



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
July 4, 2021

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Welcome to Pilgrim Church UCC

Summer Worship 2021

As we worship this summer, we are working to stay connected to one another and our community. Please be in touch with Pastor Reebee (pastor@pilgrimcongregational.org or via the church office phone) if you know of a pastoral need.

We thank our summer worship leaders for their efforts this year:

Dot Bowe & Jim Munkres, Music

Rev. Reebee Girash, Sarah Jane Fuller

Jeff Boehm, Sarah Jane Fuller, & other Zoom Hosts

Join us next week when Claire Moir offers the meditation.

Pilgrim Church Mission Statement

A welcoming home to all spiritual seekers

Making a difference in our world,

By fusing our Christian faith with everyday life and

Serving God by serving others.

Pilgrim Church Statement of Welcome

We honor the Biblical call to love one another as God first loved us. We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people of any race, nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, and physical, mental, and emotional abilities.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

All: To the rising of this life itself.

One: Welcome to this gathering place:

All: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.

One: Come with hope or hesitation, come with joy or yearning; come all who hunger and thirst for life in all its fullness.

All: Generous God, touch us through your spirit and bring us to the bright light of this new day. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Holy Spirit enable us to grow in love.

Words of Assurance and The Lord's Prayer

One: God always redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the spirit of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

All: 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.

Hymn The Battle Hymn of the Republic - Pilgrim Hymnal #443

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2 I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps,
His day is marching on. *[Refrain]*

3 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *[Refrain]*

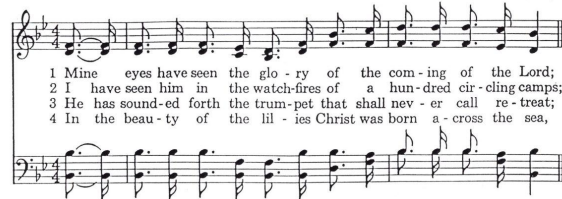
4 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free!
While God is marching on. *[Refrain]*

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Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Julia Ward Howe, 1859-1910

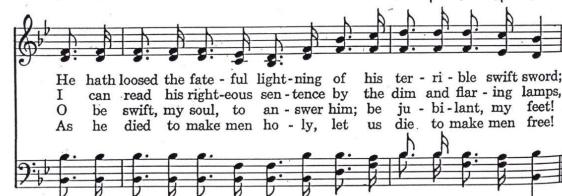
BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC Irregular
William Steffe?, c.1852



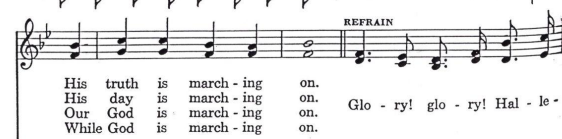
1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 I have seen him in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps;
3 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
4 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



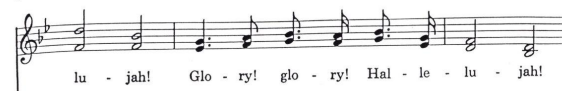
He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
They have build - ed him an al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps;
He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat;
With a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



He hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;
I can read his right - eous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps,
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us die to make men free!



REFRAIN
His truth is march - ing on.
His day is march - ing on. Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le -
Our God is march - ing on.
While God is march - ing on.



lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Scripture

Meditation

Hymn America the Beautiful - Pilgrim Hymnal #440

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

MATERNA C.M.D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.
- 2 O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.
- 3 O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.
- 4 O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea. Amen.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score is divided into four systems, each corresponding to one of the verses listed on the left. The first system includes the lyrics for the first verse. The second system includes the lyrics for the second verse. The third system includes the lyrics for the third verse. The fourth system includes the lyrics for the fourth verse. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the left hand, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ion strife,
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.

Call to Prayer

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Offertory

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Invitation and Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn Let us Break Bread Together - NCH #330

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.*

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

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Let Us Break Bread Together

Acts 2:42

African-American spiritual

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line includes three verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The score includes a 'Refrain' section and a final section with first, second, and third endings.

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
* 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
My God, have mer - cy on me.

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Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace. Amen.

Unison Benediction

May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest, be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing, and lead you in the way that is everlasting. Amen.

Closing Response

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.