



Quote:

Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things.

Every single creature is full of God and is a book about God.

Every creature is a word of God.

If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature – even a caterpillar –

I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God is every creature.

– Meister Eckhart

MUSIC STREAMED IN TODAY'S SERVICE

- GATHERING HYMN: I've Got Peace Like a River*
- OPENING HYMN: All Things Bright and Beautiful*
- HYMN: De Colores*
- CLOSING HYMN: God Be With You*

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**From The New Century Hymnal,*

Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ – September 18, 2022

[Blessing of the Animals](#)

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

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.

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 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.



Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Service of Worship – September 18, 2022

GATHERING SONG

I've Got Peace Like a River - Black Hymnal 478
(music on back page)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Reebee Girash

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Reaske

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.

From Psalm 148

One: All dogs and cats, large and small:	All: Praise the Lord!
One: All rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs:	All: Praise the Lord!
One: All goldfish, guppies and swimming creatures:	All: Praise the Lord!
One: All parakeets and budgies and singing birds:	All: Praise the Lord!
One: All horses, cows and sheep:	All: Praise the Lord!
One: All lizards, crawling creatures:	All: Praise the Lord!
One: Every animal in the sky, the sea and the forest:	All: Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

God, our Creator, help us to love all creatures as our kin, all animals as our partners on Earth, all birds as messengers of praise, all small beings as expressions of your mysterious design and all frogs as voices of hope. Amen

*OPENING HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful – Black Hymnal 31

All Things Bright and Beautiful

GOD
31

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848, alt.

Unison Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

Last time, end

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

to Refrain

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William Alexander, who became bishop of Ireland.

Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain
English melody
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky; [Refrain]

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them, ev'ry one. [Refrain]

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING

Chris Reaske

Luke 12:22-31

22 Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. **23** For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. **24** Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! **25** And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? **26** If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? **27** Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **28** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! **29** And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. **30** For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. **31** Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Nancy Fuller — Violin

MEDITATION

Rev. Reebee Girash

WE BLESS OUR ANIMALS

ALL: Loving God, we thank you for those creatures who live alongside us as our companions and friends; for their loyalty, love, and trust which enrich our lives and give us joy; teach us the value of kindness, the power of mercy, the strength of gentleness; and create in us a new spirit of humility and joy as we see your Spirit in the face of your creatures. And now, Bless, O God, these creatures and fill our hearts with thanks giving for their being. Amen.

BLESSING INDIVIDUAL ANIMALS

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR ANIMAL COMPANIONS

We remember our animal companions who are no longer with us physically. We give thanks for the gifts they gave us and the variety of ways they enriched and blessed our lives. We are confident that our Creator continues to care for them. Amen.

HYMN:

402

De colores
(Sing of Colors)*Mexican folk song**Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1995*

1 De co - lo - res, de co - lo - res se vis - ten los
1 Sing of col - ors, sing of col - ors that o - ver the
2 Sing, re - joic - ing! Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a

cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra. De co -
hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing; Sing of
song to the God of cre - a - tion. Sing, re -

lo - res, de co - lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a -
col - ors of the birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles
joic - ing! Sing to God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal -

fue - ra. De co - lo - res, de co -
sing - ing; Sing of col - ors, in the
va - tion. Sing the good news! Sing the

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lo - res es el ar - co i - ris que ve - mos sa - lir, Y por
rain - bow's bright col - ors God's prom - ise of hope we re - call; Sing of
love of the Sav - ior re - flect - ing the col - ors of all. Man - y

e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de mu - chos co - lo - res me gus - tan a
col - ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who cre - at - ed us
col - ors that shine from God's face, man - y col - ors that tell us God's love to re -

mí, Y por e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de mu - chos co -
all. Sing of col - ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the
call. Man - y col - ors that shine from God's face, man - y col - ors that

lo - res me gus - tan a mí.
God who cre - at - ed us all.
tell us God's love to re - call.

1 De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera
De colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos lucir
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí

2 Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing;
Sing of colors of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing;
Sing of colors, in the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall;
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.

3 Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of Creation.
Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation.
Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all.
Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.
Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Creation's Hallelujah

*DOXOLOGY

Red Hymnal 515

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

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks for all the animals and other creatures that have enriched our lives. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

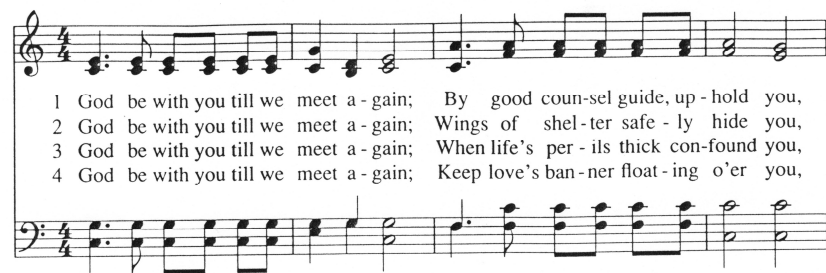
God Be With You (verses 1 and 2) - Black Hymnal 81

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

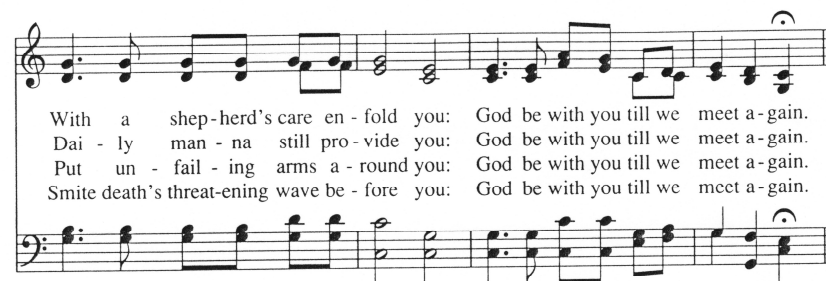
God Be with You

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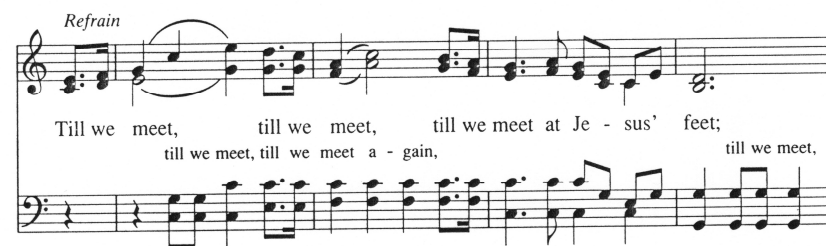
Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,



With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Smite death's threat-en-ing wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.



Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

*Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
William G. Tomer, 1880*

1 God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

[Refrain]

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

*Please be in a posture of praise.

Please join us for social time after the service followed by a Picnic!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20:- Bible Study - 10:30 via Zoom - please email Pastor Reebee for the Link

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, Duncan Todd, and our liturgist, Chris Reaske.

SOURCE NOTES

Today's Liturgy is adapted from Season of Creation.

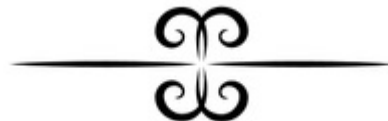
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You are invited to join the choir! Please contact Max at:

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am



*Isa. 66:12; 1 Pet. 1:8-9; 1 John 4:7-12**African-American spiritual*

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
 4 I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my
 an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.
 soul. I've got an - chor in my soul.

Congregations or individuals may wish to add additional verses of their own making.

Most of the spirituals that drew from biblical stories and images used the Hebrew scriptures, rather than the New Testament, as their inspiration. The imagery of "peace like a river" derives from the book of Isaiah.

Tune: PEACE LIKE A RIVER 7.7.10.D.
African-American spiritual