



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
August 31, 2025**

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- † PRELUDE: Fugue BWV 869 - JS Bach
- † OPENING HYMN: Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*
- † OFFERTORY: Praise to the Lord the Almighty arr. John Carter
- † CLOSING HYMN: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*
- † POSTLUDE: Alleluia Alleluia

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Today's service will be recorded.

WORSHIP SUNDAY - AUGUST 31, 2025
A WELCOME AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Fit us, O God, for this new day. Through your Spirit, grant us courage,

ALL: So that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us.

ONE: Through your Son, fill us with love,

ALL: So that our difference will not divide us.

ONE: Through your creative energy, make us new,

ALL: So that the past will not hold us back. Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life. Amen.

*HYMN

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer — New Century Hymnal 18
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CALL TO PRAYER (seated)

ONE: Christ is with us.

ALL: Christ is in our midst.

ONE: Let us pray.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Most Blessed God, teach our hearts to be psalms, singing forth your praise. Teach our minds to be proverbs, shining forth your wisdom. Teach our lives to be parables, showing forth your glory in our daily gestures and deeds. Reveal yourself in Spirit, truth, and love. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 (seated)

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

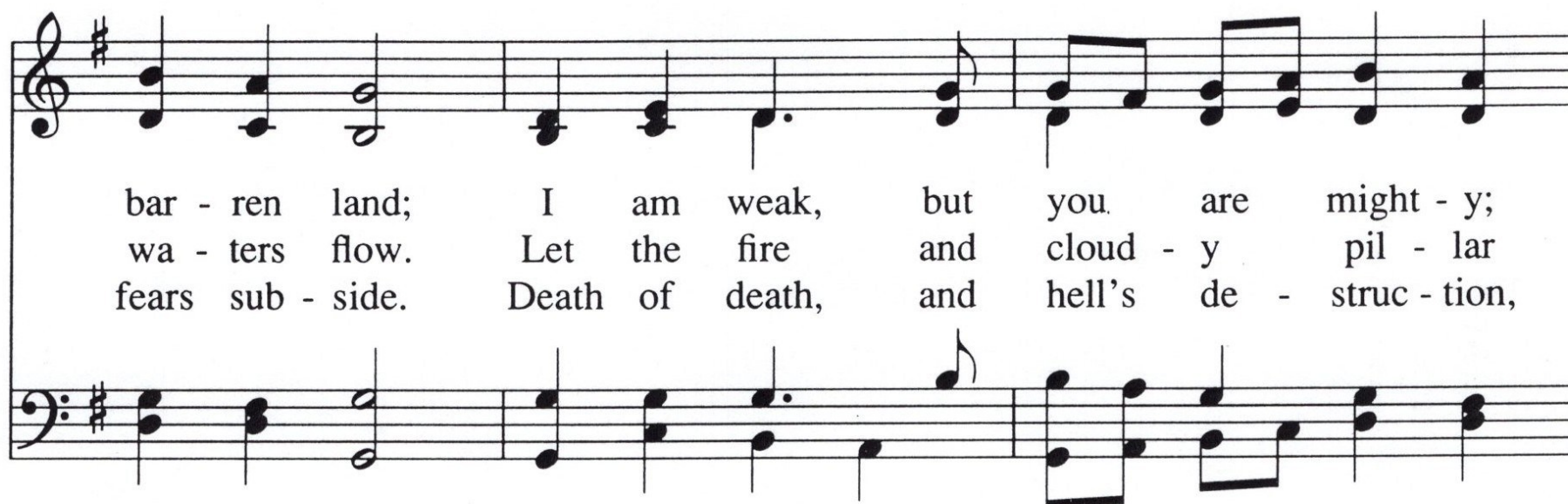
ONE: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

*Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39–44; Rev. 22:1–2**William Williams, 1745**St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.**St. 2–3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.*

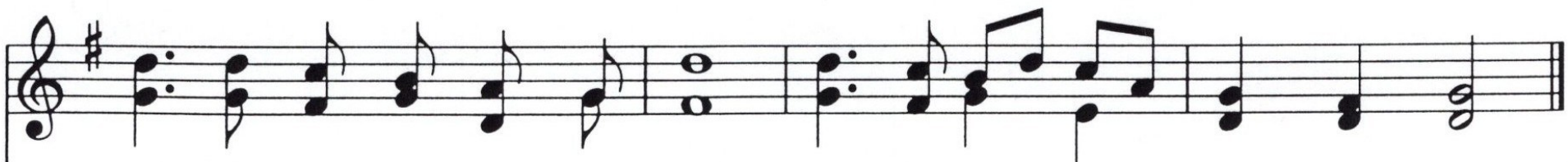
1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with your power-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.



OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Praise to the Lord the Almighty arr. John Carter

*THE 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.**



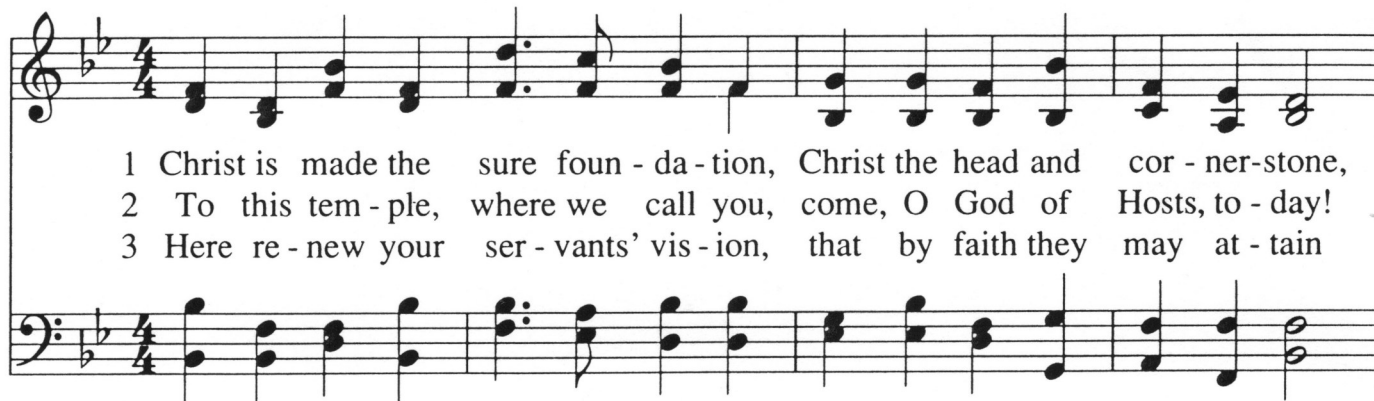
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

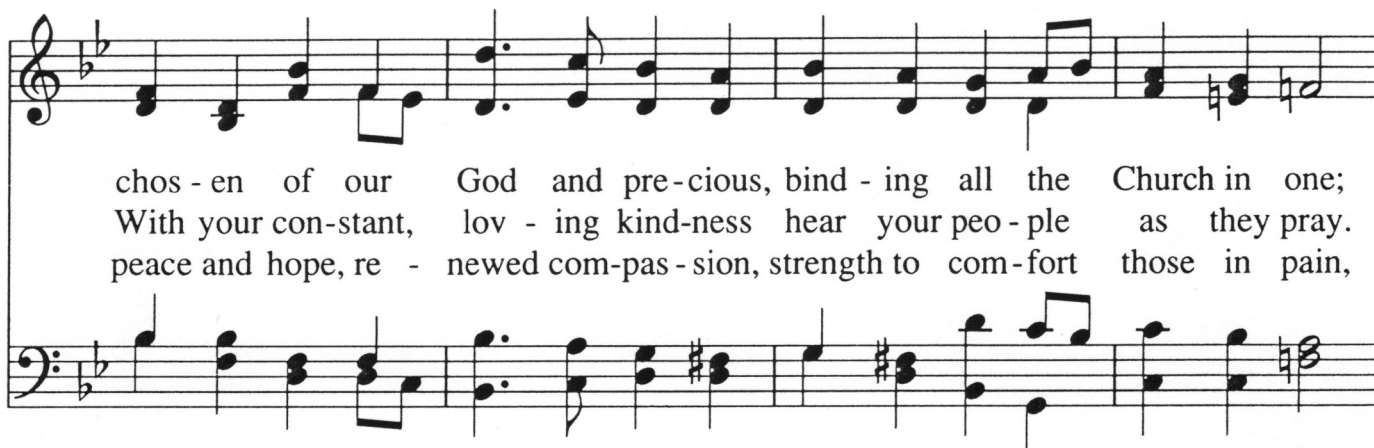
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*UNISON PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

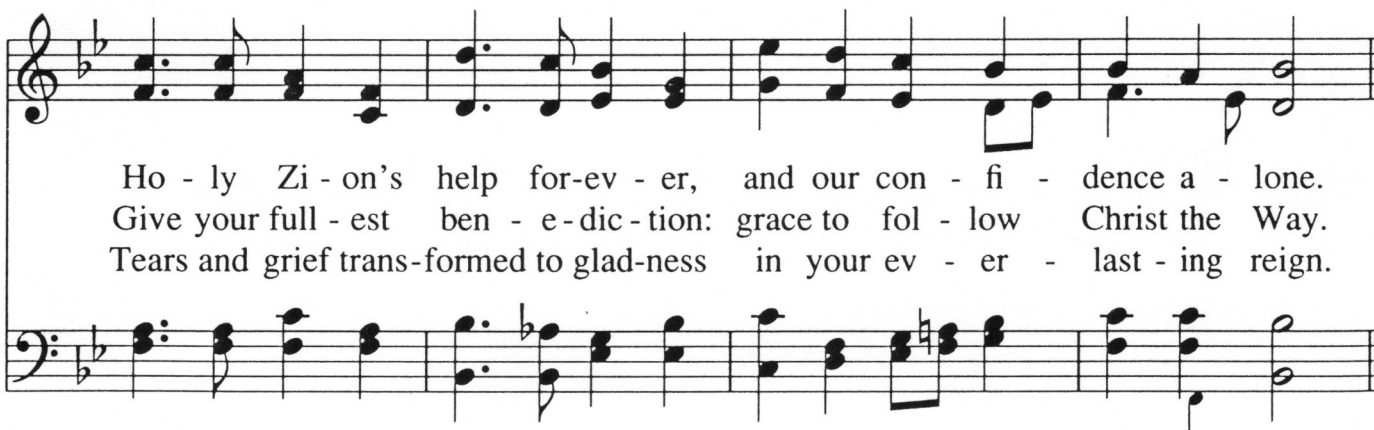
Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. God will not fail you or forsake you. Go and join Christ in the world, witnessing to the sacred in the midst of life. Amen

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7**Latin, 6th-8th century**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.**St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*


1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone,
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain



chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,



Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

*Please rise in spirit or body

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