



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
April 18, 2021
The Third Sunday of Easter

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Music streamed in today's service

Mazurka in A minor - F. Chopin
For A Thousand Tongues to Sing - NCH #42
Alleluia - Pilgrim Church Choir
Be Thou My Vision arr. Joel Raney
Peace I Leave with You, My Friends - NCH #249
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

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recorded.***

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Prelude

Mazurka in A minor

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Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Fuller

Call to Worship

Matt Saradjian and Sarah Fuller

One: Christ is Risen, and greets us with peace.

All: The peace of Christ is among us, indeed.

One: We are witnesses of God's glory and steadfast love.

All: The transforming love of Christ is among us, indeed!

One: Come, let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Matt Saradjian

God of love and light,
we come as witnesses of your glory and faithfulness,
amazed to discover your transformative love.

God, we desire for you to abide within us,
and for your grace to be revealed anew daily.

Be with us
and awaken within us the call to love one another,
in the way it was made real through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn **O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing** - New Century Hymnal #42

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God's grace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

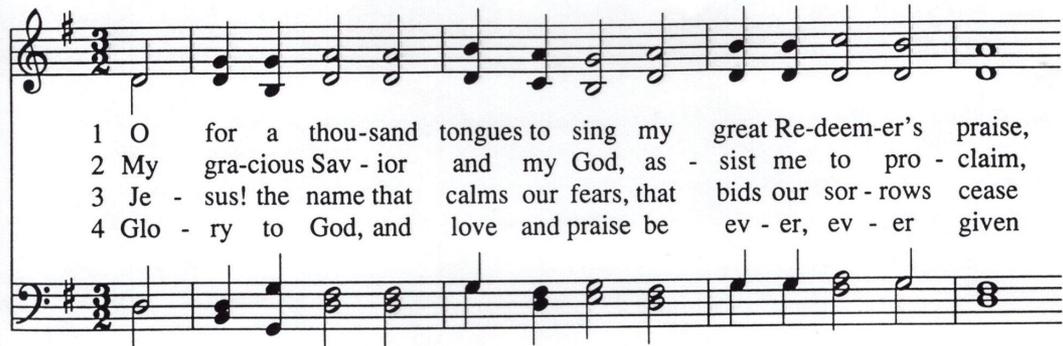
3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.

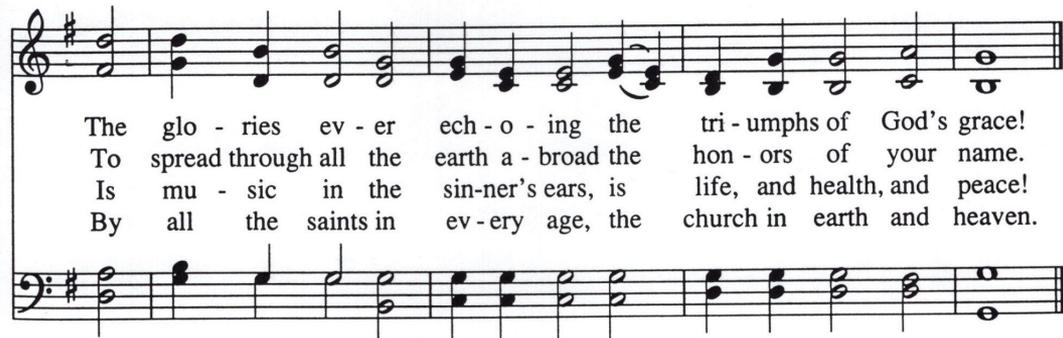
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given



The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?’³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.⁴⁴ Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Children’s Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

Alleluia

Pilgrim Church Choir

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Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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 the Offering

Matt Saradjian

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Joel Raney

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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.

or

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Fuller

God of abundant love,

We offer a portion of our time, spiritual gifts, and resources
as a sign of our love for you and the world.

O God, we give you our thanks for all that we have
and ask a special blessing on these offerings.

And God, we ask that our collective offering
be an expression of healing, that brings hope to a hurting world.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn **Peace I Leave with You** - New Century Hymnal #249

*Refrain: Peace I leave with you, my friends,
shalom my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends,
I give to you, so you can give to others, too.*

1 To share God's love is why I came,
to show God's kindness without end.
Go now my friends and do the same,
until I come again.

2 Take my hand and be at peace,
The spirit of our love I send;
And with this love you will be free,
until I come again.

3 With this love you all will know,
That loneliness is at an end,
Rejoice my people though I go
for I will come again.

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Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

Refrain

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a guitar accompaniment with chords D, Em, G, F#m, Gm, and A7. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in italics. The score includes a refrain and three verses of the hymn. The first verse is marked with a '1-2' and '3' indicating a first ending. The second and third verses are marked with '1-2' and '3' indicating a first ending. The score ends with a 'to Refrain' instruction.

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in
all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to
you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

1 To share God's love is why I came,
2 Take my hand and be at peace;
3 With this love now all will know

to show God's kind - ness with - out end,
the spir - it of our love I send,
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

Go now, my friends, and do the same,
And with this love you will be free,
Re - joice, my friends, al - though I go,

un - til I come a - gain.
un - til I come a - gain.
for I will come a - gain.

to Refrain

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

Source Notes: The Liturgy today is by the Rev Dr. Sheila Harvey Guillaume, published in the UCC's Worship Ways.
