



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

**Service of Worship – June 12, 2022
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

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PRELUDE

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GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Jane Fuller

Lily: *God is good!*

All: *All the time.*

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All: *God is good!*

Sarah: *Pilgrims on this journey,*

Acadia: *You are welcome here.*

Luca: *You are loved.*

Dan: *You are beloved.*

Em: *In the fullness of who you are, we are glad you are here with us.*

Eleanor: *In the Zoom or in the Room, or on YouTube,*

Isabella: *Folks who speak differently, vote differently, look different,*

Madeleine: *Singles, couples and families,*

Mairi: *New or longtime,*

Zac: *Sad or Joyful, doubtful or convinced, you are welcome here.*

Sydney: *People of every race, nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, and physical, mental, and emotional ability, you are welcome and beloved here.*

All Together: *We are glad you are here right now, so that we may journey together.*

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATING SENIORS
CELEBRATION OF THE TEACHERS

Sarah Jane Fuller

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Acadia

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

*OPENING PRAYER

Mairi

Amazing God,

We join together in this space to worship, and to rejoice, as Children of God, Siblings in Christ.

We look to you in our friendships, our learning, our hopes and our troubles; and you are here, always, to support and embrace us in your endless love.

Come to us in joy and celebration this day as we honor our teachers, our children, our friends, our Pilgrim family. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

This is the Day
Black Hymnal 84

84

This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.
St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison
Eb

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

Bb7

God has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
Spir - it came; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be

Eb

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joyce and be
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joyce and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joyce and be

Ab Eb Ab

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

Eb Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
Les Garrett, 1967

1This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, that our God has made.

2This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, Jesus rose again.

3This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

SCRIPTURE READING

Madeleine

John 15:1-17 15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

REFLECTION

Sydney

I've Got Peace Like a River - Black Hymnal 478

478

I've Got Peace Like a River

Isa. 66:12; 1 Pet. 1:8-9; 1 John 4:7-12

African-American spiritual

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
 4 I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my
 an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.
 soul. I've got an - chor in my soul.

Congregations or individuals may wish to add additional verses of their own making.

Most of the spirituals that drew from biblical stories and images used the Hebrew scriptures, rather than the New Testament, as their inspiration. The imagery of "peace like a river" derives from the book of Isaiah.

Tune: PEACE LIKE A RIVER 7.7.10.D.
African-American spiritual

1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got river in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got fountain in my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got ocean in my soul.

4 I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor in my soul.
I've got anchor in my soul.

PRAYERS OF THE CHILDREN

Isabella

Dear God,

Thank you for spring, and thank you for summer!

Thank you for all of the fun that is to come: Birthdays and bagels, water parks and concerts, carnivals and music making, and extra time spent with good friends.

And for all the fun that we've had together this year; full of s'mores and pizza; treasure hunts and music making; games and laughs; learning and love.

We are so grateful for the people you have brought into our lives; siblings, friends, and teachers; healthcare workers and first responders; restaurant workers and furniture movers; authors of our favorite books, and the characters they make come to life.

Please be with and comfort those facing hard times: Those affected by the war in Ukraine, those recovering from Covid and other illnesses; those impacted by school and racial violence, and the bees and other wildlife affected by climate change. Help us to do our part to support these people and our environment, and to advocate for the change we wish to see in our world; the world you have made for us.

Today, God, on this Children's Sunday, please bless Mairi and Calum; Acadia and Luca; Sydney and Isabella; Julia, Eleanor, and Madeleine; Lily and Juliette; Deven, Aiden, and Neil; Dan and Em; Isaac and Aaliyah; Zac, Luke, and Alice and Elizabeth. Please bless our teachers, our leaders, and our church family.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Isabella

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Zac

OFFERTORY God is a Part of My Life - Corey Landry and Carol Jean Kinghorn-Landry

*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

Zac

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, and generous toward your world. Amen.

PRIDE SUNDAY BLESSING

Rev. Reebee Girash

*CLOSING HYMN

Go My Children - Black Hymnal 82

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow-er filled you, here with ten - der com-fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

1. Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone;

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own;

In my love's baptismal river I have
made you mine forever,

Go, my children with my blessing,
you are my own.

2. Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.

Here my spirit's power filled you,
here with tender comfort stilled you;

Go, my children fed and nourished,
joyful and free.

BENEDICTION

Sarah Jane Fuller

POSTLUDE

Jig Fugue - Dietrich Buxtehude

*Please be in a posture of praise.

A special thank you to our Zoom host, Duncan Todd and all the Children and Youth who participated in today's Worship.

JOIN US

Bible Study - Join us Tuesday, June 14 at 10:30am

Sunday School - in person during worship on Sundays.

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