

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
130 Broad Blvd.  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221  
**October 18, 2020 - Parking Lot Worship Service**

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

**George Atkins**

“Christians, we have met to worship  
and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power,  
while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the Holy One comes down;  
Christians, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely,  
let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners,  
till our God makes all things new.  
God will call us home to heaven,  
at God’s table we’ll sit down;  
Christ will gird himself, and serve us  
with sweet manna all around.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: The earth has its kings and queens, its presidents and emperors, its leaders, and its dictators,  
**P: but God, the Source of Life, the One in Whom we live and move and have our being, is greater than all of these.**
- L: The mountains may tremble with tumult, the oceans may roar with rage, the winds may howl, and the rains may fall,  
**P: but the presence and power of God, the Creator of All Things seen and unseen, are greater than all of these.**
- L: Come into God’s presence just as you are, there is nothing to fear! God claims you as God’s own.  
**P: We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture; we belong to God and God alone; let us worship God together in Spirit and Truth.**

**INVOCATION**

- L: People of God, with open hearts and minds, let us pray:  
**P: Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. 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 Gustave Boberg  
Stuart Hine, Translator**

“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**

*Clap Your Hands! Clap Your Hands!*

“Clap your hands! Clap your hands!  
Sing a new song in celebration!  
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!  
Sing a new song in celebration!”

God is great! We praise our God with song!  
God is great! We praise our God with song!

Clap your hands! Clap your hands!  
Sing a new song in celebration!  
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!  
Sing a new song in celebration!"

**CALL TO PRAYER**      *I Need You Every Hour (verse 1)*      **Anne S. Hawks & Robert Lowry**

"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**      *Take My Life, and Let It Be*      **Frances R. Havergil**

"Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, God, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee."

**WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE**      **Matthew 22:15-22**      **Common English Bible (CEB)**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. <sup>16</sup>They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. <sup>17</sup>So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup>Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites?

<sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion.

<sup>20</sup>"Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked.

<sup>21</sup>"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**      *Knowing Who You Belong To*      **Rev. Glen Shedlock**

**HYMN**      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*      **E. A. Hoffman**

"What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Refrain) Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;

leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]"

**BENEDICTION**      **Rev. Glen Shedlock**

**RESPONSE**      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*      **E. A. Hoffman**

"O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Refrain) Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

**POSTLUDE**