



Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
May 24, 2026

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— Robert Schumann
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Movement 1 — W.A. Mozart
- ◆ *From The New Century Hymnal
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Today's service will be recorded.

WORSHIP SUNDAY — MAY 24, 2026

PRELUDE

Traumerei — Robert Schumann

GREETING

ONE: Christ is Risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed!

ONE: God is Good!

ALL: All the time!

ONE: All the time!

ALL: God is Good! Hallelujah!

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash & Sarah Jane Fuller

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING SONG

Halle, Halle

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 104:33-35)

ONE: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live;

ALL: We will sing praise to our God while we have being.

ONE: May our song and prayer, praise and meditation be pleasing to God

ALL: for we rejoice in the Lord.

ONE: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

ALL: Bless the Lord, Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN**

**Come Now Almighty God — New Century Hymnal 275
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A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

by UCC Chaplain Rev. Stephen Boyd, adapted

Today we pause to remember our comrades in uniform, those whom we have loved and lost while they served the U.S. We offer gratitude for their service and respect the cost and sacrifices that each have made. In these challenging times, O God, inspire us, encourage us, and empower us to reach out to our veterans and their families, that through our actions we may give due respect to those who have given their all. In your Holy name, we pray. Amen.

**IN 
LOVING
MEMORY**

Come Now, Almighty God

Anon., English, c. 1757; alt.

1 Come now, Al - might - y God, help us your
 2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, by heaven and
 3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, your sa - cred
 4 To you, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to laud; our songs we raise:
 earth a - dored; our prayer at - tend:
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be for ev - er - more.

Rul - er all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and your peo - ple bless, and give your word suc - cess;
 Your grace to us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Your sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
 grant us your ho - li - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!
 nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

ONE: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace — Tom Fettke

Children are invited to Sunday School at this time.

Please meet Sarah Jane and Izzy at the back of the Sanctuary.

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*RESPONSE HYMN

Nearer My God to Thee — Pilgrim Hymnal 351
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JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

When We Are Living — Robert F. Krisman

Nearer, My God, to Thee

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Sarah F. Adams, 1805-1848

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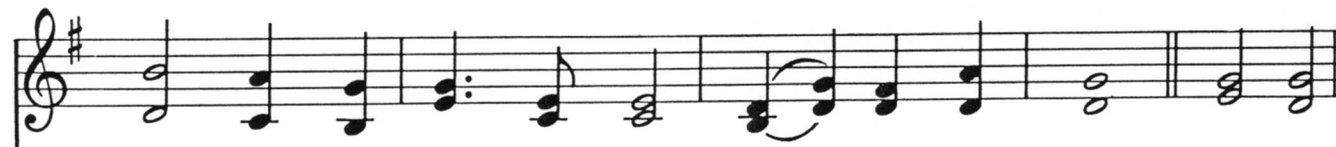
Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



1 Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee, E'en though it be a cross
 2 Though like the wan - der - er, The sun gone down, Dark-ness be o - ver me,
 3 There let the way ap - pear Steps un - to heaven; All that thou send - est me
 4 Then, with my wak - ing thoughts Bright with thy praise, Out of my ston - y griefs
 5 Or if on joy - ful wing Cleav - ing the sky, Sun, moon, and stars for - got,



That rais - eth me; Still all my song would be, Near - er, my God, to thee,
 My rest a stone, Yet in my dreams I'd be, Near - er, my God, to thee,
 In mer - cy given; An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to thee,
 Beth - el I'll raise; So by my woes to be Near - er, my God, to thee,
 Up - ward I fly, Still all my song shall be, Near - er, my God, to thee,



Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee. A - men.



***DOXOLOGY**

Pilgrim Hymnal 515

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

OR

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. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Reebee Girash

**We dedicate our lives and all that we are to the work of life, of love, of peace.
Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

This is My Song — New Century Hymnal 591
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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Sonata No. 5 in G Major, Movement 1 — W.A. Mozart

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.
Jean Sibelius, 1899
Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

We welcome Mary McDermott, today's guest pianist. And thank you to Mia M. and Acadia Z. for hosting Zoom.

SOURCE NOTES

The prayer of dedication is by Anton K. Jacobs.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We honor the Biblical call to love one another as God first loved us. We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people of any race, nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, and physical, mental, and emotional abilities.



MISSION STATEMENT

*A welcoming home to all spiritual seekers Making a difference in our world,
By fusing our Christian faith with everyday life and Serving God by serving others.*



CHILDREN AT PILGRIM

Children are a beloved part of our worshiping community. We welcome them as full participants in God's presence throughout Sunday services and want them to feel at home at Pilgrim. If your young one could use a movement break or a quieter space, we also have these resources available:

- The space behind the upstairs balcony offers seating and toys, with full audio/visual access to the service.
- Professional childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the downstairs nursery during the service.



VISUAL AND HEARING AIDS

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex.
Large Print bulletins and Sermons texts are available.