

September Midnight
by Sara Teasdale

Lyric night of the lingering Indian Summer;
Shadowy fields that are scentless but full of singing,
Never a bird but the passionless chant of insects,
Ceaseless, insistent.

The grasshopper's horn, and far-off, high in the maples,
The wheel of a locust leisurely grinding the silence
Under a moon waning and worn, broken,
Tired with summer.

Let me remember you, voices of little insects,
Weeds in the moonlight, fields that are tangled with asters,
Let me remember, soon will the winter be on us,
Snow-hushed and heavy.

Over my soul murmur your mute benediction,
While I gaze, O fields that rest after harvest,
As those who part look long in the eyes they lean to,
Lest they forget them.

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Looking Forward . . .

- October 7, 2018: World Communion Sunday & Neighbors In Need offering taken.
- October 14, 2018: Healing Service at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary.
- November 4, 2018: All Saints Day: Remembering those who have gone before us.
- November 11, 2018: Stewardship Sunday Celebration
- November 18, 2018: Baptism of Theodore Kusnarsky

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: *Joan & Steven Subichin
In love of our Pilgrim members & friends.*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Cheryl Bruce*

Liturgist: *Ken Anderson*

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Sunday, September 2, 2018



What's Love Got To Do With It?
Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

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THE PRELUDE I Will Sing of My Redeemer/Praeludium VII Arr. Cindy Berry

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 93

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 15)

One: We come this day to dwell in Your sanctuary O Lord, and to live on Your holy hill.

All: We gather to learn how to walk blameless and to do what is righteous.

One: We assemble in Your house to be reminded of Your calling in our lives.

All: We come this day to hear You speak in our lives.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Ken Anderson

Speak to us O Lord, in the words of worship, in the silence of meditation and in the company of one another. Challenge us to be more than we are, and all we can be. Remind us of Your ever present help and that You are never far away. Assure us that in all of life, You journey with us every step. Hear us 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 FAITH FOCUS Nancy Anderson

ANTHEM: *Nacht und Träume* Franz Schubert
Adam Holthaus, tenor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed* Red Hymnal, No. 52 page 512

WE GIVE TO GOD

***all who are able may stand**

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Without A Song* Vincent Youmans
Adam Holthaus, tenor

*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) *Be Thou My Vision* No. 391

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Song of Solomon 2:8 - 13 (page 585) Ken Anderson
James 1:17 - 27 (page 202)

SERMON *What's Love Got To Do With It?* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Take My Gifts* No. 562

*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 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/Sheep May Safely Graze

Arr. Cindy Berry

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:

Dave & Sandy Noonan and their family who are grieving the death of their nephew,
Billie Trier in Atkins, South Carolina.
Tom, a friend, having open heart surgery.
A young couple in a broken marriage.
Jane and her family.
Daughter-in-law with cancer, lymphoma, a mother of young children. Pray for healing and
comfort for the family.
A member with a new health issue added to her chronic conditions. Help her to cope and not
give up.
The children separated from their parents at our border.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to pick up produce from the garden in the Fellowship Hall. Donations for the produce is earmarked for the Free Community Lunch. **Marilyn Freeman**

Tallmadge Asphalt/Paving & Concrete are scheduled to seal the parking lot on Saturday, September 8th. This is weather dependant.

ACME CASH BACK program has begun!  **Save your receipts!**
Supports the Pilgrim Mission Trip Fund. Place in the box in the Social Hall!

Stewardship needs your help!

The cost of **envelopes** makes it necessary to have members and friends let the office know if you want a box of envelopes. We have weekly and monthly envelopes available for 2019 for anyone who would like them.

Stewardship Board will be making available on Sunday mornings an I-Pad for electronic offerings. Within the next weeks more information will be available to explain the "how to's" as Pilgrim moves towards the ability to make electronic offerings.

A special note from Trustees . . . We at Pilgrim are proud of how well we keep our building and grounds looking. We appreciate all the volunteers that help in many ways by weeding, watering, trimming, and more. The lawn needs some TLC, seeding bare spots, thatching and weed control To allow the lawn to grow healthier, please refrain from driving on the lawn. Any questions, contact the office or one of the Trustee Board members. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2, 2018

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service - Rev. Kirk W. Bruce, Sanctuary**
Amy Sauriol, Guest Organist/Pianist
11:30 a.m. **Fellowship Hour, Social Hall**

Monday, September 3, 2018

Labor Day - Pilgrim's Offices are Closed!

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

10:30 a.m. **Bible Study, Adult Library**
8:00 p.m. **Broad Highway Group AA, Heritage Room**

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

11:00 a.m. **Staff Meeting, Office**
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. **Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Dance Demo, Social Hall**
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Adult Library & Children's Library**

Thursday, September 6, 2018

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Cub Scout Pack #3186 Den meetings, Adult & Children's Library, Nursery & Classroom #27**
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room**

Friday, September 7, 2018

Saturday, September 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Free Community Lunch (FCL), Kitchen & Social Hall**
8:00 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall**

Sunday, September 9, 2018

9:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal begins, Heritage Room**
10:30 a.m. **Worship Service - Rev. Richard Beck, Sanctuary**
11:30 a.m. **Fellowship Hour - Free Community Lunch (FCL), Social Hall**

Monday, September 10, 2018

12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. **Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Ty Kwan Do Demo, Social Hall**
6:30 p.m. **Trustees Board Meeting, Adult Library**

Looking Forward . . .

September 16, 2018 - Family Gathering Sunday with Potluck Lunch at 11:30 am