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Notes from the artist, Kelly Latimore: “I started painting icons in 2011 while I was a member of the Common Friars from 2009-2013. Our collective work was about being more connected: to ourselves, each other, our surrounding community and the land. This manifested itself as a place called “The Good Earth Farm” where we held weekly services and meals, and grew produce for our community and local food pantries.

I was not taught by a traditional Iconographer, and so to some, I am breaking many rules. There are icons here that people may find theologically unsound and wrong, or for others, helpful and inspiring. I think both reactions are important. My hope is that these icons do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue.

The other may have something to teach us about what we know, about who God is, the world we live in and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art. Being more present.”

[from: <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/about-2/>]



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
April 25, 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Music streamed in today's service

Tell Me the Story of Jesus - arr. Mary McDonald
Woke Up This Morning - NCH 85
Jubilate Deo - Pilgrim Church Choir
There Is a Name - NCH #52
My Shepherd Is the Living God - NCH #247
Hyfrydol - Ralph Vaughan Williams

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Prelude

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

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Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Fuller

Call to Worship

Lesley Morrison and Sarah Fuller

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: God is good!

All: All the time!

One: All the time,

All: God is good.

Powerful God,
You are our strength and our help in trouble.
Following your Son,
Standing on the promises of Christ,
We gather the power to love and heal in his name. We gather the courage to witness to justice in his name. We gather the joy to proclaim good news in his name. In gratitude we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Opening Hymn **I Woke Up This Morning** - NCH #85

1 I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

2 Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

I Woke Up This Morning

85

African-American traditional

Leader (Unison) *All (Harmony)*

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on
2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Hal-le - lu - jah,

Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Je - sus, Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Hal-le-lu - jah,

Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu - jah.

Hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11 This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

Children’s Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Pilgrim Church Choir

Sermon

Rev. James Ross

Opening Hymn **There is a Name I Love to Hear** - NCH #52

1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

[Refrain:]

O how I love Jesus,

O how I love Jesus,

O how I love Jesus,

Whose love has first found me.

2 It tells my Savior's love for all; Christ died to set us free;
Whatever problems may befall, we'll live in dignity.

[Refrain]

3 It bids me serve amid the wrath God's people face each day,
And sheds a long life's troubled path bright sunshine on my way.

[Refrain]

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There Is a Name I Love to Hear (O How I Love Jesus)

Frederick Whitfield, 1855; alt.

1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
2 It tells my Sav - ior's love for all; Christ died to set us free;
3 It bids me serve a - mid the wrath God's peo - ple face each day,

It sounds like mu - sic to my ear, the sweet - est name on earth.
What - ev - er prob - lems may be - fall, we'll live in dig - ni - ty.
And sheds a - long life's trou - bled path bright sun - shine on my way.

Refrain

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, whose love has first found me.

Passing the Peace

Rev. Reebee Girash

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.

Mission Moment

Spotlight on Autism Awareness

Mona Roy

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.

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

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.

Closing Hymn **My Shepherd Is the Living God** - New Century Hymnal #247

1 My shepherd is the living God, I therefore nothing need;
In pastures fair, near pleasant streams you settle me to feed.
You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways,
And lead me for your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stah;
A word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others come and go—
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

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My Shepherd Is the Living God

Ps. 23; John 10:11, 27-30

Composite from Thomas Sternhold, 1549, and Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

C G C G7 C F G F C

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2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

Am G C F G Am G7 C G C

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A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7

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Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—

Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C

And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
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Benediction

Rev. James Ross

Postlude

Hyfrydol

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Source Notes: The Prayer of Dedication is from the Book of Worship of the UCC.

About The Rev. James D. Ross II

We are so grateful to have The Rev. James D. Ross II with us this morning! Rev. Ross serves as Minister for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. In this role, Rev. Ross provides leadership to the justice team and programs of the conference as we seek to live into both our articulated mission and God’s call to us. This work is accomplished in partnership with the conference body itself, the associations and local congregations of the Southern New England Conference, the wider United Church of Christ, ecumenical and community partners, and others who will join in our efforts.

Rev. Ross served briefly as Area Conference Minister for the Northeast Region of the SNEC, which includes both the Metropolitan Boston and Northeast Associations. Prior to that, he served as Pastor of Pilgrim Congregational UCC in St. Louis, Missouri. The Alabama native also served as the Minister of Justice Formation at the First Congregational UCC in Washington DC., where he led the launch of the Downtown Drop-In Center for Homeless Youth and partnered with congregants to begin the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy to advance racial justice and confront white privilege. He previously held ministry positions at two other DC churches.

Rev. Ross also served as the Director of Outreach and Engagement for the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth in DC, where he saw the holy in the transformation, forgiveness, compassion, and mutual love among people sentenced as children to die in prison, their families, and the families of victims and survivors.

A former journalist, Rev. Ross was a newspaper reporter and editor and an organizational communications professional. He served as a mayoral appointee in two cities, including New Orleans, where he led media programs, marketing initiatives and community engagement strategies following Hurricane Katrina.

He holds an undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Alabama, a Master of Arts in American Culture Studies from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the only cohort of the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright Scholars Doctoral Program in African-Centered Religious Thought and Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

