



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
November 14, 2021

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Music streamed in today's service

Praeludium II - Felix Mendelssohn
Sing to the Mountains - Bob Dufford
In the Midst of New Dimensions - #363 Hymns of Truth and Light
Now Thank We All Our God - John Benke

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Today's service will be recorded.

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Prelude Praeludium II - Felix Mendelssohn Dot Bowe

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

Passing of the Peace Julia Clark

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118) Julia Clark

One: People, give thanks to the Lord who is GOOD!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let us give thanks to God at all times,

All: For God's mercy is everlasting!

One: In a tight spot, we cried to God,

All: The Lord answered us with wide-open spaces.

One: Because God is with us, we are not afraid.

All: This is the day that God has made - Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer from The New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

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

Scripture Readings

Mark 13:1-8

Julia Clark

13:1 As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!”

13:2 Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

13:3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,

13:4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”

13:5 Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray.

13:6 Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray.

13:7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.

13:8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Taj M. Smith

Prayers of the People

Rev. Reebee Girash

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Reebee Girash

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Reebee Girash

Offertory

Sing to the Mountains - Bob Dufford

Max Evrard and Dot Bowe

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Reebee Girash

God, each day that you wore human flesh, you gave lovingly - without reserve. Today, let us follow your great example. Receive our expressions of love: our finances, our love of you, our love of our neighbors, our service, and our prayers. Amen.

* Hymn In the Midst of New Dimensions

(#363 Hymns of Truth and Light)

1 In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wand'ring in their sep'rate ways?

*[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more.*

2 Through the flood of starving peoples, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

[Refrain]

3 Though we reach the highest heavens, holding worlds at our command,
we are yet a desert people searching for the promised land.

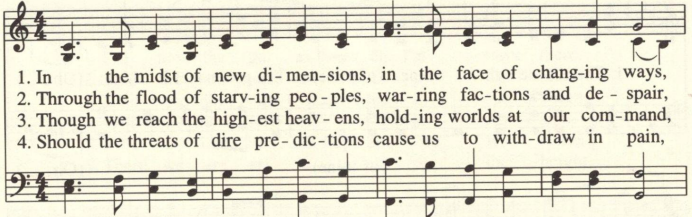
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4 Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

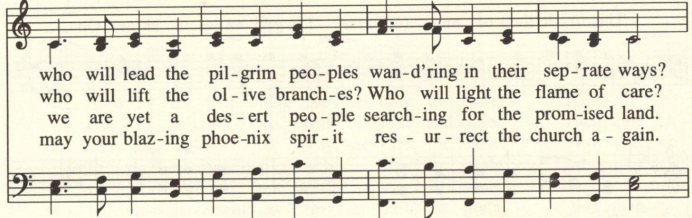
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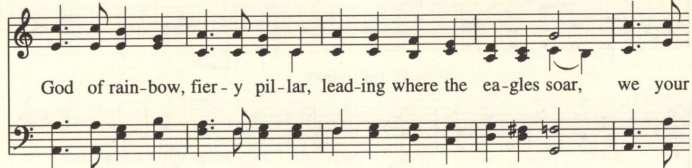
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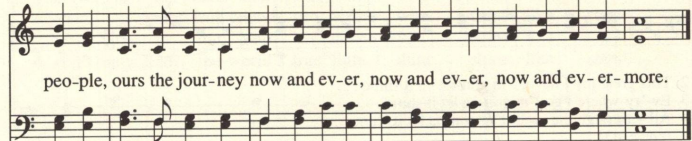
1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ples, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
3. Though we reach the high-est heav-ens, hold-ing worlds at our com-mand,
4. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,



who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-d'ring in their sep'-rate ways?
who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
we are yet a des-ert peo-ple search-ing for the prom-ised land.
may your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.



God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, we your



peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er-more.

Benediction

Taj M. Smith

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God - John Benke

Dot Bowe

A special thank you to **Taj M. Smith** for leading our worship service today. We would also like to thank **Mike Stevens** for hosting our Zoom service today.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am