



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
October 17, 2021

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Prelude in C Major by Bach
In the Garden - Max Evrard
Hymn - Great is Your Faithfulness - NCH#423

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Prelude

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Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Reebee Girash

Call to Worship

Ed Bond

One: Let all who are Created in the image of Goodness gather together and shout praise!

All: Let us call the name of the Source of All Blessing

One: And pour the Love of God into all generations.

All: The Love of the Divine is Forever.

Opening Prayer

O God of the morning and the evening hours, let your Spirit come on us gathered now. We, your people, call on you in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.

The Peace

Sarah Jane Fuller

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Moment

Sarah Jane Fuller

Children and Youth are invited to Sunday School at this time - please meet Sarah and the teachers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29: 10-14

Ed Bond

¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Stewardship Testimony

Stewardship Prayer

God of the journey,

Over and over, we become scattered and separated. Over and over, like a good shepherd, you find us and bring us home. For all the togetherness you've granted us at Pilgrim Church, thank you. For the gift of faith that gets us through times of separation, thank you. For music and prayer, for technology that bridges distance, for care packages and the pumpkin patch, for daily prayers, Sunday School and Bible Study, for mission partnerships and for the voices of friends, for all this and more, thank you. In your generosity and grace, O God, grant us the wisdom to see that our giving can help to make our separations easier, and our homecomings even more joyful. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Reebee Girash

Offertory

In the Garden

Max Evrard

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Reebee Girash

God of love and generosity, for the gifts you have dispersed into the world we give you thanks: the people, the money, the hope, and the life. For all that has been gathered here from that dispersal: the people, the money, the hope and the life, we give you thanks. Give us the strength to be separated, the courage to be commissioned, the generosity to give, and the wisdom to send ourselves and our money where you would have them go. In the name of the one who goes with us, and the one who leads us home - in Jesus' name, Amen.

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

*Hymn Great is Your Faithfulness - NCH#423

1 Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is your faithfulness!

Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed your hand has provided,

Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Refrain]*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. *[Refrain]*

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Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith-ful-ness, O God, Cre-a-tor,*
2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,
3 Par-don for sin and a peace so en-dur-ing,

with you no shad-ow of turn-ing we see.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove,
your own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com-pas-sions they fail not;
Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

all of your good-ness for-ev-er will be.
to your great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
bless-ings all mine with ten thou-sand be-side.

Refrain
Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

Thank you to **Jeff Boehm**, today's Zoom host.

Source Notes: The Call to Worship is an adaptation of Psalm 100 by Chris Davies. The opening prayer is from the New Century Hymnal. The prayer of dedication and Stewardship prayer are adapted from the Salt Project.

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