

# Leisure

By William Henry Davies

What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs  
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.



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Music streamed in today's service

Beneath the Cross of Jesus - arr. Don Wyrztzen  
Be Thou My Vision - PH#391  
When Jesus Wept  
Amazing Grace - NCH#547  
The Swan - Camille Saint-Saëns

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Prelude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Fuller

Call to Worship

Derek Gardiner

The promises of God are like bulbs deep in the soil,

**God is making all things new.**

The promises of God are like buds on branches,

**God is making all things new.**

The promises of God are like fresh turned earth,

**God is making all things new.**

The promises of God are all around us, though we cannot perceive it yet—

**God is making all things new.**

Come, worship our God, for we know the seasons will change,

**And our God will make all things new.**

# Opening Hymn

# Be Thou My Vision - Pilgrim Hymnal #391

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

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Be Thou My Vision

*Ancient Irish*

*Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931*

*Verseified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935*

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*Traditional Irish Melody*

*Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948*

*In unison*

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## Prayer of Confession

Derek Gardiner

Gracious God,  
you have promised to receive us when we come to you.  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed.  
We have disobeyed your law.  
We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should.  
Forgive us, O God,  
and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

## Assurance of Grace

Rev Reebee Girash

**Matthew 6: 26-29**

- 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
- 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
- 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
- 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

**Matthew 25:35-40**

- 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
- 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
- 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
- 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
- 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

**Luke 4:18**

Jesus read:

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...

Children's Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

When Jesus Wept

Sermon

Chris Reaske

Passing the Peace

Rev. Reebee Girash

Prayers of the People

## Pastoral Prayer

## 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

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## Doxology (#515 Red)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



## Prayer of Dedication

All good gifts around us come from you,  
O God.

You have given us life and new life in Christ.

As you have given us gifts,  
so we offer our gifts

that we may be gifts to one another,  
even as Jesus so taught and lived.

Amen.

Derek Gardiner

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.  
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790*

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## Benediction

Rev Reebee Girash

Marked by a cross,  
cherished and forgiven  
We are traveling home.

Called to be holy,  
called to be whole  
We are traveling home.

Across deserts,  
over mountains,  
We are traveling home.

God in our hearts,  
God in our lives,  
We are traveling home.

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Today's preacher, **Pilgrim member Chris Reaske**: Chris received his undergraduate education at Yale, and his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard in English Literature. He spent his entire career in college and university teaching and administration, except for a final five year term as an officer of The Peabody Essex Museum before retiring. Chris left Yale in 1995 to accept appointment as a vice president of Boston University. He and his wife Mary K. have very happily been part of the Pilgrim Church Congregation since then.