

Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ May 29, 2022 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

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 United Methodist Hymnal 77
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Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation Service of Worship – May 29, 2022 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

PRELUDE

Largo in A minor - Johan Ludwig Krebs

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

*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.

Son-Mey Chiu & Sarah Jane Fuller

Rev. Reebee Girash & Sarah Jane Fuller

Son-Mey Chiu

OPENING PSALM (Today's Opening Prayer is an adaptation of Psalm 148 written for Mental Health Awareness Month by Michelle Torigan.)

Praise God! Praise our God from the highest of heavens,
Praise God from the valleys of shadows.
Praise God, all who walk with the angels; praise God, all who sit in life's abyss.
Praise God, clouds that cover the light; praise God, all you shining stars.

Praise God, all who dance in the pouring rain and all who mourn as the clouds cried. **Oh all who have been created, let us praise our God!**

In any shape and form as our bodies decay and our minds become fuzzy. Let us be like all of God's creation: The fish of the sea, the birds flying above, the worms that inch below,

The wild animals and trees, the storms and snow, and praise as we can.

Although the fogs descend upon us and disconnect us from the surrounding world, **We praise our God through the haze of gray**, **Through small steps and tiny movements.**

We praise our God though the night has descended upon us early, **And the winds and fires rage in our hearts.**

We praise our God as our minds bounce from here to there, **And our understanding of the world comes from another angle.**

No matter the status or age or anything else-Let us praise our God, for God's name is exalted across our world.

For the Holy One's glory is above heaven and earth. Our Creator's care is above measure, **Near us in our shadows**, **And breaking through the fogs surrounding us.**

As we can-**Praise our God!**



OPENING HYMN

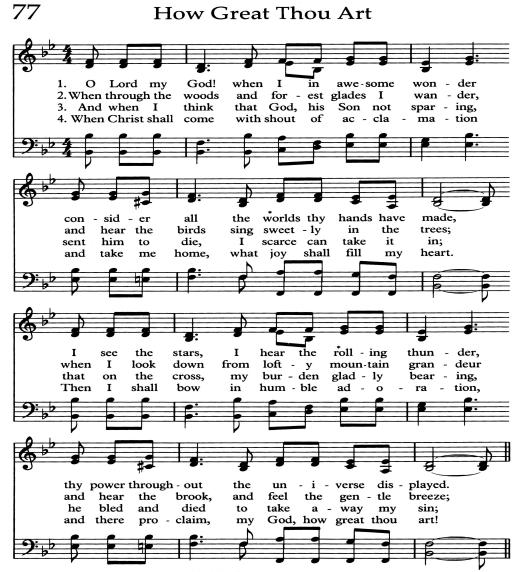
- O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.
- 2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
- 3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;
- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in jumble adoration, and there proclaim my God, how great thou art!

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!



THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD



PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



*Authors's original words are "works" and "mighty."

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HOW GREAT THOU ART Irr. with Refrain ¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

⁹ Then the devil[<u>c</u>] led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you,'

¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

One: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church. **All: Thanks be to God.**

A REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PRAYER by Katherine Hawker

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Mystery beyond our knowing, close to us as our breathing, in humble awe we pray.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven **We pray for your vision of justice and mercy to be made real in our world even now.**

Give us today our daily bread.

We pray for your vision of enough; enough sustenance, enough warmth, enough healing for all of your children.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. **We pray for the grace to let go of that which is death dealing as we embrace your vision for life, that we might follow you safely through the obstacle course.**

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and for ever. **Giving thanks for presence that defies definition in this life and beyond.**

Amen. **Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash



Jesus, Savior Pilot Me - Red Hymnal 213

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me, Over life's tempestuous sea: Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal; Chart and compass come from Thee-Jesus, Savior, pilot me! 2 As a mother stills her child. Thou canst hush the ocean wild; Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me! 3 When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar 'Twixt me and the peaceful rest-Then, while leaning on Thy breast, May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not– I will pilot thee!" Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Ave Maria by Flor Peeters

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*DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY

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

May these gifts be used to build the Beloved Community through our unity, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

O Jesus, I have Promised - Red Hymnal 218



Alternative lune, LLANGLOFFAN, No. 436

1 O Jesus, I have promised To serve thee to the end;Be thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;I shall not fear the battle If thou art by my side,Nor wander from the pathway If thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me hear thee speaking In accents clear and still,Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised To all who follow thee That where thou art in glory There shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised To serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune - David Germain

*Please be in a posture of praise.

A special thank you to our Zoom host, Nick Zorn and our liturgist, Son-Mey Chiu.

SOURCE NOTES

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JOIN US **Bible Study -** Every Tuesday at 10:30am on Zoom. **Choir -** Last practice of the season this Thursday. **Sunday School -** in person during worship on Sundays.

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