



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
August 22, 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 and other Zoom Hosts

Join us next week when Rev. Reebee Girash will be preaching.

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: Jesus said: Love one another.

All: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants, now I call you my friends.

All: We come to worship God, whose friend we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praises to God,

All: And live in love and friendship, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Wondrous God, you touch our lives with healing and justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. We pray now with the words Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

Special Music

Scripture

Meditation

Doug Johnston

Call to Prayer

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Compassionate God, you are good to all. Help us to trust your Word and accept your invitation to find rest in you. We pray for your church in all of its forms, that we may learn how to follow Jesus by giving rest to the weary in lives of service that are gentle and humble of heart.

Compassionate God, you are good to all. We pray for the earth and all you have created and love, that all things may come back into the ecological balance that you first intended and all your works shall give thanks to you.

Compassionate God, you are good to all. We pray for all people, their nations and leaders. Where there is war, poverty, and hunger that are too much to bear, may we do our part toward peace and justice.

Compassionate God, you are good to all. We pray for all those who suffer violence in the streets and in their homes, that they might find safety and healing. We pray for those who are sick, those suffering mental illness, and those who struggle with moral dilemmas; uphold them and grant them peace.

Compassionate God, you are good to all. Gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth, we join our voices with all that you have made in blessing you and giving thanks to you, who, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, show compassion and goodness to all. Amen.

(Adapted slightly From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion - drawing upon Psalm 145)

Musical Offertory

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Unison Benediction

**Go forth, for the love of God is ours to share,
The peace of Christ is ours to extend,
And the power of the Holy Spirit is ours to offer. Amen.**

Musical Response