



Pilgrim Congregational Church
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Nun Bitten Wir - Dietrich Buxtehude
When Morning Gilds the Skies - PH #35
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing - NCH #42**
Good News - Howard Olson & Almaz Belihu
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing - NCH #77
A Trumpet Fancy - Leon Nelson

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Today's service will be recorded.

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“We regard our living together not as an unfortunate mishap warranting endless competition among us but as a deliberate act of God to make us a community of brothers and sisters jointly involved in the quest for a composite answer to the varied problems of life.”

- Stephen Biko

Prelude

Nun Bitten Wir - Dietrich Buxtehude

Dot Bowe

Greetings and Announcements

Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

Passing the Peace

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Call to Worship

Ed Bond

One: The heavens tell the glory of God, the sky proclaims God's creative power.

All: Without words, creation itself sings glory to God.

One: God's children gathered here sing glory to God!

All: We worship God through prayer, through study, through song.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving our souls; the word of God enlightens our eyes.

All: Let the words of our mouths (every syllable)

And the meditations of our hearts (every thought)

Be acceptable to you,

Our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

*Opening Hymn - When Morning Gilds the Skies - PH #35

- 1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they hear, May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3 Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound, May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4 To God, the Word, on high, The hosts of angels cry,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals, too, upraise
Their voice in hymns of praise, May Jesus Christ be praised! Amen.
- 5 In heaven's eternal bliss, The loveliest strain is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air, and sea, and sky
From depth to height reply, May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 6 Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long, May Jesus Christ be praised!

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When Morning Gilds the Skies

German: anon., 1828

Tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.

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Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries,
2 The night be - comes as day, When from the heart we say,
3 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find,
4 To God, the Word, on high, The hosts of an - gels cry,

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
May Je - sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark - ness fear,
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals, too, up - raise

To Je - sus I re - pair; May Je - sus Christ be praised!
When this sweet chant they hear, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Ring joy - ous with the sound, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Their voice in hymns of praise, May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - men.

5 In heaven's eternal bliss
The loveliest strain is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air, and sea, and sky
From depth to height reply
May Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

*Hymn O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing - NCH #42

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God's grace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

The musical score is presented in two systems. The first system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note chord of G4-B4-D5. The lyrics are: "1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise, 2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, 3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease 4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given". The second system continues the melody with a treble clef staff, showing a descending line of notes: G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3. The lyrics are: "The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace! To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace! By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven." The bass clef staff in both systems provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Prayers of the People

Rev. Reebee Girash

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Reebee Girash

The 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Good News - Howard Olson & Almaz Belihu

Dot Bowe

* Doxology - #515 Red

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

or

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Jane Fuller

Receive these gifts, we pray, as signs of our intentions to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed. Amen.

*Closing Hymn Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing - NCH #77**

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

2 We give thanks and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

3 So that when your love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Fear of death shall not appall us, glad your summons to obey:
May we ever, may we ever live with you in endless day.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Luke 2:29; Rom. 1:16

Attrib. to John Fawcett, 1773; alt.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 We give thanks and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace; Oh, re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness,
ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.
may we ev - er live with you in end - less day.

Influenced by George Whitefield's preaching, John Fawcett joined the Baptist church, and served as minister in Wainsgate, England, for fifty-four years. Yielding to the persuasion of his parishioners, he declined invitations to move elsewhere. He wrote more than 160 hymns.

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS S.7.8.7.8.7.
Sicilian melody, 18th century
The European Magazine and Review, 1792

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

A Trumpet Fancy - Leon Nelson

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A special thank you to **Ed Bond** for being our liturgist today.

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