



"Jazz is a communal art form, bringing together companions who engage in dialogue ...and the ever present possibility of something new."

- Rev. Bill Carter

**Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC**  
**Service of Worship - October 23, 2022**

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED  
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- \* PRELUDE: I've Got Peace Like A River — arr. Paul Johnston
- \* GATHERING SONG: Halle Halle
- \* OPENING HYMN: Blessed Assurance\*
- \* ANTHEM: Jazz Alleluia — Craig Curry
- \* HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy\*
- \* OFFERTORY: Come Sunday — Duke Ellington arr. Alice Parker
- \* CLOSING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You\*
- \* POSTLUDE: When the Saints Come Marching In / This Train — John and Zac Girash

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*Today's service will be recorded.*

# 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.

PRELUDE

I've Got Peace Like A River — arr. Paul Johnston

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

GATHERING SONG

Halle, Halle

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From the small to the great, and from the great to the small, sing to God, for God has done marvelous things.

**Left Side: Let the electrons circle their nuclei,**

**Right Side: Let the earth spin on its axis,**

**Left Side: Let the moons orbit the planets,**

**Right Side: Let the planets orbit the Sun,**

**Left Side: Let the Sun spiral in its galaxy,**

**Right Side: Let the galaxies revolve around their Creator,**

**All: Together for joy!**

One: From the small to the great, and from the great to the small, sing to God, for God has done marvelous things.

# \*OPENING HYMN

# Blessed Assurance — Black Hymnal 473

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## Blessed Assurance

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of  
 rap-ture now burst on my sight; An-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-  
 Sav-ior am hap-py and blessed; Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-

God, born of the Spir-it, washed in Christ's blood.  
 bove, ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 bove, filled with God's good-ness, lost in Christ's love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of his Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.

Angels descending bring from above

echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.

I in my Savior am happy and blessed,

Watching and waiting, looking above,

filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.

[Refrain]



## CHILDREN'S BIBLES

Sarah Jane Fuller

## ANTHEM

Jazz Alleluia — Craig Curry

*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

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“The Asking God” — Rev. June Cooper

# \*HYMN

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## Holy, Holy, Holy

Rev. 4:8-11; Isa. 6:1-8

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.  
 - Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,  
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,  
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

## Holy, Holy, Holy — Black Hymnal 277

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*This hymn by Reginald Heber was published in a book of hymns for Banbury Parish Church in England. Nicaea, one of early 300 tunes by John B. Dykes, was named for the famous council that defined the doctrine of the Trinity.*

Tune: NICAIA 11.12.12.10.  
 John B. Dykes, 1861  
 Descant David McK. Williams, 1948

1 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!

Early in the morning we praise your majesty.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,

From the beginning, God eternally.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,

Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,

You alone are holy; you alone are worthy,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Nancy Fuller

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

**Great One, for you the rivers clap their hands, for you the hills sing. You know our situation better than anyone. Take our credits and debits, ins and outs, pluses and minuses, surpluses and lacks, and show us how to use them to join the great chorus of Creation. Amen**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come Sunday – Duke Ellington  
arr. Alice Parker

**\*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**

**Asking God, we respond to your call. We pray that the fervent prayers, the lofty hopes, the quiet determination of your people and these gifts be our song, our hymn of praise to you, you who are doing such marvelous things! Amen**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You — Black Hymnal 4**  
*(see pages 11-12)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      **When the Saints Come Marching In / This Train — John and Zac Girash**

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**\*Please be in a posture of praise.**

***A special thank you to our Zoom host, Jeff Boehm and our Stewardship Testimony, Nancy Fuller.***

**Welcome to Rev. June Cooper, our guest preacher. Rev. Cooper is Theologian in the City at Old South Church in Boston, UCC and Co-facilitator for Faith Leaders for Housing Justice, responding to the humanitarian crisis at Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard in Boston's South End. She is also the former Executive Director of City Mission Boston.**

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**THE PUMPKIN PATCH IS HERE!** Please sign up to watch the patch! Weekend times are particularly important. Thank you to all who have volunteered so far. Let's finish strong.

## **PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **October 23: CROP WALK!**

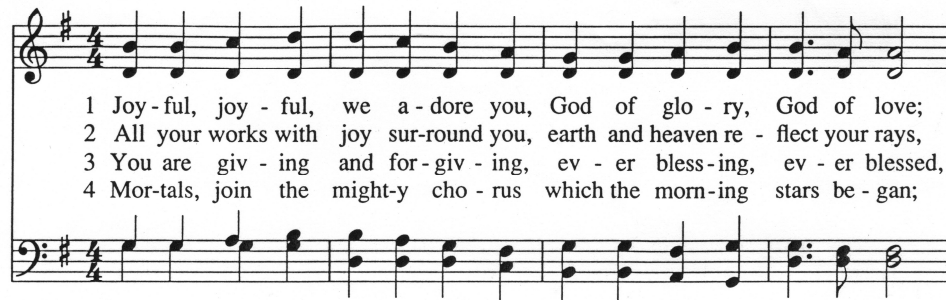
Join Don and Claire Moir and other Pilgrims on the annual Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk on October 23 - arrive at the starting point in Concord by 1:15. A great cause, and great company! Email: [themoirs2@gmail.com](mailto:themoirs2@gmail.com) to join the walk or donate.

We're so grateful for your financial support for Pilgrim's ministries. You may place a gift in the offering plate, or give online at: [www.pilgrimcongregational.org/giving](http://www.pilgrimcongregational.org/giving).

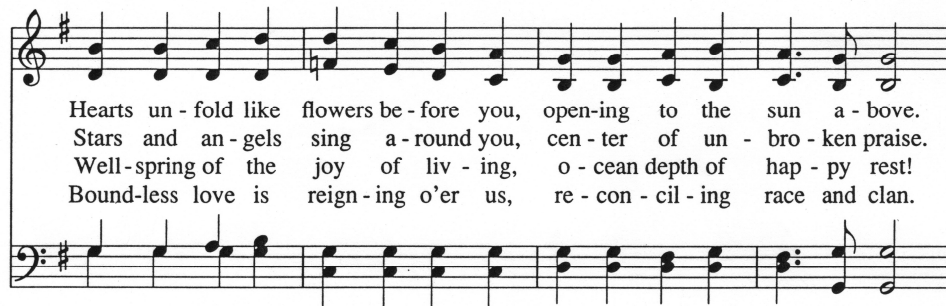




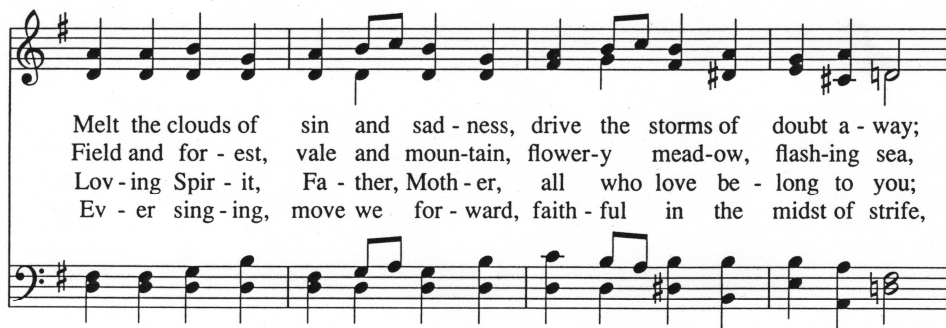
## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*


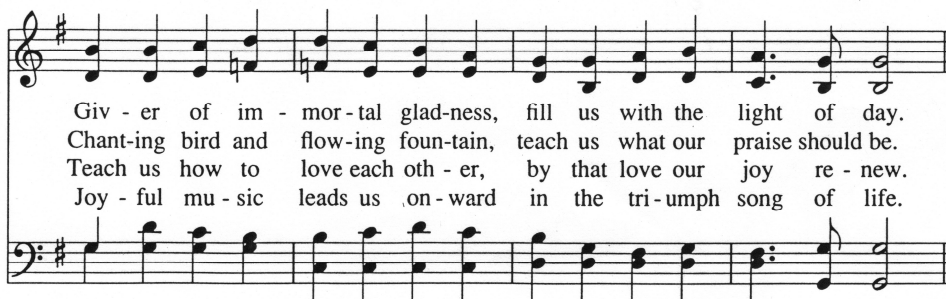
1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,  
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.  
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!  
 Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;  
 Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful 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, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

*Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
*Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824*  
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

3 You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;  
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.  
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.



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