

Don't Wait by Martin B. Copenhaver July 18, 2017 *Stillspeaking Daily Devotional*
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"Then Jesus told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you." - Luke 12:16-20

In the last decade or so of my father's life he developed an interest in wine. He would read about the many varieties and vintages and vineyards. When a wine was purchased, it was carefully stored and catalogued. Occasionally he would even drink the stuff. That was always an elaborate ceremony, beginning with bringing the wine to the proper temperature, uncorking it at just the right moment, taking in the color, tasting the wine to make sure it was suitable to serve, accompanied by florid commentary about bouquet and body, descriptions that no one else understood or, frankly, cared much about. When friends learned of my father's interest in wine, they would sometimes give him a special gift of a rare and costly bottle. I never remember those wines being served. He always said he was waiting for a special occasion. The occasion never came. When my father died quite suddenly—"this very night your soul is required of you"—those bottles remained unopened. Special occasions, like tomorrow, seem never to arrive. As playwright Ben Hecht once put it, "Time is a circus that is always packing up and moving away." Of course, the point here is not that we should eat, drink, and be merry while we have a chance, even as that is not the point of Jesus' parable. But if we postpone the little pleasures at our peril, how much more perilous is our tendency to put off doing what is truly important and noble in life. It may be a good idea to save money for a rainy day, but we sometimes act as if we are saving our lives for a rainy day, and what is most worth doing remains bottled in some dark corner, waiting for that rainy day, or at least another day. To which Jesus says, quite simply, "Don't wait."

Acolyte: *Thank You!*
Altar Flowers: *In Memory of our daughter Cheryl. -Nancy Van Waes*
Greeters: *Everyone present today!*
Ushers: *Thank You!*
PowerPoint: *Thank You!*
Liturgist: *Janna Redd*
Fellowship: *Team #2*
Steeple Lighting:



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Sunday, August 13, 2017



Dare to Jump Out of the Boat
Rev. Kirk Bruce

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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Sunday, August 13, 2017 † Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *At the Cross* Edward Broughton

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Morning Has Broken* No. 38

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

One: Let us gather and give thanks to our Lord.

All: We shall sing our praises and tell of His wonderful acts.

One: Let us remember the wonders that He has done, and all that He is doing.

All: The Lord is our God, let us gather to celebrate God's great love.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Janna Redd

Loving Lord, we gather in Your house on this day to give You thanks for the joys of life. We gather to ask Your company in our struggles.

Remind us again that we are never alone. You are here beside us and within us. You hem us in, and go before us and behind us. You walk our walk with us every step. Hear us now as we pray 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Western Reserve Suzuki School*

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Western Reserve Suzuki School*

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Black Hymnal) *Be Thou My Vision (vs. 1)* No. 451

Be now my vision, O God of my heart; nothing surpasses the love you impart-
You my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, your presence
my light.

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Softly and Tenderly* No. 449

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Janna Redd

I Kings 19:9 - 18 (page 302)
Matthew 14:22 - 33 (14)

SERMON *Dare to Jump Out of the Boat* Rev. Kirk Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Come, Thou Almighty King* No. 246

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(We invite you to join hands as we sing)*
(Black Hymnal) *Like a Tree Beside the Waters (Verse 1)* No. 313

Like a tree beside the waters, nurtured by your loving care, we, O God, your sons
and daughters your enduring witness bear. In each passing generation may your
voice of love be heard. Bless, we pray, this congregation with your holy, living Word.

POSTLUDE *Of Sorrow* Ester Higgins

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 13

Great Summer Serve - Youth, Avon Lake
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #2

Monday, August 14

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp
Through the Decades
5:00 p.m. Riverfront Cruise-In, St. Joseph School, Weller & Pilgrim Parking Lots
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Pizza Party & Social Event,
Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Diaconate meeting, Adult Library

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp
Through the Decades
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Rm

Wednesday, August 16

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp
Through the Decades

Thursday, August 17

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp
Through the Decades
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room
7:30 p.m. Act-It UP! Community Theatre - Production Meeting, Adult Library

Friday, August 18

SPIRE DEADLINE

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Teacher In Service,
Classrooms and Adult Library

Saturday, August 19

12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Baby Shower, Jennifer Burns, Social Hall & Kitchen
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, August 20

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #3

Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent Thank You!

SIGN-IN

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.

We joyfully welcome all visitors!
Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.

Please join us again!
We are so glad You are Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

Pray for:

Families getting vacation time before school begins again.

People grieving the loss of a loved one or friend.

The health of all and those in pain & suffering and those that feel or are alone, that
the Lord provides help through friends.

Alice & her family for patience, strength and support.

Chandler & his family for strength and patience with his chemo treatments.

For our first responders and safety forces.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 14th is the next . . .

Cuyahoga Falls Car Show

The Youth Group & Marilyn
Freeman will be grilling hot
dogs and selling them for \$1.



They will also be selling soda/pop
and water for \$1.

Donations of hot dogs, buns, soda/
pop/water, baked goods
will be accepted to sell
each week. See Marilyn.



Steeple Lighting . . .

IS a good way to celebrate someone in your
life! Perhaps they have graduated from school
or college. Perhaps a child has been added to
a family. Maybe an anniversary would be a
good reason for lighting the steeple.

Indicate "steeple lighting" in the "other" section
of your offering envelope & place \$20 in to
cover this. Your name will be put on the back of
the bulletin.



Support the Mission Trip Fund!

The program began with receipts dated:
August 1, 2017 through December 30, 2017

Receipts are due by: January 7th

Place receipts in the collection box in the social hall