

**JUNETEENTH**

*Celebrate Freedom*

**JUNE 19**

PRELUDE: Metamorphosis I by Philip Glass

OPENING HYMN: This Is My Father's World - Pilgrim Hymnal 485

RESPONSE HYMN: I've Got A Feeling - 458\*

OFFERTORY: God of Adam, God of Joseph from Gather

CLOSING HYMN: Every Time I Feel The Spirit -282\*

POSTLUDE: Largo from New World Symphony by Dvorak

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**Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**

**A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation**

**June 19, 2022**

### **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.*

### **Children at Pilgrim**

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

Professional childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the nursery downstairs from 10:15 to the end of the service.

### **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.*

### **Visual and Hearing Aids**

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex.

**Large Print bulletins** and Sermon texts are also available.

## Service of Worship – June 19, 2022

PRELUDE

Metamorphosis I by Philip Glass

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

One: God is good!

**All: All the time!**

One: All the time!

**All: God is good!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sarah Jane Fuller

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Jane Fuller

The Lord our God is great.

**The Lord is worthy of our praise.**

Come; let us remember the great things God has done for us.

**Let us not neglect to teach our children the greatness of God.**

Let us not forget our past and those who have gone before us.

**This Juneteenth, we remember our ancestors, our history; and we name our future.**

Let us lift up our voices in song, lift our arms in praise, and open our hearts in gratitude.

**Let us greet God with our hymn of praise.**

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This Is My Father's World

*Malbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901, alt.*

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

*Traditional English Melody*

*Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930*

*In unison*

1 This is my Fa-ther's world; And to my lis-tening ears, All  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise, The  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 Lord is king; let the heav - ens ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.

1 This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--  
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world:  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let earth be glad!

## OPENING PRAYER

Rev Reebee Girash

**Almighty God, we come to worship you today with open hearts and open minds. We want to hear and receive what you have to say to us in this service. Speak to us today as you spoke to those who went before us. Tell us the stories of your wonders and greatness. We are ready to hear them. Remind us once again of your grace and love. Help us teach your goodness to our children and the next generation. Amen.**

*Children and Youth are invited to Sunday school at this time.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring,<sup>k</sup> heirs according to the promise.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev Reebee Girash

\*RESPONSE HYMN

458

I've Got a Feeling

In a relaxed, "swing" style  
Leader (Unison)

African-American traditional

1 I've got a feel - ing, ev - ery -

2 Je - sus al - read - y told me, ev - ery -

3 The Spir - it has con - firmed it, ev - ery -

I've Got A Feeling - Black Hymnal 458

NURTURE

thing is gon-na be all right. O . . . . I've got a

thing is gon-na be all right. O . . . . Je - sus al - read - y

thing is gon-na be all right. O the Spir - it has con -

feel - ing, ev - ery - thing is gon-na be all right. O . . . .

told me, ev - ery - thing is gon-na be all right. O . . . .

firmed it, ev - ery - thing is gon-na be all right. O the

I've got a feel - ing, ev - ery - thing is gon-na be all right,

Je - sus al - read - y told me, ev - ery - thing is gon-na be all right,

Spir - it has con - firmed it, ev - ery - thing is gon-na be all right,

(1-3) be all right, be all right, be all right.

This traditional song is often sung in churches that have a devotional service prior to the worship service. A worshiper might raise this song to encourage another whose testimony indicated he or she is going through difficult times.

Tune: I'VE GOT A FEELING Irr.  
African-American traditional  
Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

1 I've got a feeling, everything is gonna be alright.  
O I've got a feeling, everything is gonna be alright.  
O I've got a feeling, everything is gonna be alright,  
be alright, be alright, be alright.

2 Jesus already told me, everything is gonna be alright.  
O Jesus already told me, everything is gonna be alright.  
O Jesus already told me, everything is gonna be alright.  
be alright, be alright, be alright.

3 The Spirit has confirmed it, everything is gonna be alright.  
O the Spirit has confirmed it, everything is gonna be alright.  
O Spirit has confirmed it, everything is gonna be alright.  
be alright, be alright, be alright.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev Reebee Girash

LORDS 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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

God of Adam, God of Joseph from Gather

\*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

**We give you thanks, God Our Help, for the abundance of the gifts you have planted in us as seeds that we may share in bloom. May these offerings be received and magnified for your glory. Amen.**

282

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God  
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -  
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.  
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all was mine. [Refrain]

2 Oh, Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul.  
There's only one train on this track; it runs to heaven, then right back. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Largo from New World Symphony by Dvorak

\*Please be in a posture of praise.

*A special thank you to our Zoom host, Jeff Boehm.*

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

