



Pilgrim Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
September 5, 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](mailto: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

Rev. Reebee Girash

Call to Prayer

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

## Litany To Commemorate 9/11 - Adapted from Rev. Elana Keppel Levy

We remember the fear and the anger, the shock and the chaos that shrouded our nation 20 years ago. We cried out that day for answers, for peace, for justice. We shed countless tears for lives lost, for families ripped apart, for people missing and injured.

**We will not forget the beauty of each soul that fell that day – the promise that their lives held, the hopes they had for the future.**

We remember the 2,606 innocent victims of the Twin Towers. **Abide with us, God.**

We remember the 125 innocent victims at the Pentagon. **Abide with us, God.**

We remember the 246 innocent victims on the airplanes. **Abide with us, God.**

We remember the first responders – the police and firefighters and paramedics – who faced the chaos with unimaginable courage to save and give hope to all that they could. We remember those who survived and the 411 who perished in the line of duty. **Abide with us, God.**

Holy God, we know that you hold their lives in your hands. Though they have fallen here, they are not lost forever. Through your Spirit, you have lifted them up, close to your heart where there is no more death or sorrow or crying or pain.

We cry out to you once more this day, Almighty God. Give us the courage to be peacemakers, to carry on in love, to have hearts uncorrupted by hatred. Speak to those who would be lured by the power and madness, the violence and the evil that is terrorism in our world. Show them that this seeming power is never the final victor. Touch their hearts so that they may see that love is stronger than death, that goodness is stronger than evil, that light casts out all darkness. Give them a way forward so that the world may be a home for all of us.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

## 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