



Pilgrim Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
August 16, 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](mailto: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

Mona Roy

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 I Sing the Mighty Power of God PH68

- 1 I sing the mighty power of God, That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.
- 2 I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye;  
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!
- 3 There's not a plant or flower below, But makes thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from thy throne,  
While all that borrows life from thee Is ever in thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, are present there. A-men.

## I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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From Watts, 1674-1708, ed.

ELLACOMBE C.M.D.  
"Gesungbuch," Wittenberg, 1714

1 I sing the might-y power of God, That made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low, But makes thy glo-ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, And built the loft-y skies.  
He formed the crea-tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, By or-der from thy throne,

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye;  
While all that bor-rows life from thee Is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o-bey.  
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!  
And ev-ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A-men.

A higher setting may be found at No. 450

WORKS IN CREATION

Scripture

Meditation

Mona Roy

# Hymn Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart NCH 290

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art; And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, No sudden rending of the veil of clay, No angel visitant, no opening skies; But take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear. To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
- 4 Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling: O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
- 5 Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The kindling of the heaven descended Dove, My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 290

George Croft, 1834, alt Gal. 5:25; Matt. 22:37; John 1:32

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some words placed above or below notes to fit the melody. The score includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are:
   
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
   
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
   
3 Have you not bid us love you ev - ery way?
   
4 Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;
   
5 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,
   
wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
   
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
   
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
   
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;
   
Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
   
No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
   
I see your cross - there teach my heart to stay;
   
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
   
The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,
   
and make me love you as I ought to love.
   
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
   
O let me seek you, and O let me find.
   
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
   
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.



## 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.