

Pilgrim's Online Worship will begin at 9:30. If you are reading this message you are in the right place!

While you wait, download the order of worship and hymns from the bottom of the page at:
<https://www.pilgrimcongregational.org/worship-music>

Welcome to our early folks! Our worship leaders are muted as we continue to prepare.

You may use the chat function in Zoom to greet one another now. This service will be recorded. Please stay muted for now.



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
August 2, 2020
The Sacrament of Communion

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Welcome to Pilgrim Church UCC

Online Summer Worship 2020

Pilgrim Church provides a welcoming home for all people. We are seekers on a faith journey. We seek meaning in our lives, authentic relationships with one another and with God, and how best to use our gifts to further Christ's message of compassion for all God's people. We are a congregation on the move, paying attention to the world and making a real difference. We believe that when we serve our sisters and brothers, we are serving God.

We believe that Christian faith needs to be connected to how we live today. We fuse our faith and what we experience on Sunday mornings with our thoughts and actions during the week. When we come to church, we don't check our minds at the door either. Instead, we come to figure out some of life's complexities side by side. As our United Church of Christ often relates, "Our faith is 2,000 years old, but our thinking is not."

As we worship online this summer, we are working to stay connected to one another and our community. Please be in touch with Pastor Reebee (pastor@pilgrimcongregational.org or via the church office phone) if you know of a pastoral need.

We thank our summer worship leaders for their efforts this year:

Dot Bowe & Jim Munkres, Music

Rev. Reebee Girash, Sarah Jane Fuller

Susan Carabbio, Mona Roy, Dick Edmiston, and Bruce Nickerson

Pilgrim Church 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.

Pilgrim Church 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.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Blessed be the name of God, from this time and forever more.

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting; the name of God is to be praised.

One: It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

All: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we offer up to you the times our hearts were bitter and we refused to forgive, or when we were sad and refused to be comforted, or when we were dismissive to others and didn't share love. Forgive us, and renew our lives. Amen.

Words of Assurance and the Lord's Prayer

One: God brings you new life, forgives you, and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the spirit of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

All: 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.

Hymn **For the Beauty of the Earth** NCH 28

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain:

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon,
and stars of light, *[Refrain]*

3 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts
and mild, *[Refrain]*

4 For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,
[Refrain]

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For the Beauty of the Earth

*St. 1-3, Follitt S. Pierpont, 1864; alt.
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Scripture

Meditation

Hymn **I've Got Peace Like a River** NCH 478

1 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 river in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got fountain in my soul

3 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 ocean in my soul

4 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 anchor in my soul.

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I've Got Peace Like a River

Isa. 66:12; 1 Pet. 1:8-9; 1 John 4:7-12

African-American spiritual

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
4 I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1
riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my
an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in my

2
soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.
soul. I've got an - chor in my soul.

Call to Prayer

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering and Musical Offertory

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Invitation and Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

This summer we are worshipping online. You are invited to bring bread and juice to worship on Communion Sundays so that we may observe the feast together.

1 Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
* 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

[Refrain]

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.*

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
My God, have mer - cy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.

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My God, have mercy on me.*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees,
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Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace. Amen.

Unison Benediction

May we go out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill our high calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Response

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.