



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
September 19, 2021

Music streamed in today's service

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - arr. Joel Raney
Halle, Halle Hallelujah - Traditional Caribbean
arr. By John L. Bell
Like a Tree - Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
Morning Has Broken - Pilgrim Hymnal #38
Prelude and Fugue in G Minor—JS Bach

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Today's service will be recorded.

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Prelude Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - arr. Joel Raney Dot Bowe

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

Practicing Our Welcome Julia Clark

Lord's Prayer Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

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.

IN THE BEGINNING

God created the heavens and the earth.

2 But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the Deep—yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters.

3 Then God said, “Light: Be!” and light was.

4 God saw that light was good, and God separated light from darkness.

5 God called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” Evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

6 Then God said, “Now, make an expanse between the waters! Separate water from water!” So it was:

7 God made the expanse and separated the water above the expanse from the water below it. 8 God called the expanse “Sky.” Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

9 Then God said, “Waters under the sky: be gathered into one place! Dry ground: appear!” So it was.
10 God called the dry ground “Earth” and the gathering of the waters “Sea.”

And God saw that this was good.

11 Then God said, “Earth: produce vegetation—plants that scatter their own seeds, and every kind of fruit tree that bears fruit with its own seed in it!” So it was...And God saw that this was good.
13 Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

14 Then God said, “Now, let there be lights in the expanse of the sky! Separate day from night! Let them mark the signs and seasons, days and years, 15 and serve as luminaries in the sky, shedding light on the earth.”

So it was...And God saw that this was good. 19 Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

20 God then said, “Waters: swarm with an abundance of living beings! Birds: fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky!” And so it was...God saw that this was good 22 and blessed them, saying, “Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the waters of the seas! Birds, abound on the earth!” 23 Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

24 Then God said, “Earth: bring forth all kinds of living soul—cattle, things that crawl, and wild animals of all kinds!”

So it was: 25 God made all kinds of wild animals, and cattle, and everything that crawls on the ground, and God saw that this was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground.” 27 Humankind was created as God’s reflection: in the divine image God created them; female and male, God made them. 28 God blessed them and said, “Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth—and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things on the earth!” ...So it was. 31 God looked at all of this creation, and proclaimed that this was good—very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

Rhythm Moment

Halle, Halle Hallelujah - Traditional Caribbean arr. By John L. Bell

Max Evrard and Dot Bowe

*At this time, children are invited to their Sunday School Classes -
meet Sarah at the rear of the Sanctuary.*

Prayer of the Day

Steve Van Evera

Spirit of Life, you created us in your image. You made us to be healers, to be protectors, and to be in deep and abiding relationship with one another and all the earth. Help us to trust in the power of these Sacred gifts within us. Enable our resistance to all that threatens life and make us co-creators of justice, joy, and care. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Steve Van Evera

Psalm 1 - selected verses, from the Inclusive Bible

Happiness comes to those who reject the path of violence, who refuse to associate with criminals or even to sit with people who belittle others.

Happiness comes to those who delight in the Law of God and meditate on it day and night.

They're like trees planted by flowing water—

They bear fruit in every season, and their leaves never wither: everything they do will prosper.

One: For the wisdom we receive in our hearing this scripture, and in our pondering of it,

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Prayers of the People

Rev. Reebee Girash

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Like a Tree - Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Max Evrard, Elena Snow and Dot Bowe

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Reebee Girash

Loving Creator, you mourn with us over all that is being destroyed. Each life is precious in your sight. Each creature and creation, a Sacred testament to you. As we offer our thanks for what sustains us, we bring, too, our grief, our tears, and our distress. As a practice of love, we pray, we weep, and we labor for change. Amen.

Hymn Morning Has Broken - PH 38

1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

3 Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.
Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.
Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor—JS Bach

Dot Bowe

Thank you to **Doug Johnston**, today's Zoom host.

Source Notes: The Prayer of the Day, Invitation to the Offering, the Prayer of Dedication, and the Benediction are from Liturgy that Matters by enfleshed: justice, liberation, delight. You can read more at <https://enfleshed.com/>.

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