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Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ

November 15, 2020

Today's service will be recorded.

Music streamed in today's service

Prelude We Gather Together - arr. Neil Harmon

Love Divine PH 228

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

Lord Make Me More Holy NCH 75

Duke Street - arr. Neil Harmon

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Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Fuller

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 145: 1-8)

Susan Moffitt

Come, let's praise God together!

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's remember the compassion God has shown toward us;

Her mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren,

so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's worship God together!

Opening Prayer

Susan Moffitt

Shine your light on your Word, O Lord; by your Spirit let us see your wonder. For your justice outruns our sense of fairness; your love overwhelms our deepest affections. Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and show us your most excellent way; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Opening Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling PH 228

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1815-1882

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Sets our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Never more thy temples leave;
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.
A-men.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all thy life re - ceive;
4 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;

Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;
Let us all in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,

Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - men.

Intro: Our text today is one of Jesus' final parables in Matthew's Gospel, the Parable of the Talents:

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Children's Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Passing the Peace

Sarah Fuller

Prayers of the People

Rev. Reebee Girash

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 the Offering

Sarah Fuller

Offertory

Max Evrard and Elena Snow

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Prayer of Dedication

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Hymn **Lord Make Me More Holy NCH 75**

Lord, Make Me More Holy

75

African-American spiritual

1 Lord, make me more holy. Lord, make me more holy.
 Lord, make me more holy, until we meet again.
 Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

2 Lord, make me more faithful. Lord, make me more faithful,
 Lord, make me more faithful, until we meet again.
 Faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

3 Lord, make me more humble. Lord, make me more humble,
 Lord, make me more humble, until we meet again.
 Humble, humble, humble, until we meet again.

4 Lord, make me more righteous. Lord, make me more righteous
 Lord, make me more righteous, until we meet again.
 Righteous, righteous, righteous, until we meet again.

1 Lord, make me more ho - ly. Lord, make me more ho - ly.

Lord, make me more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly un - til we meet a - gain.

- 2 Lord, make me more faith-ful, . . . Faith-ful, . . . un-til we meet a-gain.
 3 Lord, make me more hum-ble, . . . Hum-ble, . . . un-til we meet a-gain.
 4 Lord, make me more righ-teous, . . . Righ-teous, . . . un-til we meet a-gain.

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

Duke Street

arr. Neil Harmon

Source Notes: The prayers today are from Feasting on the Word.