

Pilgrim's Online Worship will begin at 10:30. If you are reading this message you are in the right place!

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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 October 11, 2020

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Prelude	Prelude Impromptu op 90 no 3	F. Schubert
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Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash and Sarah Fuller
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Call to Worship	Don Moir
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People come from East and West, North and South to worship God upon the holy mountain!

We all come, praising God!

People, come in peace, breaking down old misunderstandings,  
welcoming strangers, learning new languages,  
greeting one another as siblings!

We all come, praising God!

Praise the God who made us all, who loves us all,  
who calls us together so that we might shout Alleluia!

Praise God! Alleluia! Amen.

## Opening Prayer

O God, who opens doors and dismantles barriers,  
open our hearts to praise you  
that we might live the full truth of who we are,  
that we might live as neighbors and friends, no longer strangers and enemies;  
open our hearts to the transforming power of your love  
that we might forgive and reconcile, making peace and learning war no more,  
that we might share and bless and feed our neighbors,  
that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit, to tell your grace to all the world.  
We pray in the name of the One who walked among us as brother and friend,  
Amen.

Opening Hymn    **Enter Rejoice and Come In NCH 73**

- 1 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.  
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
- 2 Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song.  
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
- 3 Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone.  
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
- 4 Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change  
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
- 5 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.  
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In 73

*Louise Ruspini; alt.* Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.  
2 O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.  
3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.  
4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.  
5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

Scripture

Psalm 17:6-8; Isaiah 66:12-13 (The Inclusive Bible)

Don Moir

Psalm 17:6-8

“Now I am the one calling to you— and you, O God, will answer me. Turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

7 Show me your steadfast love— and your great strength. Save those who take refuge in you from those who hate them.

8 Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings...”

Isaiah 66:12-13

“I will spread peace over her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent.

As nurslings, you will be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child  
13 so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you will find your comfort.”

Children’s Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

Sweet Delight, Most Lovely

Pilgrim Church Choir

Sermon

Whitney Retallic

Passing the Peace

Rev. Reebee Girash

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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

Fugue in Classic Style

Nicolai Miaskovsky

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Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Fuller

God of blessing, God of love: we dedicated our offering of time, talent and treasure to your service. Inspire us to use them to bless and love our neighbors. Amen.

# Closing Hymn **Go, My Children, with My Blessing** NCH 82

- 1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2 Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you;  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of four systems of music. The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final chord.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;  
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,  
Here my Spir - it's pow-er filled you, here with ten - der com-fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

Benediction

Whitney Retallic

Postlude

Sonata Opus 2 No 2 (Scherzo)

L. Beethoven

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Source Notes: The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are adapted from UCC Worship Materials for National Coming Out Day, <https://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/lgbt/cant-turn-around-coming.html>.

About our guest preacher: For over 20 years, Whitney Retallic has worked with youth and young adults in a variety of settings, including as the advisor of a college LGBTQ+ student organization and a UU Youth Coordinator. She has directed leadership programs for students in middle school through college, led interfaith social justice initiatives and conducted outdoor education programs, all within MetroWest. She came to Massachusetts from Iowa to attend Wellesley College and went on to get her M.Ed. from Boston University. Outside of work, Whitney loves being outdoors, starting (and sometimes completing) home improvement projects, and working alongside her neighbors to address social injustice in her community.

Whitney lives in Maynard with her spouse, E.J. Labb (she/her/hers), who is the executive director of an assisted living facility in Westford, and their child, Kaya.