

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
130 Broad Blvd.
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221
November 15, 2020 - Worship Service

WELCOME

VOCAL PRELUDE

You Are Mine

Composer: David Haas
Pianist: Benjamin Knight
Soloist: Rev. Glen Shedlock

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: There is a richness here – a richness that greets and grows and holds and challenges and keeps.

P: **There is a richness here – a richness that surrounds and brings and delivers and gives.**

L: The richness holds us in our weakness, fills us in our hunger, finds us when we're lost.

P: **So to this time, richly blessed, we have come, and we have been found. Let this time together inspire us in richness, beauty and grace. Amen.**

SONG

I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty

Gerhard Tersteegen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts/debtors")

L: Now, in the silence, when we struggle to control our lives, may we, once again, empty ourselves of our pride and fears, to be filled with your hope.

P: **Now, in these moments, when we cannot let go of our worries and doubts, may we, once again, open our hands to hold your faith.**

L: Now, on this day, which is only and always your gift to us, may we, once again, live into your kingdom.

P: **Now, as you draw us close to your heart, which is our true home, let us once again pray as we have been taught, saying, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever." Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kyrie

Mr. Benjamin Knight

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Glen Shedlock

VIDEO PRESENTATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

Common English Version

¹⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant’s ability. Then he left on his journey.

¹⁶“After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. ¹⁸But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.

¹⁹“Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained five more.’

²¹“His master replied, ‘Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

²²“The second servant also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained two more.’

²³“His master replied, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

²⁴“Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven’t sown. You gather crops where you haven’t spread seed. ²⁵So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what’s yours.’

²⁶“His master replied, ‘You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven’t sown and that I gather crops where I haven’t spread seed? ²⁷In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. ²⁸Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. ²⁹Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don’t have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. ³⁰Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.’

“People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

TODAY’S MESSAGE

Spiritual Investments

Rev. Glen Shedlock

SONG

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda

BENEDICTION

Rev. Glen Shedlock

POSTLUDE

Jesus Be Praised!

Handt Hanson
Mr. Benjamin Knight