



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

May 15, 2022

**MUSIC STREAMED IN
TODAY'S SERVICE**

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

- PH 180

I Want to Walk as a Child of Light
- Kathleen Thomerson

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land -
NCH 572 **

Alleluia No 1 - Donald Fishel

We shall Overcome - NCH 570**

Hyfrydol - R. Vaughan Williams

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A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation**

Service of Worship – May 15, 2022

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

PRELUDE

Processional - Daniel E. Gawthrop

EASTER GREETING

Sarah Jane Fuller
Chris Reaske

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
Sarah Jane Fuller

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Chris Reaske

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Reaske

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

All: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Let us praise God!

*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven - Red Hymnal 180

1 Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

Sing to God a hymn of praise:

He who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled –
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the

dead.

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3 Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high:

Alleluia to the Savior

Who has gained the victory;

Alleluia to the Spirit,

Fount of love and sanctity!

Alleluia, Alleluia

To the Triune Majesty! Amen.

2 Now the iron bars are broken,:

Christ from death to life is born;

Glorious life, and life immortal

On this holy Easter morn;

Christ has triumphed, and we conquer

By his mighty enterprise,

We with him to life eternal

By his resurrection rise

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

180

Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
"Tochter Sion," Cologne, 1741

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise;
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal On this ho - ly East - er morn;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has won the vic - to - ry;

He who on the cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled,
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
We with him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty. A - men.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Chris Reaske

Matthew 6: 5-15 (NRSV)

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. ¹⁰May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Kathleen Thomerson - Pilgrim Choir

AN ADAPTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

by Edward F. Gabriele
Rev. Reebee Girash

Abba in heaven,
Your name is holy!
Your justice come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in the heavens.
Fill us this day
With all that we need.
Teach us to heal
As you have healed us.
Bring us not to the test
But deliver us always
From the power of evil.
You alone are God
And all belongs to you. Amen.



SERMON

Dr. Steve Van Evera

*RESPONSE HYMN

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land
Black Hymnal 572

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go,
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go.

Refrain:

*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh to Let my people go.*

2 "Thus spoke our God," bold Moses said, Let my people go,
If not I'll smite your first-born dead, Let my people go. [Refrain]

3 No more bondage shall they toil, Let my people go,
Nor spill their blood on Egypt's soil, Let my people go. [Refrain]

4 Oh let us all from bondage flee, Let my people go,
And let us all in Christ be free, Let my people go. [Refrain]

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

572

African-American spiritual; alt.

Exod. 3:7-12; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3

Unison

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go,
 2 "Thus spoke our God," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo-ple go;
 3 No more in bond - age shall they toil, Let my peo-ple go,
 4 Oh, let us all from bond-age flee, Let my peo-ple go,

Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.
 If not I'll smite your first-born dead, Let my peo-ple go."
 Nor spill their blood on E - gypt's soil, Let my peo-ple go.
 And let us all in Christ be free, Let my peo-ple go.

Refrain

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,

Tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

According to historian Jon Michael Spencer, this is the most famous of the spirituals to speak subtly of the desire the enslaved had for freedom, believing that God would set them free just as God had set the Hebrew people free from captivity in Egypt.

Tune: GO DOWN, MOSES 8.5.8.5. with refrain
African-American spiritual

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

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Alleluia No 1 - Donald Fishel

*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.

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

God, Holy Vessel of Kindness - We glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

We Shall Overcome - Black Hymnal 570

1. We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday;
2. We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand,
we'll go hand in hand some day;
3. We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
we are not afraid today;
4. Our God will see us through, Our God will see us through,
Our God will see us through some day.

Refrain:

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe,

we shall overcome someday.

we'll go hand in hand some day.

we are not afraid today.

our God will see us through some day.

We Shall Overcome

570

United States traditional

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
 through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
 we'll go hand in hand some day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.
 United States traditional
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

BENEDICTION

Dr. Steve Van Evera

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol - R. Vaughan Williams

*Please be in a posture of praise.

SOURCE NOTES

The Call to Worship is from Life in Liturgy.

Edward F. Gabriele's adaptation of the Lord's Prayer is from Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly: Prayers for Peace and Justice.

The Prayer of Dedication is by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian from UCC Worship Ways.

We are delighted to welcome Pilgrim's own Dr. Steve Van Evera to the pulpit today. In addition to being a faithful member of Pilgrim Church, Steve is a professor of International Political Science at MIT.

IMAGES

¹ Loaves and Fish - Ms. Moloney created the stained glass window inside the church at Creeslough, County Donegal, designed by Liam McCormick. Photo by Steve Cadman. - 1971 – Moloney, Helen

² Eucharist Door with Lord's Prayer, detail - ca. 1987-2000 - Subirachs, Josep Maria, 1927-2014

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, Duncan Todd, and our Liturgist, Chris Reaske.

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