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Today's Service will be recorded.

**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation
Summer Worship Communion September 4, 2022**



SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 SERVICE OF WORSHIP – COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

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.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
September 4, 2022

PRELUDE

Two Papillons - Robert Schumann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash

*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 CONFESSION

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Holy Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: God always redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the spirit of Jesus, who taught us to pray, 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.

*HYMN


There's A Wideness In God's Mercy - Black Hymnal 23
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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy


Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.




1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.

there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There's no place where earthly sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there's no place where earthly failing
have such kindly judgement given.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our minds;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonder fully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's word;
and our lives would show thanksgiving
for the goodness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906

SCRIPTURE

MEDITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

• MUSICAL OFFERTORY

It Is Well With My Soul - arr Joel Raney

*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.

INVITATION AND COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*COMMUNION HYMN

Come, My Way - Black Hymnal 331

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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George Herbert, 1633; alt.

John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of approximately two octaves. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating the start of each verse. The score includes a final double bar line.

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can

breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;
feast; Such a feast as mends in length;
move; Such a love as none can part;

such a life as con- - - quers death.
such a strength as makes . . . a guest.
such a heart as joys . . . in love.

Shortly before his death, the poet George Herbert entrusted his manuscript of *The Temple* (including this hymn) to a friend for publication. The musical setting by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams is from *Five Mystical Songs* from George Herbert.

Tune: THE CALL 7.7.7.7.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911

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such a way as gives us breath;

such a truth as ends all strife;

such a life as conquers death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

such a light as shows a feast;

such a feast as mends in length;

such a strength as makes a guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

such a joy as none can move:

such a love as none can part;

such a heart as joys in love.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace. Amen.

UNISON BENEDICTION

May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest, be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing, and lead you in the way that is everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Please be in a posture of praise.

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