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August 1, 2017 through December 30, 2017
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You Feed the People by Tony Robinson July 20, 2017 *Stillspeaking* Daily Devotional
from: dailydevotional@ucc.org

"When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.'"

- Matthew 14: 15 - 16

"We can't do this . . . we don't have the money."

But at least sometimes it isn't a resource issue. It is a faith issue.

There were 5,000 hungry people in a desolate place, a long ways from even a "7 - 11" much less a "Safeway." Jesus said to the disciples, "You give them something to eat." They took inventory. And you know what they found. Five loaves and two fish. Enough for a family picnic, not enough for a hungry crowd of 5,000. I am absolutely certain that if I had been among the disciples at that moment I would have complained that this was ridiculous and that Jesus needed to get real.

But I have been there, and you have too. Maybe you're there now? "There" is where there's a huge gap, a yawning chasm, between the need before you and the resources at hand. By a factor of, oh say, 1,000. "This is ridiculous — Jesus will you please get real." I don't know how everyone got fed that day. But I do know this: when the disciples gave what they had to Jesus, he took it, he blessed it, he used it — and there was enough. It's not always a resource issue. Sometimes it's a faith issue. When we offer what we have and who we are to Jesus a new — unexpected — reality comes into being. "And all ate and were filled," (Matthew 14: 20).

Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Altar Flowers: *In Memory of my father, George Pfeiffer! - Marilyn Freeman*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *Brian Ewart*

Fellowship Hour: *Team #1*

Steeple Lighting: *Joseph (Joey) Miller's 1st Birthday July 29, 2017 - Mick Miller & Karen Wickiser*



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Sunday, August 6, 2017



Not Let You Go

Rev. Jim Nelson

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 6, 2017 † Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *Resurrection* Robert Hughes

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *We Gather Together* No. 21

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145)

One: Let us gather and exalt our Lord and God.

All: Every day I will praise You and extol Your name.

One: Great is the Lord and worthy to be praised.

All: Let us all sing of God's awesome works and proclaim His great deeds.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Brian Ewart

We come to sing our praise to You O Lord. For we find You in the most unexpected places in life. In times of joy, You celebrate with us. In our struggles You hold our hands. In seasons of sadness You dry our tears. You never abandon us. You are always here for us. Come 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Pieta Signor* Alessandro Stradella
Regan Utrup, Guest Vocalist

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Evening Prayer* Engelbert Humperdinck

*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) *Not My Brother, Nor My Sister* No. 519

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Brian Ewart
Genesis 32:22 - 31 (page 28)
Matthew 14:13 - 21 (page 14)

SERMON *Not Let You Go* Rev. Jim Nelson

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Blest Are the Pure in Heart* No. 214

*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 *Elegy* Franklin Rilter

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 6

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Jim Nelson, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #1

Monday, August 7

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp
Under the Sea
5:00 p.m. Riverfront Cruise-In, St. Joseph School, Weller & Pilgrim Parking Lots
5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Summit County Teen Institute, Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting, Adult Library

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp
Under the Sea
3:00 - 7:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin, Children's Library

Thursday, August 10

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp
Under the Sea
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, August 11

6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit - Conference Set-Up & Meeting,
Social Hall and Kitchen

Saturday, August 12

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit - Conference (10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.),
Social Hall and Kitchen
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

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

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:

Shannon to "Let my Dad soar free." Bless all creatures great and small.
Jim recently diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer and starting chemo therapy and radiation therapy.
Larry in the hospital with a serious lung infection, and healing from surgery.
Tom with health struggles.
Ken for patience during healing.
Alice for patience, strength and support.
Chandler for strength and patience with his chemo treatments.
For Ethan Perkins Rio and his family.
For our first responders and safety forces.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Rev. Jim Nelson for filling in this morning while Rev. Kirk Bruce and Cheryl return from their vacation in Alaska.



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.

August 7th 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. Toppings are included.