

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
130 Broad Blvd.  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221  
**October 11, 2020 - Parking Lot Worship Service**

**PRELUDE**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*  
**Benjamin Knight**

**George Askins (P.D.)**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped*

**Joachim Neander (1680)**

“Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains all creation!  
Sing praise, my Soul, in profound and complete adoration!  
Gladsome rejoice! Organ and trumpet and voice,  
Joining God’s great congregation.

Sing praise, my Soul, the great name of your high God commending.  
All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.  
God is your light! Soul, ever keep this insight:  
amen, amen never-ending.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: Praise the new day, a gift from the Source of all being, the Breath of life, the Soul of the universe.  
**P: Let us cherish the moments and sanctify the hours, blessing joys, honoring the tears, lifting our hearts in song, raising our voices in thanksgiving.**  
L: To magnify faith and practice acceptance. To offer consolation and to seek wisdom. To become a well of healing, a beacon of kindness, a source of forgiveness, a light of wonder and wisdom.  
**P: Let us praise the Soul of the universe, Breath of life, Source of all being, for the gift of this new day, a gift of holiness and love.**

**INVOCATION**

- L: People of God, with open hearts and minds, let us pray:  
**P: O God, my God, thank you for joy and delight, for wonder and awe, for moments of gladness and celebration. Grant me the ability to breathe gentleness into my hours and seasons, so that I may always be awake to beauty, to holiness, to the radiance that surrounds me. Grant me the wisdom to welcome each day with passion and humor, with song and dance, with smiling eyes, in service to myself, in service to others, in service to your holy name. Now, in these sacred moments of worship, as you draw us to your heart, which is our true home, we pray together using the words you taught us, saying: Our Father...(debts/debtors)”**

**RESPONSE**

*How Great Thou Art (Refrain)*

**Carl Boberg (1885)**

“Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!”

**JOYS, CONCERNS, NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
**Benjamin Knight**

**E. Caswell (1853) & J. Barnby (1868)**

**CALL TO PRAYER**      *I Need You Every Hour*

**Annie Hawks & Robert Lowery (1872)**

"I need you every hour, O God of loving grace,  
The peace your voice affords, I now embrace.  
I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you!  
O bless me now, my Savior! I come to you."

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN**      *I Would Be True*

"I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare. (x2)

**Harold Arnold Walter (1917)**

I would be friend of all, the foe the friendless;  
I would be giving, and forget the gift;  
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;  
I would look up, and laugh and love, and live! (x2)

**WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE**      **Matthew 16:13-20 Message (MSG)**

13 When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

15 He pressed them, "**And how about you? Who do you say I am?**"

16 Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17-18 Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. **And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock.** This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

19 "And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven."

20 He swore the disciples to secrecy. He made them promise they would tell no one that he was the Messiah.

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**      *Knowing Who You Follow*

**Rev. Glen Shedlock**

**HYMN**      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**John Ernest Bode (1869)**

"O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend.  
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still.  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will!  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!  
O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul!"

**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**John Ernest Bode (1869)**

"O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
That where you are in glory your servant shall be, too.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end.  
O give me grace to follow my Savior and my Friend."

**POSTLUDE**      *You Are My Hiding Place*  
**Benjamin Knight**

**Michael Ledner (1995)**