



**Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC**  
**Service of Worship – October 30, 2022**

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- \* GATHERING SONG: Halle Halle
- \* OPENING HYMN: God is Here!\*
- \* ANTHEM: Let Me Seek Then The Gift – Richard Bruxvoort Colligan – Robin Mailhot, soloist
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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

Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott — (Johann G. Walther)

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

## OPENING OF WORSHIP


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# God Is Here! As We Your People Meet—Black Hymnal 70


*Fred Pratt Green, 1978; alt.*



1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,  
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;  
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;  
 4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt



May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

*Though he retired in 1969, this distinguished British poet has continued to write hymns. In addition to administering several circuits and local congregations, Fred Pratt Green published plays, translations, and poems. Emory University in Atlanta awarded him an honorary doctorate.*

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Cyril V. Taylor, 1941



1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here, in honesty of preaching, here, in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4 Sovereign God, of earth and heaven, in an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

## CHILDREN'S BIBLES

Sarah Jane Fuller

## ANTHEM

Let Me Seek Then The Gift — Richard Bruxvoort Colligan  
Robin Mailhot, soloist

*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

Luke 19: 1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

# \*HYMN

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## He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834-1918

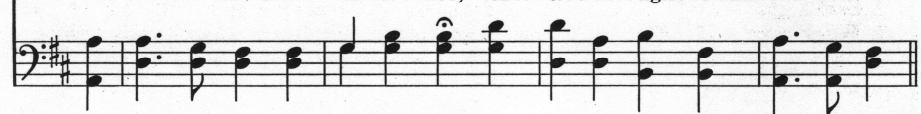
HE LEADETH ME L.M. with Refrain  
William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868



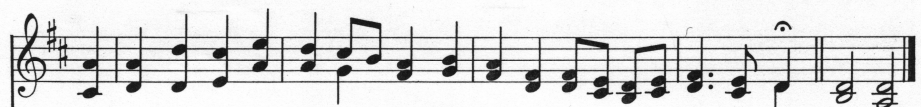
1 He lead-eth me, O bless-ed thought! O words with heaven-ly com-fort fraught!  
2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re-pine;  
3 And when my task on earth is done, When, by thy grace, the vic-tory's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.  
Con-tent, what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, By his own hand he lead-eth me;



His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by his hand he lead-eth me. A-men.



## He Leadeth Me — Red Hymnal 370

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me. Amen  
2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. Refrain

3 And when my task on earth is done,  
When, by thy grace, the victory's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. Refrain

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

Marty Saradjian

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

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

**\*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**

**Compassionate God, as Jesus did for Zacchaeus, you reach across the chasms that we've created, the ones where we've isolated ourselves from the redemptive power of your love. As with Zacchaeus, bridges have been built, and people who believed they were beyond your embrace have been welcomed to the table with open arms! As we give to you this day, may we also follow the example of Zacchaeus – with an explosion of gratitude and generosity – and may we also know his joy! We pray this in the name of Jesus, who invites himself to our table! Amen.**

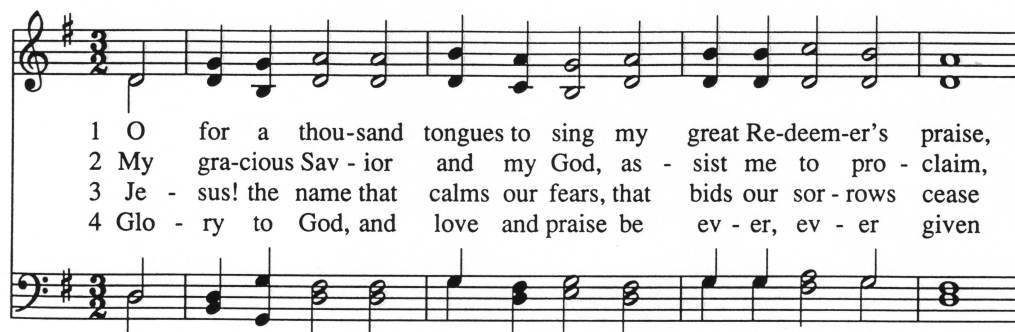
## \*CLOSING HYMN

## O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing — Black Hymnal 42

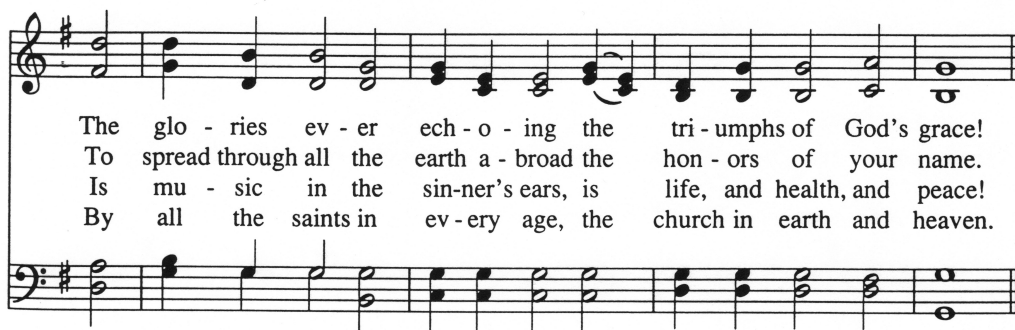
### O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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*Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.*



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease  
4 Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given



The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!  
To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!  
By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

*The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.*

Tune: AZMON C.M.  
Carl G. Gläser, 1828  
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839  
Alternate tune: RICHMOND

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories ever echoing  
the triumphs of God's grace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease  
Is music in the sinner's ears,  
is life, and health, and peace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise  
be ever, ever given  
By all the saints in every age,  
the church in earth and heaven.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FIRE DRILL

\*Please be in a posture of praise.

### PLEDGING FOR 2023

It's Stewardship time at Pilgrim Church. Our theme this year is **Together for Joy**, and your pledge makes it possible for us to live into joy as a community. We will dedicate our pledges for 2023 on November 6 in Worship. To make your pledge visit our pledge page at: <https://pilgrimcongregational.org/learning-growing-caring/pledging-for-2023>. If you prefer a paper pledge form, we have several available in the church Narthex. If you have questions—for example, if you are considering becoming a first time pledger, or adjusting your existing pledge to account for inflation—please reach out to Susan Carabbio at: [s.carabbio@comcast.net](mailto:s.carabbio@comcast.net). (*Susan keeps all pledge information confidential.*)

**Let's move into 2023 Together for Joy. Thank you for your generosity!**

### SOURCE NOTES

The Call to Worship is adapted from Salt Project. The Prayer of Dedication is by Derek Weber



*A special thank you to our Zoom host, Doug Johnston, our Social Host, Mary Mackie, and our Stewardship Testimony, Marty Saradjian.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 6 – We will celebrate All Saints Day. If you have a loved one that has recently passed, please add their name to the ‘pink sheet’ and place in the offering plate.

November 13 – We welcome Taj Smith who will be our worship leader and preacher for the day.

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).





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Sunday Worship 10:30 am