



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
February 6, 2022

Music streamed in today's service

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing - S. Joel Raney
Hush, Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name - Brazeal W. Dennard
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ - NCH 347**
Prelude and Fugue in C major - JS Bach

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Today's service will be recorded.

All: **In the tablets of stone,
we see the sign of God's hope
for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.**

One: In the days of the prophet Jeremiah,
God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

All: **In deeds of love, we see the sign of our covenant with God.**

One: Jesus offered a promise of Communion and community.

All: **As members of the living Body of Christ,
at the Table,
we see the sign of God's promise among us.**

*Opening Prayer

Susan Carabbio

We are the church. In the name of Jesus Christ, we gather. Following Jesus Christ, we gather. To receive the promises of Jesus Christ, we gather. Come, Lord Jesus, and gather with us now. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Susan Carabbio

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Scripture Readings

Luke 22: 19-20

Susan Carabbio

19 Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 20 And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

One: Here end the readings. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Rev. Reebee Girash & Sarah Jane Fuller

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Reebee Girash

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Reebee Girash

Offertory Hush, Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name - Brazeal W. Dennard Lisa Boehm - Soloist

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Reebee Girash

God, you have given us the simplest and most challenging commandment: love one another. In service to this calling, we offer these gifts and pray for this community. May we build each other up in love. May we be challenged to learn from each other. May we provide for and protect one another. And may this love, in this place, be carried from here to the edges of the earth. By your grace, we pray you make it so. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Service of Communion

*Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate.
The sacrament is a gift from God, and all are welcome to receive it.*

*Communion Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ - NCH 347

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

2 Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

[Refrain]

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

[Refrain]

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy;
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession

Abba: we approach this table with contrite hearts, thank you for the freedom and opportunity to worship and praise you. We thank you for your unswerving grace and mercy. Cleanse our hearts, and renew a right spirit within us. Help us to walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given himself for us. Fill our hearts with patience, love and acceptance, and understanding toward one another. Teach us to let love be our greatest aim, our strongest promise. We pray with Jesus' words, saying,

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.

Assurance of Grace

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Dot Bowe

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Reebee Girash

Powerful Redeemer, for the miracle of this table we are thankful. For the blessings of forgiveness, reconciliation and community, we rejoice. Renew your love's power in us, that we might share these blessings with our neighbors. Amen.

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C major - JS Bach

Dot Bowe

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

A special thank you to **Susan Carabbio** for being our liturgist today, and to **Lisa Boehm** for sharing her musical gifts with us.

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