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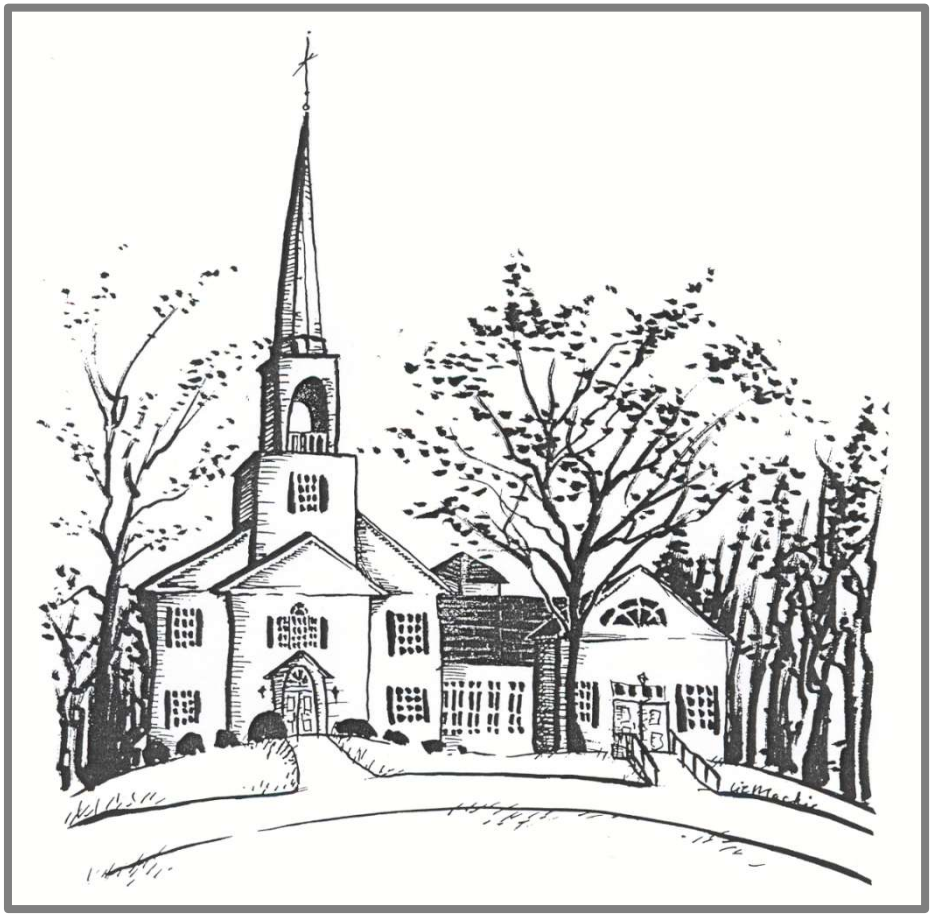

Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday

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

Worship - Sunday, November 1, 2026

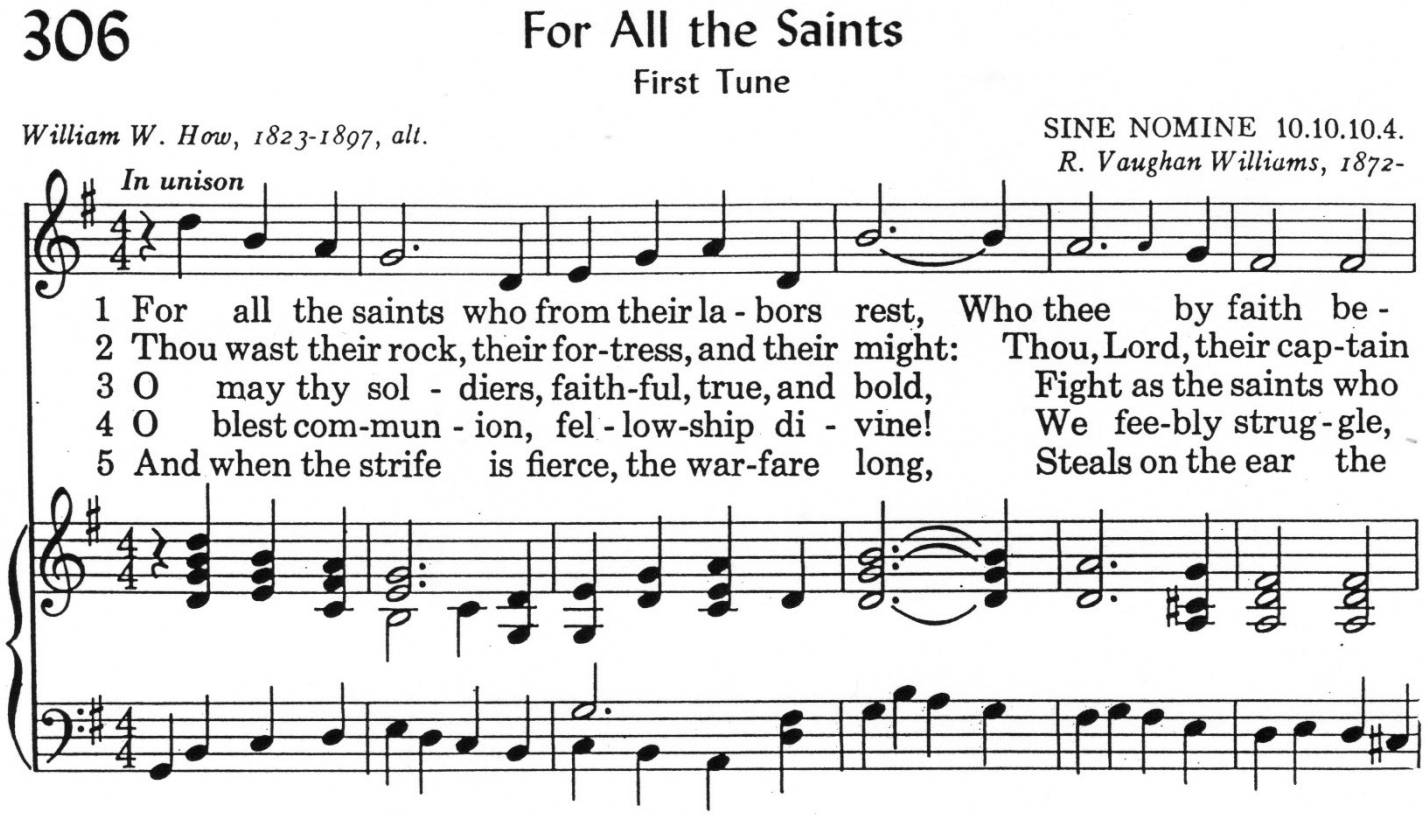
PRELUDE — Variations - Douglas E. Wagner

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Reebee Girash & Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING THE PEACE — Duncan Todd

ONE: Peace be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

GATHERING SONG — For All the Saints - Pilgrim Hymnal 306 (verse 1)



*CALL TO WORSHIP Duncan Todd

ONE: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it! From the east to the west, from the north to the south,

ALL: God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

ONE: From the east to the west, from the north to the south,

ALL: we gather together, united by God's Spirit, to celebrate God's glory and proclaim God's praise!

ONE: Let's worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN I Sing a Song of the Saints of God - New Century Hymnal 295 (page 4)

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:1-2 Duncan Todd

1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2**Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

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Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2**And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

295 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.

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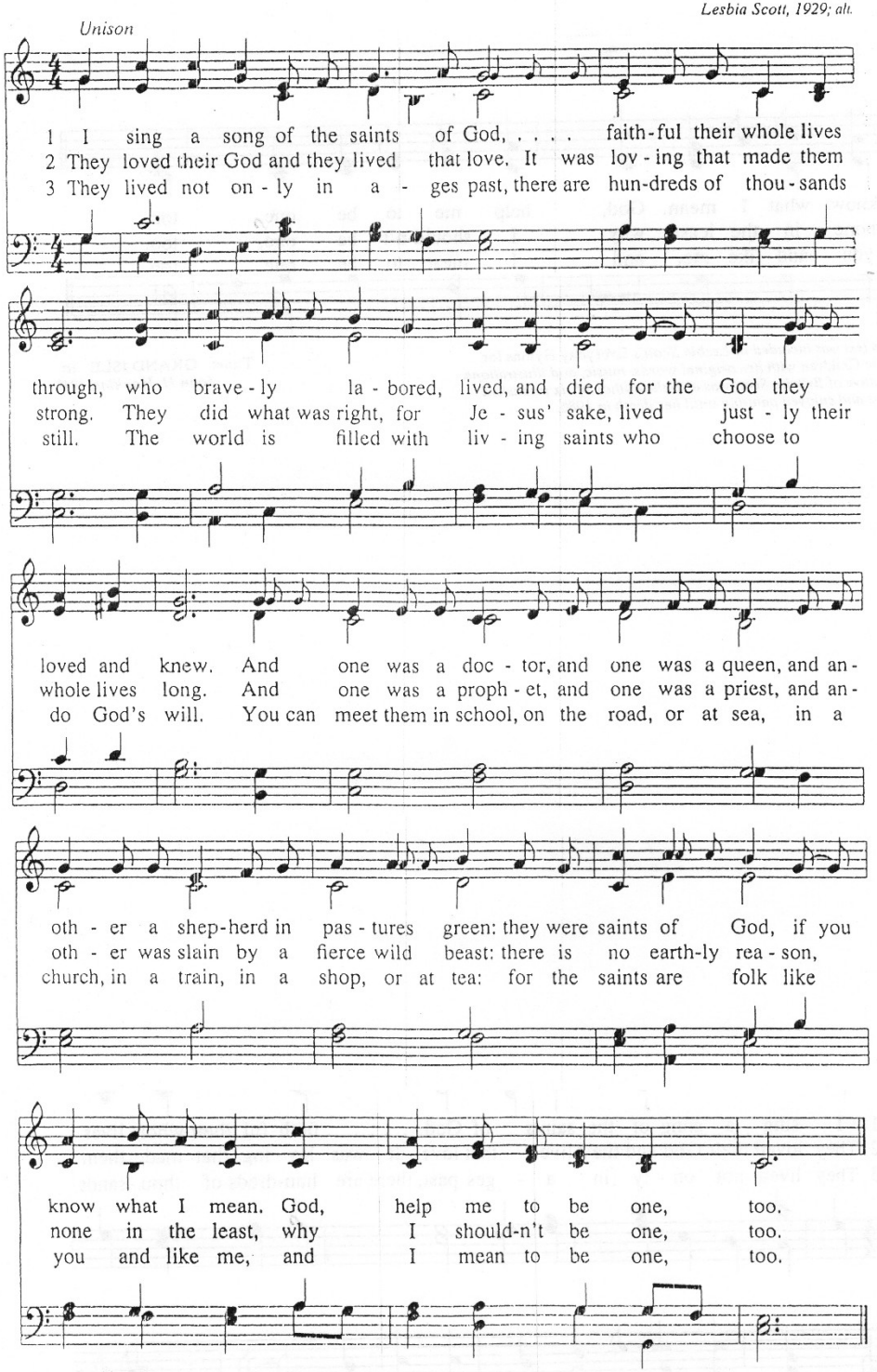


This text was included in Lesbia Scott's Everyday Hymns for Little Children *with her original words, music, and illustrations. A native of Britain, Scott was also the author of six published*

Tune: GRAND ISLE 11r.
John H. Hopkins, 1940

6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

ONE: Here end the readings. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM A Clare Benediction - John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; May the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you; May his spirit be ever by your side.
When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; When you wake, may he fill you with his grace.
May you love him and serve him all your days, Then in heaven may you see his face.
May the Lord's loving kindness surround you; Keep you safe as you journey on your way:
May he lead you and inspire you As he grants you the gift of each new day.
May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them; Ev'ry friend, ev'ry stranger at your door:
In the name of his Son, our Savior Christ, May God bless you, now and evermore.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER — Rev. Reebee Girash

*HYMN — Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away) - New Century Hymnal 595 (page 7)

A STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY — Michael Scott Morton

OFFERTORY — As We Gather At Your Table - Stan Pethel [John Girash on Sax]

*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

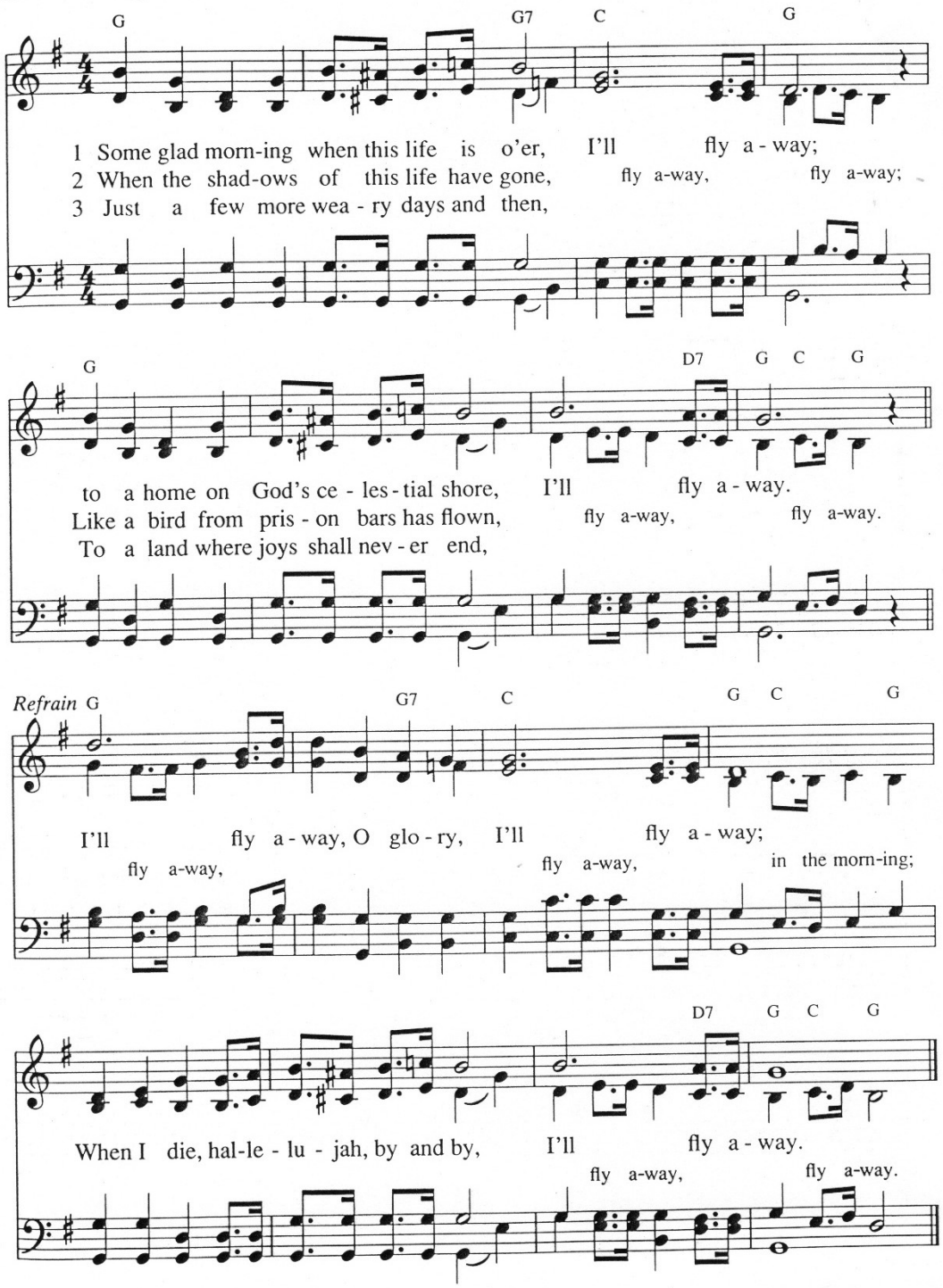
And I mean to be one, too. God we are thankful for all our ancestors in faith who served you joyfully and gave generously to support this community and the wider community. We mean to do so, too. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN — As We Gather at Your Table -New Century Hymnal 332 (page 8)

Some Glad Morning
(I'll Fly Away)

Albert E. Brumley, 1932

Ps. 55:6



This is a favorite song of the golden age of gospel music, in

Tune: I'LL FLY AWAY 9.4.9.4. with refrain

332 As We Gather at Your Table

Matt. 22:1–10; Luke 14:16–24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Reebee: We gather at this table, God's table
ALL: The table has been set long before we were born
ONE: There are places for all who have gone before us
ALL: We take their hands as we approach to be received
ONE: You are welcome at this table, Christ's table
ALL: The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generations
ONE: We lift up the memories of loved ones we no longer see
ALL: We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God, for God is present with us
ONE: This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration
ALL: This is the table for all the saints of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people — courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion in our own time.

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

ASSURANCE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table
where along with your saints we receive all Christ's gifts.
Provide for your church on earth a strong faith and increased love for one another.
Give us the grace to praise you with our lives in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN — God Be with You - New Century Hymnal 81 (page 11)

God Be with You

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
William G. Tomer, 1880

UNISON BENEDICTION — Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

POSTLUDE — We're Marching to Zion - Gordon Young

Thank you to Duncan T. for leading worship, Sandy and Derek G. for hosting coffee hour and Mia M. for hosting Zoom.

SOURCE NOTES

Today's liturgy is drawn from Christine Longhurst, Enfleshed, and from Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Henrietta Stith, and UCC Worship Ways.