

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
130 Broad Blvd.  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221  
**November 8, 2020 - Parking Lot Worship Service**

**PRELUDE**    *I Am a Child of God*                      **Naomi W. Randall, words & Mildred Tanner Pettit, music**  
**Benjamin Knight**

**OPENING HYMN**                                      *When Morning Gilds the Sky*                                      **Joseph Barnby**  
“When morning gilds the sky,  
our hearts awaking cry:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
in all our work and prayer  
we ask his loving care:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky  
from depth to height reply:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L:     God has gathered us to this place,  
**P:     where we hear those stories, which show us what the kingdom of God is like.**  
L:     God summons us to this place,  
**P:     where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.**  
L:     God will send us from this place,  
**P:     to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

**INVOCATION**

L:     People of God, with open hearts and minds, let us pray:  
**P:     You do not want us to be ignorant of your dreams and hopes for us, God of holiness, so you speak to us in parables, so we might pay careful attention to your words; you tell us stories about our grandparents in the faith, so we might become mentors to our grandchildren, and theirs. Filling us with the holy oil of generosity and grace, you make us ready to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives, and to open our hearts to those who are in need. 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**

“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*                                      **Benjamin Knight**

**CALL TO PRAYER**                                      *I Need You Every Hour*                                      **Annie Sherwood Hawks**

“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**

“Sing them over again to me,  
wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see,  
wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty  
teach me faith and duty.

### **Refrain:**

Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.

## ***Wonderful Words of Life***

Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call,  
wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all,  
wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior,  
keep me with you forever. **[Refrain]**

**Philip Paul Bliss**

## **WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

**The Common English Version**

<sup>1</sup>...the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. <sup>2</sup>Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps but didn't bring oil for them. <sup>4</sup>But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil.

<sup>5</sup>“When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.’

<sup>7</sup>“Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. <sup>8</sup>But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.’

<sup>9</sup>“But the wise bridesmaids replied, ‘No, because if we share with you, there won't be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup>“Later the other bridesmaids came and said, ‘Lord, lord, open the door for us.’

<sup>12</sup>“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don't know you.’

<sup>13</sup>“Therefore, keep alert, because you don't know the day or the hour.

## **TODAY'S MESSAGE**

***Wise Guys & Gals***

**Rev. Glen Shedlock**

## **HYMN**

“I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

***I've Got Peace Like a River***

**African-American Spiritual**

I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.”

## **BENEDICTION**

### **RESPONSE**

“I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul.  
I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul.”

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## **POSTLUDE**

***Abide With Me!***  
**Benjamin Knight**

**Henry Francis Lyte**