



"We are all musicians in a great human orchestra, and it is now time to play the Save the World Symphony. You are not required to play a solo, but you are required to know what instrument you hold, and play it as well as you can. You are required to find your place in the score. What we love we must protect. That is what love means. From the right to know and the duty to inquire flows the obligation to act." - Sandra Steingraber
(b. 1959), biologist, author, and environmental activist

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Today's service will be recorded.
Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
Service of Worship September 25, 2022

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.



Service of Worship – September 25, 2022
Season of Creation

PRELUDE

There is a Green Hill Far Away - Brian Glycannon

GATHERING SONG

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jeff Boehm

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Boehm

One: Listen to the voice of Creation

All: The voice of the Lord, calling over the waters.

One: Listen to the voice of Creation

All: The voice of the Lord, calling forth abundance.

One: Listen to the voice of Creation

All: The voice of the Lord, calling us forth.

One: Listen to the voice of Creation
 All: **The voice of the Lord, calling us to care for Creation.**
 One: Listen to the voice of Creation
 All: **We are listening. We are ready to serve.**

*OPENING HYMN

GOD

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Praise to the Living God

— Black Hymnal 8

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

1 Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

2 Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,
Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal,
Till human-kind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.

3 Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.
God toils wher-e're we toil, in home and mart and mill;
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

4 Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but who we know as love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeff Boehm

Job 28, selected verses (Inclusive Bible)

Where does one find wisdom? Where is the place of understanding? **21** It is hidden from the eyes of the living; it is hidden from the birds of the air....**23** only God knows how to get there; for God is where it is. **24** For the Most High looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under heaven all at once. **25** When God gave wind its movement, and measured the breadth and depth of the waters, **26** and made the rules for rain and designed paths for lightning, **27** God beheld wisdom and named it, confirmed it and tested it.

Luke 8: 22-25 (NRSV)

22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, **23** and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. **24** They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. **25** Then he said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were terrified and amazed and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water and they obey him?"

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

*HYMN

STEWARDSHIP AND CREATION

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Pray for the Wilderness

Dan Damon, 1989; rev. 1994

1 Pray for the wil - der - ness, van - ish - ing fast,
2 Learn from the el - e - phant, ea - gle, and whale,
3 Work for the jus - tice cre - at - ed things need,
4 Trust that God's Christ o - ver - came nails and wood,
5 Pray for the at - mos - phere, pray for the sea,

pray for the rain for - est, o - pen and vast;
learn from the drag - on - fly, spi - der, and snail;
work for the health of each plant and its seed;
trust that earth's peo - ple will turn to the good;
learn from the riv - er, the rock, and the tree;

Pray for the wa - ter - falls, pray for the trees,
Learn from the peo - ple in neigh - bor - ing lands,
Work for the crea - tures a - buse has be - trayed,
Trust that cre - a - tion for - ev - er will grow,
Work till sha - lom in full har - mo - ny rings.

pray for the plan - et brought down by de - grees.
learn from the chil - dren who play in their sands.
work for the gar - den God's wis - dom once made.
trust that God's good - ness to us o - ver - flows.
Trust the con - nec - tion of all liv - ing things.

Anthem of Fellowship by Jay Althouse

Rev. Reebee Girash

Pray for the Wilderness - Black Hymnal 557

1 Pray for the wilderness, vanishing fast,
pray for the rain forest, open and vast;
Pray for the waterfalls, pray for the trees,
pray for the planet brought down by degrees.

2 Learn from the elephant, eagle, and whale,
learn from the dragonfly, spider, and snail;
Learn from the people in neighboring lands,
learn from the children who play in their sands.

3 Work for the justice created things need,
work for the health of each plant and its seed;
Work for the creatures abuse has betrayed,
work for the garden God's wisdom once made.

4 Trust that God's Christ overcame nails and wood,
trust that earth's people will turn to the good;
Trust that creation forever will grow,
trust that God's goodness to us overflows.

5 Pray for the atmosphere, pray for the sea,
learn from the river, the rock, and the tree;
Work till shalom in full harmony rings.
Trust the connection of all living things.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

MOMENT FOR MISSION:

SNEUCC ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRIES

Rev. Jessica McArdle

She will present Pilgrim's Green Congregation Certificate.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator God, we give you thanks for the gifts of your creation that sustain our lives, for the air we breathe and the water we drink. Thank you for the mountains and valleys, rivers and seas that nourish our spirits.

Jesus, our teacher and friend, we give you thanks for your guiding example as we seek to love our neighbors as ourselves. Thank you for nurturing many gifts of discipleship within this church, that together we can more faithfully follow you.

Holy Spirit, we give you thanks for your stirring among us. You have inspired us to take our Christian faith seriously in a world of climate crisis. Just as you have been with us in our difficult work so far, continue to inspire and sustain us for where you lead next. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace - Sebastian Temple

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, Giver of every gift, we dedicate these offerings to your service. May they become a blessing to Creation and to all your children. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

October 15: - Apple Pie Fest in the Patch

*CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing - Red Hymnal 63

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Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Attr. to John Fawcett, 1739/40-1817, alt.

SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Sicilian Melody

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For thy gos - pel's
3 So that when thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; May the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: Oh, re - fresh us,
In our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad thy sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To the truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with thee in end - less day. A - men.

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh refresh us, oh refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound:
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.

3 So that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, form the world away,
Fear of death shall not appall us,
Glad thy summons to obey:
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with thee in endless day. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jessica McArdle

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in G Major - William Pachelbel

*Please be in a posture of praise.

Please join us for a special Organ Concert at 2pm

A special thank you to our Zoom host, Doug Johnston and our liturgist, Jeff Boehm.

CHOIR

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

max.evrard@pilgrimcongregational.org for details.

About Rev. Dr. Jessica McArdle

Jessica is originally from California, where she worked in software development along with her husband, Barry. Moving to Boston some thirty-plus years ago, they settled in Winchester where they raised their three children, Kevin, Jenny and Brian. During this time Jessica felt called to parish ministry and was later ordained in 1997. Serving for some years in both settled & interim capacities, as well as chaplaincy, Jessica's focus shifted to environmental justice. Aside from serving as an environmental leader at the First Congregational Church of Winchester, she is active in decarbonization/electrification efforts with leaders from other houses of worship, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light. She is also a member of the Environmental Ministries Team of the Southern New England Conference. Jessica blogs at thespiritualactivist.blog.

*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