



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
March 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*This Lent, our theme is Creation Care,
Climate Justice, and the Renewal of the Earth.*

In the words of Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light:

As people of faith, we begin with love.
We see the earth not simply as an elegant mechanism,
but as a miracle of creation.
We see people not only as producers, workers, and consumers,
but as unique and precious souls.
We see ecological healing and environmental justice
as our sacred responsibility.
What we hold sacred we will protect.

MUSIC STREAMED IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Have Thine Own Way, Lord - James Southbridge
When You Prayed Beneath The Trees - Christopher Idle and Lloyd Larson
O God How We Have Wandered NCH 202**
Prelude & Fugue in D minor - JS Bach

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Today's service will be recorded.

One: God, we come into your presence, today,
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

All: Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with your presence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dave McClave

**Creator God, for every way in which we have harmed creation, we confess.
For every way in which we have allowed creation to be harmed, we confess.
For every way in which our neighbors have been hurt by the harm we have
done to creation, we grieve. Forgive us, O God, and move us toward
the renewal of your beautiful and beloved creation. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dave McClave

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sarah Jane Fuller

Children and Youth are invited to attend Sunday School at this time.

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

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

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY When You Prayed Beneath The Trees - Christopher Idle and Lloyd Larson Choir

*DOXOLOGY - #515 Pilgrim Hymnal (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

Rev. Reebee Girash

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen.

*HYMN

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*Kevin Nichols, 1980; alt.**Luke 15:11-32; 2 Cor. 5:16-20*

1 O God, how we have wandered and hidden from your face;

In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.

But how, in exile dwelling, we turn with fear and shame,

As distant but compelling, you call us each by name.

2 And now at length discerning the evil that we do,

By faith we are returning with hope and trust in you.

In haste you come to meet us, and home rejoicing bring.

In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

3 O God of all the living, both banished and restored,

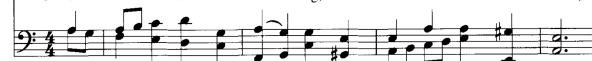
Compassionate, forgiving, our peace and hope assured.

Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.

Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.



1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



In fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
Com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.



But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,
Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
In glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.



CLOSING PRAYER

Creator God, this Lent we pray that you would move us to love. Love our neighbors, next door and around the world. Love your creation, from the trees outside our windows, to the ocean thousands of miles away. Love our children, those whose names we know and those who will come seven generations from now. In love, may we protect, restore, and steward this beautiful world. In love, may we serve. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Prelude & Fugue in D minor - JS Bach

Dot Bowe

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*Please be in a posture of praise.

A special thank you to **Dave McClave** for being our liturgist today, to **Mike Stevens** for being our Zoom host, and **Duncan Todd** for publishing the bulletin.

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