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OREGON TRAIL 2018 VERSION

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 our Armed Forces.
Mark & Roberta Holzapfel*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

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Liturgist: *Sandi Ignizio*

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Pilgrim United Church of Christ *A Caring Church for Thinking People*

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Sunday, July 8, 2018



So, What About Love?
Rev. Barry Stibens

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THE PRELUDE *Ava Maria* Charles Gounoud
*HYMN (Red Hymnal) Christian, Rise and Act Thy Creed No. 416

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 48)
One: God is the Lord and most worthy of praise.
All: Your city O Lord, is beautiful and filled with joy.
One: You O Lord, protect and preserve us.
All: We shall gather and give You our thanksgiving.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Sandi Ignizio
Great God, we gather to give You our thanks for journeying with us every day. We are never alone, never left to figure out life by ourselves. You are always beside us to show us the way, within us to love, and all around us to love us. 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 Bob Kindel
CHILDREN'S FAITH FOCUS Marilyn Freeman

NICENE CREED (alternate version) Black Hymnal #884

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Air from Overture in D* Johann Sebastian Bach

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Flute Solo* Gayle Getts

*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

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) I Would Be True No. 489

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 40 (page 153) Sandi Ignizio

SERMON *So, What About Love?* Rev. Barry Stirbens

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee No. 418

*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 *Adagio from Sonata in F* Benedetto Marcello

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 of Jeff Thompson, Templed Hills camp manager. Jeff died Friday, June 29th.
David Filing, with heart & kidney issues in Cleveland Clinic.
Polly Tucker, was a 4th grade Newberry & Dewitt teacher, having medical issues.
People to find their humanity, with all people being human beings first. Let us strive to be Christian.
A member with a new health issue added to her chronic conditions. Help her to cope & not give up.
Our son, a father, trapped in addiction. Pray for a miracle.
The children separated from their parents at our border.
Daughter-in-law with cancer, lymphoma, a mother of young children. Pray for healing & 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Rev. Barry Stirbens this morning!
Welcome Gayle Getts this morning!
Please take a moment to greet both of them.

Picnic, Praise & Prayer

Join Marilyn in the parking lot at Lions Park, 641 Silver Lake Ave., for the next Picnic, Praise & Prayer on July 11th. We gather for lunch, bring a sack lunch or favorite fast food and bottled beverage and folding lawn chair. If someone just insists on bringing a dessert to share, we will not refuse it!

Devotions & Prayer will happen from 12:15 - 12:35 p.m. using the book, "Forty Days with the Holy Spirit: Fresh Air for Every Day," by Jack Levison.

The next scheduled meeting is August 8th at the same time, unless participants want to gather a few more times. If it rains, we will meet the following day.

See you in the park!

Looking forward . . .

July 15, 2018 Rev. Jim Nelson, guest pastor
July 17 - 19, 2018 at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Faith Formation's Spirit of Service (V.B.S.)
July 22, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Healing Service
July 29, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
August 12, 2018 The Great Summer Serve for Youth at Orwell UCC

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 8, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Barry Stirbens, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #3, Social Hall

Monday, July 9, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Fun & Fitness Day Camp
No Trustee Board meeting!

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Fun & Fitness Day Camp
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Adult Library
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Fun & Fitness Day Camp
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Adult Library
11:45 a.m. Picnic, Praise & Prayer, Lions Park
1:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons,
Children's Library & Nursery

Thursday, July 12, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Fun & Fitness Day Camp
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, July 13, 2018

Saturday, July 14, 2018

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

Sunday, July 15, 2018

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

Monday, July 16, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Mad Scientist Day Camp
No Council meeting!