



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
August 24, 2025**

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- † PRELUDE: Sonata Opus 14 Nr 2  
Scherzo - Ludwig von Beethoven
- † OPENING HYMN: Bring Many  
Names\*
- † OFFERTORY: Like a River Glorious -  
arr. Bob Waters
- † CLOSING HYMN: Help Us Accept  
Each Other\*
- † POSTLUDE: Alleluia Alleluia

\*From The New Century Hymnal,  
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**Today's service will be recorded.**

**WORSHIP SUNDAY - AUGUST 24, 2025**  
**A WELCOME AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION – WEEK 4**

PRELUDE

Sonata Opus 14 Nr 2 Scherzo - Ludwig von Beethoven

WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Van Evera

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come from scattered places and scattered lives to this holy sanctuary—

**ALL: Seeking unity in the Holy Spirit,**

ONE: Seeking the grace of Jesus Christ,

**ALL: And seeking the peace of God. Be with us, O God, as we worship you.**

**Grant us the unity, grace, and peace we desire, and that only you can provide. Amen.**

\*HYMN

Bring Many Names — New Century Hymnal 11  
(next pages)

CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: Christ is with us.

**ALL: Christ is in our midst.**

ONE: Let us pray.

## UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Loving God, open our hearts that we may feel the movements of your Spirit. Unclench our hands, that we may reach out to one another in peace. Open our lips, that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life. Open our eyes, that we may see Christ in friend and stranger. Breathe your Spirit into us, and touch our lives with the life of Christ. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father (Creator), 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.**

## SCRIPTURE

## MEDITATION

## CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us pray.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

# Bring Many Names

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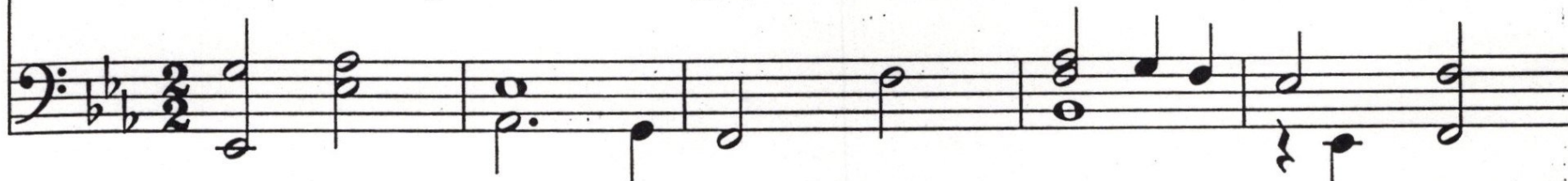
Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the  
3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the  
4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing



par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:  
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Hail and Ho-san-na! bring man-y names! great, liv-ing God!  
 Hail and Ho-san-na, strong moth-er God!  
 Hail and Ho-san-na, warm fa-ther God!  
 Hail and Ho-san-na, old, ach-ing God!

5 Young, grow-ing God, ea-ger,  
 on the move,  
 say-ing no to false-hood and  
 un-kind-ness,  
 cry-ing out for jus-tice,  
 giv-ing all you have:  
 Hail and Ho-san-na,  
 young, grow-ing God!

6 Great, liv-ing God, nev-er ful-ly known,  
 joy-ful dark-ness far be-yond our see-ing,  
 clos-er yet than breath-ing,  
 ev-er-last-ing home:  
 Hail and Ho-san-na,  
 great, liv-ing God!

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Like a River Glorious - arr. Bob Waters

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**  
**or**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other — New Century Hymnal 388

\*UNISON BENEDICTION

**Go gladly into the world. Be filled with the love of God. Dance to the song of the Spirit. Befriend the Christ in each new day. Amen.**

\*CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia.

\*Please rise in spirit or body.

# Help Us Accept Each Other

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*Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.*

*John 15:12; 17:20–23; Eph. 4:1–6, 11–16*

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er  
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;  
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,  
each per-son to em-brace.  
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,  
and bring us to be-lieve  
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed  
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,  
as in our dai-ly life  
we strug-gle to be hu-man  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for peo-ple,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them,  
or as they may be-come.

- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions  
to do the truth in love;  
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,  
un-til we know by heart  
the ta-ble of for-give-ness  
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters  
with all who are in need,  
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,  
for righ-teous-ness and bread,  
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,  
new hands for hold-ing on;  
re-new us with your Spir-it;  
God! Free us, make us one!

*Dutch theologian Fred Kaan was ordained in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales and has served as an international church administrator. Author of more than 200 hymns, Kaan frequently has addressed contemporary issues in his texts.*

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
*Samuel S. Wesley, 1864*

Thank you to our lay leader and fellowship host, Steve Van  
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