

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 30, 2020

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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

Bruce Nickerson

One: Jesus said: Love one another.

All: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants, now I call you my friends.

All: We come to worship God, whose friend we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praises to God,

All: And live in love and friendship, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Wondrous God, you touch our lives with healing and justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. Amen.

The 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.

Hymn This is My Father's World PH 485

- 1 This is my Father's world; And to my listening ears,
All nature sings and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father's world; The birds their carols raise,
The morning light the, lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.
- 3 This is my Father's world; Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king; let the heavens ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.

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This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901, alt.

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

Traditional English Melody

Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

In unison

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Scripture

Meditation

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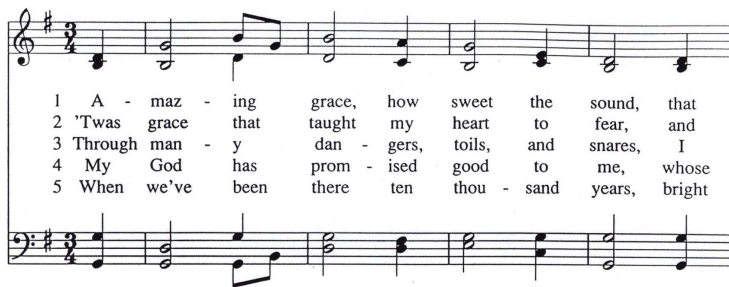
Hymn **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound** NCH 57

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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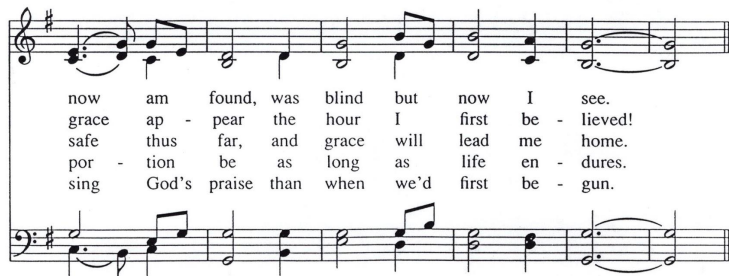
*St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790*



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Call to Prayer

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Musical Offertory

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Unison Benediction

**Go forth, for the love of God is ours to share,
The peace of Christ is ours to extend,
And the power of the Holy Spirit is ours to offer. Amen.**

Closing Response

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.