



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
June 13, 2021
Special Music Sunday

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Taste and See - James. E. Moore
When In Our Music God Is Glorified - NCH #561
I will Sing with the Spirit - John Rutter
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - PH #8
Precious Lord, Take My Hand - NCH #472
Prelude and Fugue in F Major - JS Bach

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Prelude

Taste and See

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Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Fuller

Call to Worship

One: Come and give thanks to our God.
Sing praises to the holy name.

**Many: With the melody of the lute and the harp
and the song in our hearts,
we declare God's steadfast love in the morning
and faithfulness at night.**

One: God's works make us glad.
**Your works are great, O God.
We sing our praises of joy to you.**

Opening Prayer

O God, maker of all that is beautiful,
Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace.
In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us
to sow those seeds through our ministries
so that all may share in Creation's abundance
to make true the promise
that no one will know scarcity
and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.

Opening Hymn **When In Our Music God Is Glorified** - NCH #561

- 1 When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!
- 2 How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!
- 3 So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!
- 4 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
and may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

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When in Our Music God Is Glorified

2 Chron. 5:11-14

Fred Pratt Green, 1972

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the soprano voice part, with piano accompaniment in the right and left hands. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score includes first and second endings, marked with '1-3' and '1-4' above the staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re -

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men - sion in the world of sound, As wor - ship moved us to a
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, Borne wit - ness to the truth in
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a - tion cried: Al - le - lu - ia!
more pro - found Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - ery tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing al - ways: Al - le - lu - ia!

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:26-32

26 He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’ 30 He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’

Children’s Message

Sarah Fuller

Special Music

I will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Response Hymn Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee - PH #8

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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;

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.

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,

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.

Passing the Peace

Rev. Reebee Girash

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

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

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God.
We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving.
Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds
of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

Closing Hymn **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** - NCH #472

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

[Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.]

2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:

[Refrain]

3 When the shadows appear and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

[Refrain]

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone,
and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in F Major - JS Bach

Don Hustad

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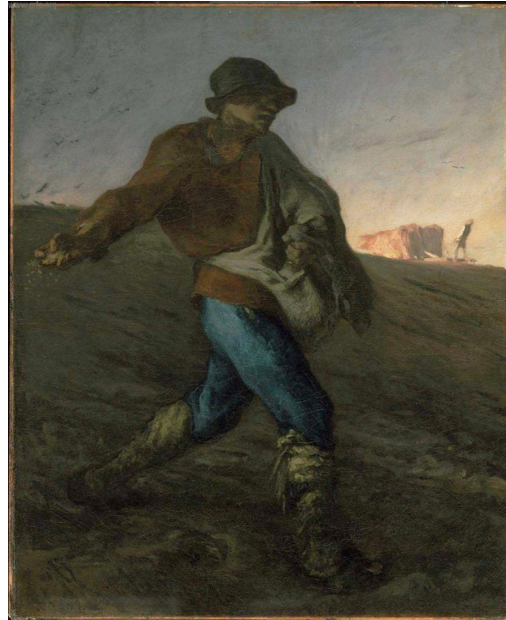


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Call to Congregational Meeting

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2 of our Bylaws, you are invited to a Congregational Meeting of the Church on Sunday, June 13, 2021 during the worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the slate of officers for the 2021-2022 church year and offer a prayer of installation. The Church Council has proposed the following slate of officers:

Moderator: Susan Carabbio

Assistant Moderator: Ed Bond

Treasurer: Dave McClave

Clerk: Nick Zorn

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Only members may vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Zorn

Clerk