

Pilgrim's Online Worship will begin at 10:30. 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://pilgrimcongregational.org/worship-music/bulletin-archive>

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 September 20, 2020

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Welcome to Pilgrim Church UCC

Online 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, 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.

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

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Reebee Girash

Call to Worship

Derek Gardiner

Beautiful are the works of God!

Beautiful are the faces of God's people!

Take a moment to look at one another and see the beauty God has made,
as we gather to worship God our Creator,
God who is love.

Opening Prayer

Come, O Creator, O Immensity of Love, O Eternity of mercy. Come, and be with us and beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us, and fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us, and fire us for caring. Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing. Abide in our prayers, the spoken and unspoken, and make your Word come true in our flesh, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.
Amen.

Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886

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Charles C. Coverie, 1832-1918

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. A - men.

Matthew 5:1-5

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

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

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Children’s Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

“Teach Me O Lord”

John and Zac Girash

Sermon

“We Get to Carry Each Other”

Rev. Reebee Girash

Passing the Peace

Sarah Fuller

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Invitation to Giving

Sarah Fuller

Offertory

Max Evrard and Elena Snow

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Prayer of Dedication

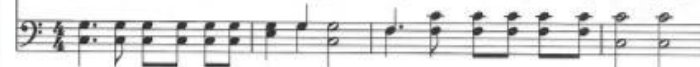
O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have given it and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples and advance your reign. Amen.

God Be with You

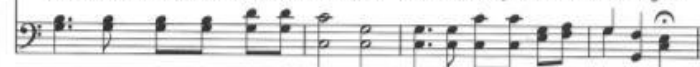
Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,



With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.



Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,



1 God be with you till we meet again; by good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

2 God be with you till we meet again; wings of shelter safely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)

3 God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you
Put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)

4 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet
again.
(Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

John Behnke

Source Notes: The Call to Worship draws parts from Trinity UCC in Chicago. The Prayer of Invocation is by Arnold Kenseth.