

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 27, 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

In The Church

Jacques-Louis de Champ D'homme

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Reebee Girash

Call to Worship

Doug Johnston

Let us give thanks to God who is GOOD!

God's steadfast love lasts forever.

Give thanks to God at all times.

God's mercy is everlasting!

Opening Prayer

This is the day you have made, O God.

This is the day you have called us to prayer.

This is the day you have called us to bless.

This is the day you have called us to do justice, love kindness, and walk alongside you.

This is the day you have promised to be present.

This is the day, this day and every day. Amen.

Hymn This is the Day NCH 84

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made,
that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice
and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that
our God has made.

2 This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again,
Jesus rose again; we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice
and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that
our God has made.

3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came,
when the Spirit came; we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice
and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when
the Spirit came.

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Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

This Is the Day

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.

St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison
E^b B⁷

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

E^b

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

A^b E^b A^b

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glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

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glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

Micah 6:6-8 (adapted from the Inclusive Bible)

“What shall I bring when I come before God, and bow down before God on high?” you ask. “Am I to come before God with burnt offerings? With year-old calves? 7 Will God be placated by thousands of rams or ten thousand rivers of oil? Should I offer my firstborn for my wrongdoings— the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” 8 Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what “good” is, and what God needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.

Matthew 5:6-12

- 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 righteousness’ sake, 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.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Children's Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

Thy Perfect Love

Pilgrim Church Choir

Sermon

“Righteous”

Rev. Reebee Girash

Passing the Peace

Sarah Fuller

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

Rev. Reebee Girash

Offertory

Meditation on “Beach Spring”

Robert Lau

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Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

Closing Hymn **God of Grace and God of Glory** PH 366

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story, Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us, Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways.
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

- 3 Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

- 4 Set our feet on lofty places, Gird our lives that they may be,
Armored with all Christ-like graces, In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.

- 5 Save us from weak resignation, To the evils we deplore.
Let the search for Thy salvation, Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.

God of Grace and God of Glory 366

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878- CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
John Hughes, 1873-1932

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glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
That we fail not man nor thee, That we fail not man nor thee.
Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore. A - men.

Benediction

Postlude

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Robert J. Powell

Source Notes: The Call to Worship is by Valerie Bridgeman Davis in the Africana Worship Book; the prayer of dedication is by Anton Jacobs.