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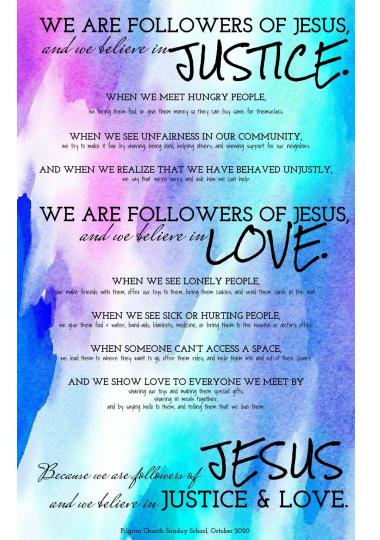
While you wait, download the order of worship and hymns HERE

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.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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# Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ November 1, 2020 Consecration of Pledges/Communion/All Saints Sunday

Prelude in A Major JS Bach

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash

Call to Worship

Julia Clark

Intro: Friends, hear this call to worship adapted from Psalm 138:

We thank God with all our hearts; we sing God's praise

We bow down and praise God's Name because of God's love and faithfulness

When we called, God answered us —

God made us bold and strong of heart.

With the saints in all times and places, let us worship God!

# Opening Hymn For All the Saints PH 306

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine! we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Remembering the Saints

Rev. Reebee Girash

Scripture Luke 22: 14-20 Julia Clark

Introduction: As you hear this familiar text recounting the Last Supper, listen for Jesus giving thanks in all circumstances.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Sermon "Thankful in all Circumstances" Rev. Reebee Girash

Passing the Peace Sarah Fuller

Prayers of the People Rev. Reebee Girash

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Moment Son-Mey Chiu

Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory Max Evrard and Elena Snow

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# Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we present to you our gifts.

We pray that you might bless them and us as we praise you with our voices and with our lives. Amen.

Son-Mey Chiu

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving: Bless these pledges to your purpose. Join our gifts with the gifts of your saints throughout the ages, strengthening this church and the wider church, serving our neighbors, and giving glory to you. Amen.

## Communion Hymn I Come With Joy NCH 349 (verses 1-3)

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

I Come with Joy

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#### The Sacrament of Communion

#### Invitation

One (Reebee): We gather at this table, God's table

One (Son-Mey): The table has been set long before we were born

One (Julia): There are places for all who have gone before us

One (Sarah): We take their hands as we approach to be received

One (Reebee): You are welcome at this table, Christ's table

One (Son-Mey): The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generations

One (Julia): We lift up the memories of loved ones we no longer see

One (Sarah): We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God, for God is present with us

One (Reebee): This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration. This is the table for all the saints of God.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Reebee Girash

## 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.

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Communion Prayer

### Sharing the Communion Meal

As 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where along with your saints we receive all Christ's gifts.

Provide for your church on earth a strong faith and increased love for one another.

Give us the grace to praise you with our lives in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

# Closing Hymn Rejoice Give Thanks and Sing NCH 303

1 Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your Sovereign God adore! For Christ has robbed death's sting and triumphs evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

- 2 Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love; The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power above Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
- 3 Christ Jesus cannot fail to rule both earth and heaven; The keys of death and hell are to the Savior given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come, And take the faithful up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear a heavenly voice above the trumpet's sound, "Rejoice!"



Benediction Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude Toccata in D minor JS Bach

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Source Notes: Today's liturgy is drawn from Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Henrietta Stith, and UCC Worship Ways.