Rev. Glen Shedlock

All: Holy God, as I prepare my soul for this time of worship, I ask that you would bless me with a calm spirit that is fully open and attentive to your loving presence. With each breath I take, may I find that there is no distance or separation between us. Breathe in me, Holy God, and fill me with your peace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Melissa Shedlock

One: Some problems are so giant, all we can do is stand and look, talking it over again and again.

Many: We feel so small in the face of it all.

One: Some ideas are so out there, all we can do is scoff and laugh, brushing off that naive silliness.

Many: We feel so helpless it makes us certain nothing can work.

One: Some encounters are so important, all we can do is take off the armor and be our full selves.

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Many: and nothing is impossible with God.

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*HYMN #485 The Pilgrim Hymnal (TPH) *This is My Father's World*
In honor of Fathers' Day!

*GATHERING PRAYER Melissa Shedlock

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*PRAYER OF OUR LORD (In unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

*RESPONSE *Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain)*

Lead me, guide me along the way, for if you lead me I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee, lead me, O Lord, lead me.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Shout to the Lord* Hillsong Worship

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - See Insert Melissa Shedlock

TODAY'S MESSAGE *Pipsqueaks and Bullies* Rev. Glen A. Shedlock

*HYMN #381 New Century Hymnal (NCH) *Faith of Our Fathers*
In honor of Fathers' Day!

*BENEDICTION (Unison) From A Prayer By St. Teresa of Avila

As I return to the sacred dance of my daily living, I remember that Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with my heart. May the blessings of the Holy One be upon me, for Christ has no body now but mine.

*RESPONSE *Spirit of God* Steve Garnaas Holmes

*POSTLUDE *Holy Ground* Geron Davis

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE - Melissa Shedlock

1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4 - 11, 19 - 23, 32 - 49 (NIV)

17 . . . They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah. . .

⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; ⁶ on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷ His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." ¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. . . .

¹⁹ They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

²⁰ Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. ²¹ Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. ²² David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. ²³ As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. . . .

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all visitors!
Please join us again!

We are very glad You chose to Worship with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

Prayers for those healing, those mourning, and those
in a rough spot in their lives.

Prayers & Praises

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in being a soloist over the summer months?

If so, contact Mr. Benjamin Knight, Music Director. Benjamin will require the music two (2) weeks in advance of the date you choose to sing.

Sincerely, Benjamin Knight & Brian Ewart

Thank you ... to everyone who ...
have continued to send-in or drop-by contributions!

Contributions Received:

\$2,850.00	May 2, 2021	\$3,505.00	June 6, 2021
\$3,625.00	May 9, 2021	<u>\$1,900.00</u>	<u>June 13, 2021</u>
\$2,255.00	May 16, 2021	\$5,405.00	June Totals
\$5,490.17	May 23, 2021		
<u>\$ 840.00</u>	<u>May 30, 2021</u>		
\$15,060.17	May Totals		

Please . . .

Drop your offering in the offering plate located near the ramp, either before or after the worship today.

Offerings may also be made via Pilgrim's Website. www.pilgrimcf.org

If you would like to give your offering via a credit card, please seek out Kelly Gerstenberger, Secretary, to use the Square device.

Looking for Volunteers . . .

Each Sunday with in-person Worship in the sanctuary, the following tasks need to be filled:

Acolyte; Altar Flowers (\$30.00 & Dedication); Liturgist; PowerPoint; and Ushers (2).

A clipboard is located on the table in the education wing OR see Kathie Richards to sign-up.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 20, 2021:

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary

Monday, June 21, 2021:

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

6:30 p.m. Council Meeting - In-Person, Heritage Room

Tuesday, June 22, 2021:

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

8:00 p.m. Broad Highway group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, June 23, 2021:

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Legacy Barbershop Quartet Rehearsal, Heritage Room

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Adult Library

Thursday, June 24, 2021:

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Adult Library

Friday, June 25, 2021:

Saturday, June 26, 2021:

Friends In Tents

Sunday, June 27, 2021:

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Glen A. Shedlock, Sanctuary

Monday, June 28, 2021:

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Children's Library

