



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

**Service of Worship
September 11, 2022**

COMMUNION SUNDAY

MUSIC STREAMED IN TODAY'S SERVICE

- PRELUDE: Let All Things Now Living -
arr. Lloyd Larson
- GATHERING HYMN: I've Got Peace Like
a River*
- OPENING HYMN: Joyful Joyful, We
Adore Thee**
- ANTHEM: We're a Fellowship of Believers
—Jay Althouse
- HYMN: Touch the Earth Lightly*
- PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Let Us Talents*
- CLOSING HYMN: Take My Gifts*
- POSTLUDE: Prelude & Fugue in G minor
– JS Bach

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Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation

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.*

Statement of Welcome

*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.*

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 Pilgrim Hall from 10:15 to the end of the service.

Visual and Hearing Aids

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex.
Large Print bulletins and
Sermons texts are
available.

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PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living - arr. Lloyd Larson

GATHERING SONG

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

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.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leslie Morrison

One: Praise the Eternal One, Creator of all that is

All: Let us praise God from the heavens, and on the earth.

One: Give thanks for creation, all people.

All: We give thanks to our Creator.

One: Let us praise the name of Love

All: For God calls us forth to love.

One: From the mountains to the ocean, from the valleys to the rivers

All: For the trees and the creatures, for the flowers and birds

One: We praise our Creator

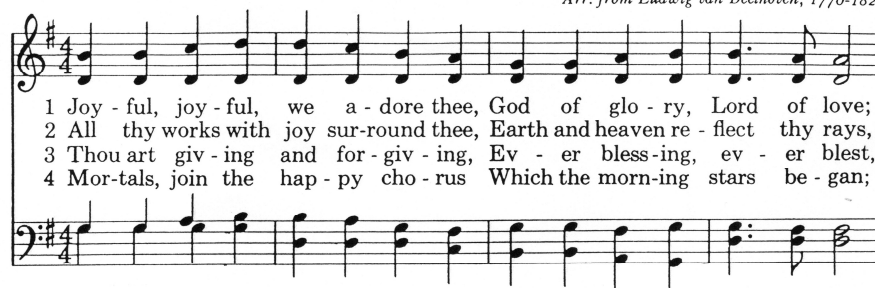
All: By living to Love.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

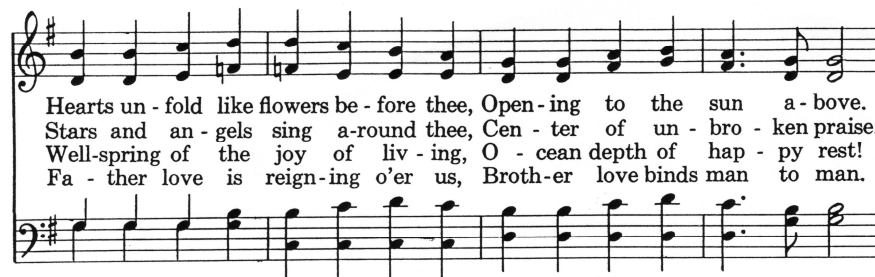
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Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

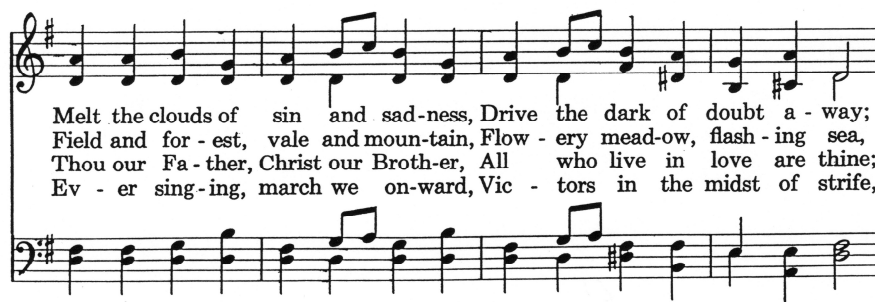
HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827



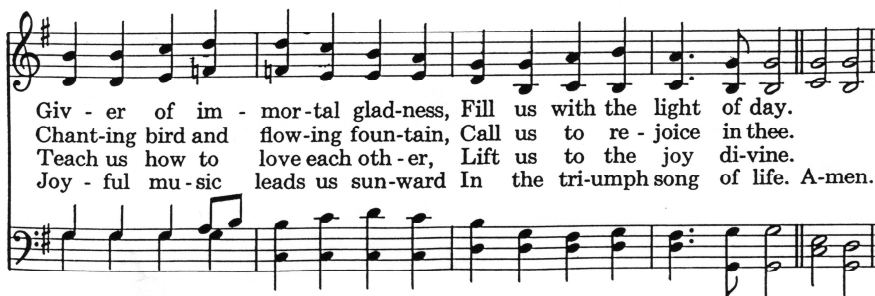
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life. Amen

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND LAPTOPS

Sarah Jane Fuller

ANTHEM

We're a Fellowship of Believers — Jay Althouse

Children and Youth are invited to Sunday School at this time.
Please gather at the rear of the Sanctuary with Sarah Jane Fuller.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 104:24-26

- 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
- 26 There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

Luke 5:1-11

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret (also called the Sea of Galilee) and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were

washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” **5** Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” **6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” **9** For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, **10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” **11** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Rev. Reebee Girash

*HYMN:

STEWARDSHIP AND CREATION

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Touch the Earth Lightly

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

*Unison
Brightly*

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 * 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

Gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 We who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 Health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 Teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

Shirley Erena Murray's notes on this hymn state that the title line is borrowed from an Australian Aboriginal saying. The "clouds of disaster" mentioned in stanza 2 refer to nuclear testing by France, which New Zealand has protested at the United Nations many times.

Tune: TENDERNESS 5.5.10.D.
Colin Gibson, 1992

Touch the Earth Lightly – Black Hymnal 569

- 1 Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
- 2 We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
We who still foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
- 3 Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses, and air that is sweet,
Health in God's garden, hope in God's
children,
regeneration that peace will complete.
- 4 God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
Teach us, deflect us, Christ, reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

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*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

Sarah Jane Fuller

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all the blessings of our lives and in support of the ministries of this your church. May our gifts of time, talent and treasure bring blessings to those in need. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Let Us Talents – Black Hymnal 347

HOLY COMMUNION

347

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain
 Jamaican folk song
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
 reaching out with a shout of joy.

bread is broken, the wine is poured,
 Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
 pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
 pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one.

At the table he sets the tone,
 teaching people to live to bless,

love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out

bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
 gives us love to tell, bread to share.

God (Emmanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate. The sacrament is a gift from God, and all are welcome to receive it.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

Forgive us when we sin against our siblings, against your creation, against you. Grant us the grace and humility to change, for the sake of building up your kingdom of love and justice.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

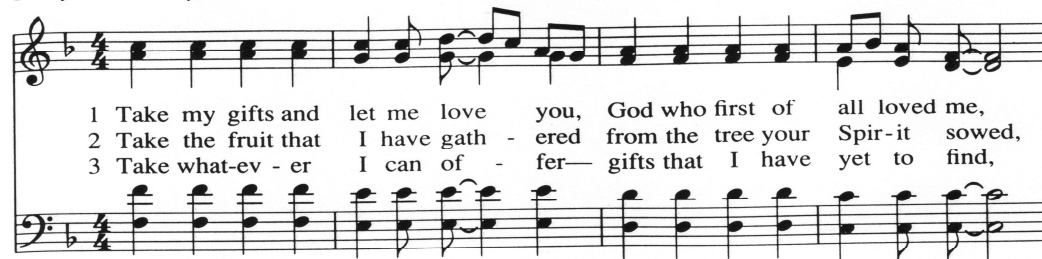
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STEWARDSHIP AND CREATION

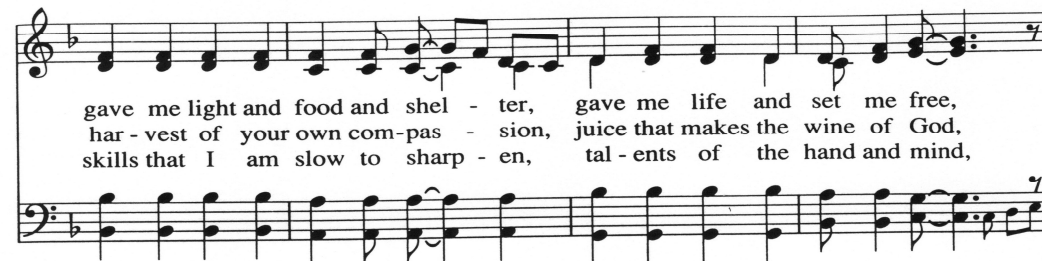
Take My Gifts

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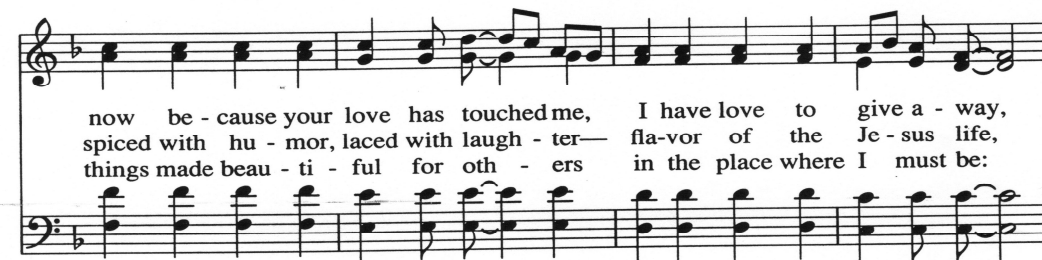
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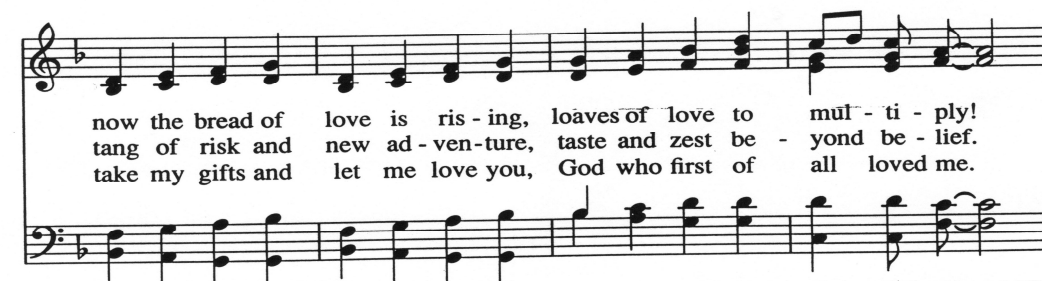
1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
 3 Take what-ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,



gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
 har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,



now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in nearby Dunedin, New Zealand.

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Colin Gibson, 1991
 Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

1 Take my gifts and let me love You, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free.
Now because Your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply.

2 Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree Your Spirit sowed,
harvest of Your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter-- flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

3 Take whatever I can offer-- gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love You, God who first of all loved me.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Prelude & Fugue in G minor – JS Bach

*Please be in a posture of praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 13: Bible Study - 10:30 via Zoom - please email Pastor Reebee for the Link

September 17: Youth Service Project, 9:00 at the Interfaith Garden

September 18: Blessing of the Animals. Worship on the Lawn & Zoom – Intergenerational – Potluck Picnic on the Lawn.

September 21: Climate Pilgrims Discussion, 10am & 7pm (attend either) - In the Sunroom and on Zoom

September 25: Green Church celebration with Rev. Jessica McArdle from the UCC. Worship in the Sanctuary & Zoom. Choir Singing; Sunday School.

September 25: 2pm Organ Concert featuring 4 organists and some amazing music!

October 2: World Communion Sunday. Worship in the Sanctuary & Zoom. Intergenerational. Advance planning session after church.

October 8: Pumpkin Delivery, 9am. We're going to need a crowd!! Look for some fun events in the Patch this year.

*A special thank you to our Zoom host, Jeff Boehm, our liturgist,
Susan Carabbio and our social host, Lesley Morrison.*

CHOIR

You are invited to join the choir! Please contact Max at:
max.evrard@pilgrimcongregational.org for details.

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