



Pilgrim Congregational Church
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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Music streamed in today's service

Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing - David Schelat
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - PH #8
God Be In My Head
Ubi Caritas
Ave Maria - Flor Peeters
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life - NCH #331
Grand Choer - Gordon Young

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Prelude	Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing	David Schelat
Welcome and Announcements		Sarah Fuller
Call to Worship		Chris Reaske

One: We are the church.

All: We join our hearts together.

One: We listen for the word of God through scripture.

All: We feel each other's joy and sorrow as we share in prayer together.

One: And we gather across time and space to worship God now.

Opening Prayer

O God of the morning and the evening hours, let your Spirit come on us gathered now. Your people call on you in faith, joining hearts and voices in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.

Opening Hymn **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** - PH #8¹

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, Earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life. Amen.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Children's Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

God Be In My Head

Max Evrard

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Response Hymn

Dot Bowe

Ubi Cáritas

Refrain

U - bi cá - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,
Don - de hay a - mor y ca - ri - dad,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn 'Ubi Cáritas'. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. There are lyrics written below the notes. Some notes in the treble staff are circled with dashed lines.

u - bi cá - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.
don - de hay a - mor Dios a - lli es - tá.

The second system of musical notation for the hymn 'Ubi Cáritas'. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. There are lyrics written below the notes. A triplet of notes in the treble staff is marked with a '3' above it.

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People and the 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

Sarah Fuller

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Offertory

Ave Maria

Flor Peeters

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

Chris Reaske

Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Closing Hymn **Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life** - NCH #331

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as conquers death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes a guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move:
Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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George Herbert, 1633; alt.

John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11

Unison

The musical score is written for unison voice and piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

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Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

Grand Choer

Gordon Young

Source Notes: The Call to Worship is by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org. The Prayer of Invocation is adapted from the New Century Hymnal.

The Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” was written by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, who lived from 1852-1933. He became a Presbyterian minister, college professor, and diplomat. The text of this hymn was written while Van Dyke was guest speaker at Williams College in Massachusetts. It is reported that one morning he handed the manuscript to the college president, saying, “here is a hymn for you. Your mountains (Berkshires) were my inspiration.” After he handed the text to the college president, he declared, “it must be sung to the music of Beethoven’s ‘Hymn of Joy.’”

This music fits Van Dyke’s works so well because they are both expressing joy in God’s creation. The hymn was first published in Van Dyke’s *Book of Poems* in 1911. It shows a spirit of optimism, courage, and faith in God.

-- Flora, Julia Ann. *Suffering and Song: Lives of Hymn Writers*. 2nd ed., Independently published, 2019.

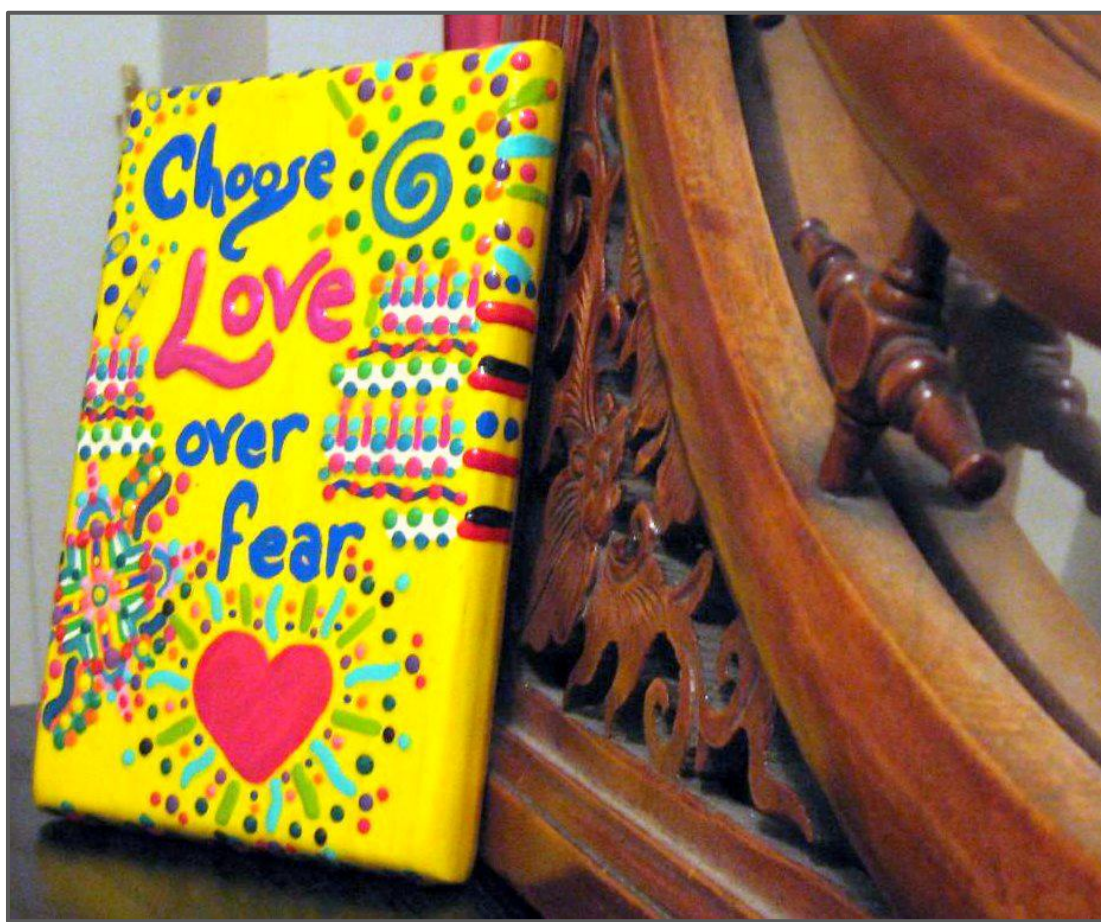


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