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- PRELUDE: Two Menuets from Sonata 4 -
W. Mozart
- HYMN: We Praise You, O God*
- MUSICAL OFFERTORY: Make Me a Channel
of Your Peace - arr. Jane Holstein
- HYMN: In the Bulb*

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

August 28, 2022



AUGUST 28, 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

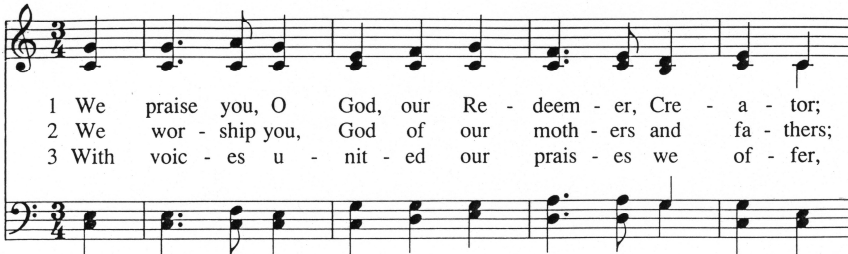
Wondrous God, you touch our lives with healing and justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. We pray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


THANKSGIVING

We Praise You, O God

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Julia C. Cory, 1902; alt.


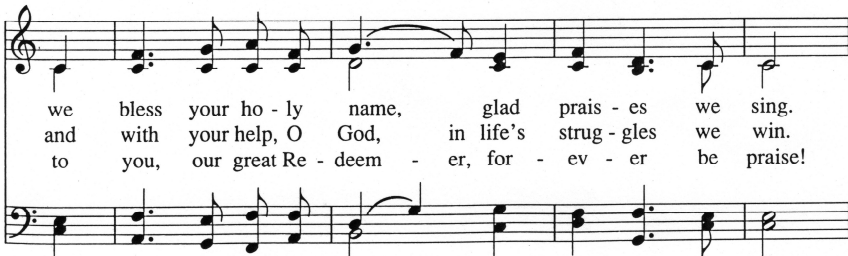
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our moth - ers and fa - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our song of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you nev - er will for - sake us,
 Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your bless - ing;



we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O God, in life's strug - gles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Julia Bulkley Cady Cory wrote this hymn for Thanksgiving in 1902 at the invitation of the organist of New York's Brick Presbyterian Church who felt that the familiar words to Kremser contained too much militaristic imagery.

Tune: KREMSEK 12.11.12.11.
 Valerius, Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'er take us, you never will forsake us,
and with your help, O God, in life's struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise;
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

SCRIPTURE

MEDITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray.

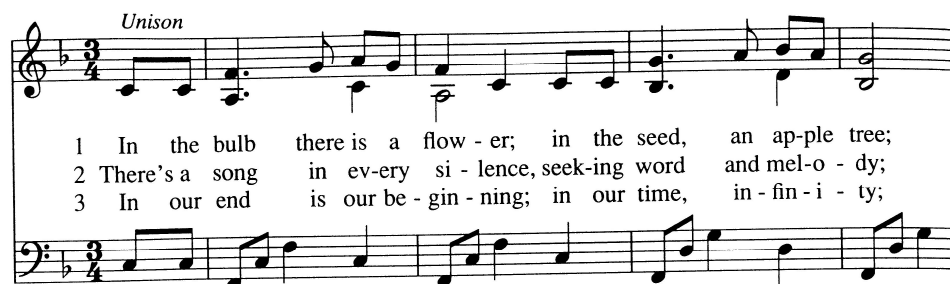
MUSICAL OFFERTORY

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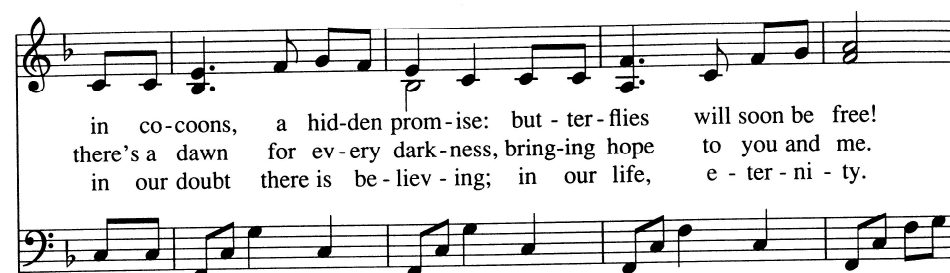


Natalie Sleeth, 1985

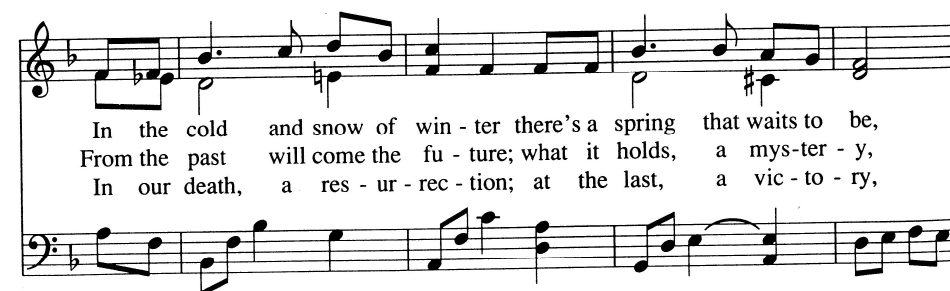
Unison




1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev-ery si - lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but - ter-flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn for ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a-lone can see.
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Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.
Natalie Sleeth, 1985

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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.

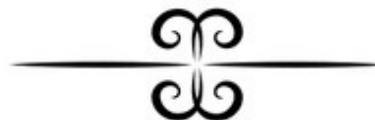
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