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Joy Dawned Again PH 188
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The Garden Hymn by Douglas Wagner
This Day God Gives Me by James Quinn
I Receive the Living God by Bernard Geoffroy
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing
by David Schelat
I Will Remember Thee by Jay Althouse

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Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ May 1, 2022





Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation

Mission Statement

A welcoming home to all spiritual seekers,
Making a difference in our world,
By fusing our Christian faith with
everyday life and
Serving God by serving others.

Welcome Statement

We honor the Biblical call to love one another as God first loved us. We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people of any race, nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, and physical, mental, and emotional abilities.

Children at Pilgrim

Children are an important part of our worshipping community. We try to make them feel at home! All are welcome.

<u>Professional childcare</u> for infants and toddlers is available in Pilgrim Hall from 10:15 to the end of the service.

Visual and Hearing Aids

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex. **Large Print bulletins** and **Sermon manuscripts** are also available.

Service of Worship — May 1, 2022 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

PRELUDE The Garden Hymn

Douglas Wagner

EASTER GREETING

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed!

One: God is good! **All: All the time!**One: All the time!

All: God is good!

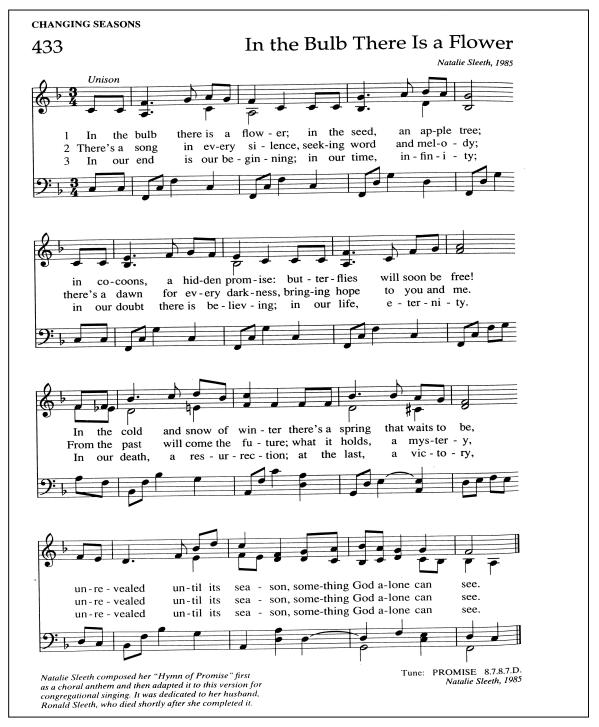
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: Peace be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

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



1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - A New Zealand adaptation. 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 test, strengthen us.
From trial 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.

¹ IN THE BEGINNING God created the heavens and the earth...

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us.§ Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground." ²⁷ Humankind was created as God's reflection: in the divine image God created them; female and male, God made them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said, "Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth—and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things on the earth!" ²⁹ God then told them, "Look! I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the earth, and every tree whose fruit carries its seed inside itself: they will be your food; ³⁰ and to all the animals of the earth and the birds of the air and things that crawl on the ground—everything that has a living soul in it—I give all the green plants for food." So it was. ³¹ God looked at all of this creation, and proclaimed that this was good—very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

ANTHEM

I Will Remember Thee Jay Althouse

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

This Day God Gives Me James Quinn

*DOXOLOGY

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

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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

God of love, We offer our gifts of time, spiritual gifts, and financial gifts as a sign of our love for you and the world.

We ask a special blessing on these gifts where you meet us in our suffering, and raise us up, so that all may come to know of your abiding love.

O God, we give these gifts as you have given them unto us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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.

*HYMN

Joy Dawned Again PH 188



1 Joy dawned again on Easter Day, the sun shone out with fair array; When to their longing eyes restored, the Apostles saw their risen Lord.

2 O Jesus, King of gentleness, Do thou thy self our hearts possess, That we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

3 O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Easter-tide; From every weapon death can wield, Thine own redeemed forever shield.

INVITATION

COMMUNION 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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please hold the bread and juice until all have been served. We will receive them together.

COMMUNION MUSIC

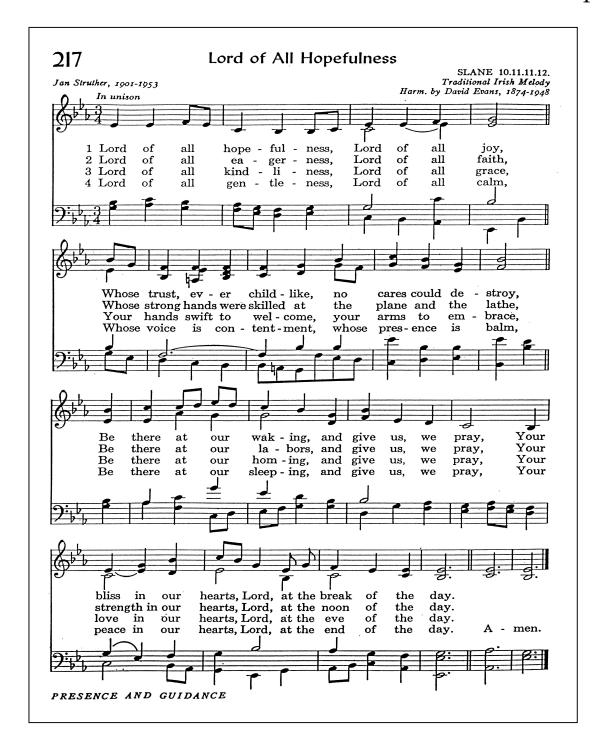
I Receive the Living God Bernard Geoffroy

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life.

Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life;

we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy. You commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.



1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day. Amen

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing David Schelat

*Please be in a posture of praise.

JOIN US

Bible Study - Every Tuesday at 10:30am on **Zoom**.

Choir - Every Thursday evening.

Sunday School - in person during worship on Sundays.

A special thank you to our Zoom host, Doug Johnston.

SOURCE NOTES: The Prayer of Dedication and the Prayer of Thanksgiving is by Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey Guillaume from UCC Worship Ways.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am