



# Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ September 26, 2021

## Music streamed in today's service

Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott - Johann G. Walther  
Halle, Halle Hallelujah - Traditional Caribbean - arr. By John L. Bell  
Amazing Grace - Pilgrim Church Choir  
Lord, I Want To Be A Christian - NCH #454  
Gigue - William Pachelbel

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*Today's service will be recorded.*



Blessed are those who break down walls,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those who challenge hate,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those who live their faith,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those who speak the truth,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those who show Christ's love,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

The Peace

Sarah Jane Fuller

Blessing Our Teachers and Students

Sarah Jane Fuller

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.**

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

Susan Carabbio

**Spirit of God, Holy is your wisdom. You reveal all that has narrowed our imagination, confined our worldviews, and distorted our sense of what's possible. Come and help us create anew. Within and between us, nurture our creativity in the simple and serious work of love. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 121 (NRSV)

Susan Carabbio

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved;  
God who keeps you will not slumber.  
God who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
God will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

Susan Carabbio

31 ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a 5

stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

One: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Prayers of the People

Rev. Reebee Girash

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Reebee Girash

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Amazing Grace

Pilgrim Church Choir

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Reebee Girash

**Spirit of Love, as we bring our offerings together we do so in acknowledgment of all that needs re-ordering in the world. We grieve the ways resources are hoarded and withheld. We pray that we may be delivered from any temptation to cling to what should be shared with our neighbors. Free us of the lies of individualism and move us ever deeper into solidarity with all life. Amen.**

# Hymn Lord, I Want To Be A Christian - NCH #454

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

## Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

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*African-American spiritual*

*Deut. 6:5-6; 10:12-16*

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,  
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

*Refrain*

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,  
In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.



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Thank you to **Duncan Todd**, today's Zoom host.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am