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- PRELUDE: Two Menuets from Sonata 4 -
W. Mozart
- HYMN: Rock of Ages*
- MUSICAL OFFERTORY: Make Me a Channel
of Your Peace - arr. Jane Holstein
- HYMN: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

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

August 21, 2022



AUGUST 21, 2022 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

As we worship this summer, we are working to stay connected to one another and our community. Please be in touch with Pastor Reebee (pastor@pilgrimcongregational.org) or via the church office phone: 781-862-0357) if you know of a pastoral need.

Pilgrim Church 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.*

Pilgrim Church 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.

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PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said: Love one another.

All: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants, now I call you my friends.

All: We come to worship God, whose friend we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praises to God,

All: And live in love and friendship, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION


Wondrous God, you touch our lives with healing and justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. We pray now with the words Jesus taught us, saying:

ALL: 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.


ETERNAL LIFE

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*Isa. 26:4; John 19:34**Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; alt.*


1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide; my shel-ter be!
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill your law's de - mands;
 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to your cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my eyes shall close in death,



Let the wat - er and the blood, from your wound - ed side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no re - spite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to you for dress; help-less, look to you for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, meet you at your judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 All for sin could not a - tone; you must save, and you a - lone.
 Stained, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide; my shel-ter be!

Augustus Toplady first published this poem as part of an extensive article in which he likened the English national debt to the burden of sin. The present form is a hybrid of the original and revisions in 1815 by Thomas Cotterill.

Tune: TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.
 Thomas Hastings, 1830
 Alternate tune: REDHEAD NO. 76

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide; my shelter be!

Let the water and the blood, from your wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; cleans me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; you must save, and you alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to your cross I cling;

Naked, come to you for dress; helpless, look to you for grace;
Stained, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,

When I soar to worlds unknown, meet you at your judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide; my shelter be!

SCRIPTURE

MEDITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERTORY


Make Me a Channel of Your Peace - arr. Jane Holstein




CHRISTIAN UNITY

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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20–22; 1 Pet. 2:4–7**Latin, 6th–8th century**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.**St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*


1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain



chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,



Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

*The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata
 Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and
 Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built
 of "living stones"—the saints of God.*

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry T. Smart, 1867

Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the God and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, lovingkindness hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction: grace to follow Christ the Way.

3 Here renew your servants' vision, that by faith they may attain
peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain,
Tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.

UNISON BENEDICTION

**Go forth, for the love of God is ours to share,
The peace of Christ is ours to extend,
And the power of the Holy Spirit is ours to offer. Amen.**

CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Please be in a posture of praise.

We thank our summer worship leaders for their efforts this year: Jeff Boehm, Dot Bowe, Rich Edmiston, Nancy Fuller, Sarah Jane Fuller, Rev. Reebee Girash, Susan Moffitt, Jim Munkres, Bruce Nickerson, Chris Reaske, Sadhna Vora, Nick Zorn & other Zoom Hosts.

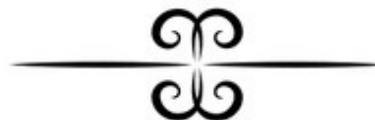
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