



**Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC  
Service of Worship – November 13, 2022**

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Jesu Christ – Georg Böhm
- GATHERING SONG:  
This is the Day\*
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This Is a Day of New Beginnings \*
- HYMN: O Source of All That Is
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Anne Quigley
- CLOSING HYMN:  
We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky \*
- POSTLUDE: The Heavens Declare

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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

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ – Georg Böhm

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Jane Fuller

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sarah Jane Fuller

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

GATHERING SONG

This is the Day – Black Hymnal 84

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave McClave

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**All: Sing praises to the Holy One with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

One: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before our God.

**All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.**


One: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of God,

**All: God will judge the world with justice and the peoples with equity.**



# \*OPENING HYMN

## This Is a Day of New Beginnings—Black Hymnal 417

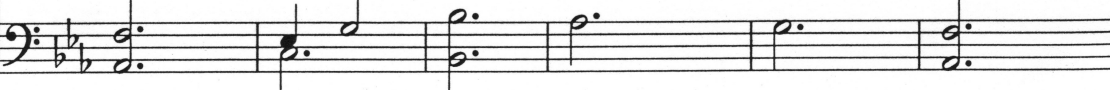

*Unison*



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
 \* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
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 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.





1 This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

2 For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

3 Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

4 Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new,  
our God is making all things new.

\*In faith we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new,  
our God is making all things new.

## OPENING PRAYER

Dave McClave

**Let us pray**

**Creator God, our eyes and ears**

**Open at the sound of your Word.**

**Speak truth to us that we may hear, Within us that we may act,**

**And through us that we may be vessels of possibility, hope and healing**

**Forevermore. Amen.**

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

Dave McClave

Luke 21:5-19

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said,

<sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

<sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take

place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

<sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

<sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify.

<sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance;

<sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

<sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

<sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name.

<sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish.

<sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

SERMON

Taj Smith

# \*HYMN

Johann Heermann, 1638  
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1992

1 O Source of all that is, most good-ly Fount of fa - vor.  
2 Help me to Christ-like speech, my care-less tongue re - strain - ing.  
3 Let me en - joy, with friends, a life of mu - tual car - ing.  
4 Re - mind me, as I die, of Je - sus' cru - ci - fix - ion.

Al - low me health and strength, and bless my dai - ly la - bor.  
Pre - vent the i - dle vow and si - lence dull com - plain - ing.  
Com - mu - ni - ty in Christ, each oth - er's bur - dens bear - ing.  
Be - stow on me, that hour, your fi - nal ben - e - dic - tion.

Grant that I may com - plete the good works you as - signed,  
But should in - jus - tice rage, the strong op - press the weak,  
If I find wealth or fame, if I live man - y years,  
Then wel - come my glad soul in - to that glo - rious place,

My con - science clear and sweet, my words both true and kind.  
My el - o - quence en - gage, and teach me how to speak.  
Save me from sin and shame, and calm my mor - tal fears.  
Where I shall, pure and whole, a - dore you face to face.

Amid the fighting of the Thirty Years' War, Lutheran pastor Johann Heermann wrote this hymn of faith. The chorale tune is one of several sometimes referred to as O Gott, du frommer Gott through association with this text.

Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT  
(DARMSTADT) 6.7.6.7.6.4.4.4.  
Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1900

## O Source of All That Is — Black Hymnal 513

1 O Source of all that is, most goodly Fount of favor  
Allow me health and strength,  
and bless my daily labor.

Grant that I may complete  
the good works you assigned,  
My conscience clear and sweet,  
my words both true and kind.

2 Help me to Christ-like speech,  
my careless tongue restraining.  
Prevent the idle vow and silence dull complaining.  
But should injustice rage, the strong oppress the weak,  
My eloquence engage, and teach me how to speak.

3 Let me enjoy, with friends, a life of mutual caring,  
Community in Christ, each other's burdens bearing.  
If I find wealth or fame, if I live many years,  
Save me from sin and shame,  
and calm my mortal fears.

4 Remind me, as I die, of Jesus' crucifixion  
Bestow on me, that hour, your final benediction.  
Then welcome my glad soul into that glorious place,  
Where I shall, pure and whole, adore you face to face.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Taj Smith

PASTORAL PRAYER

Taj Smith

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

There is a Longing — Anne Quigley

\*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

Taj Smith

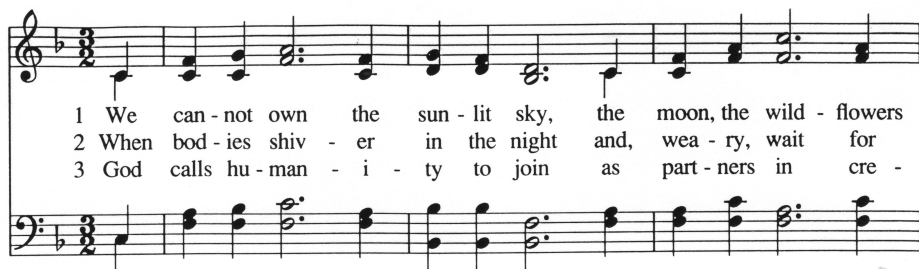
**All gifts come from you, O God. Just as you have gifted us with the Spirit of life and creation, we give to you, generously, from our hopeful hearts, that they may do good in the world. Amen.**

# \*CLOSING HYMN

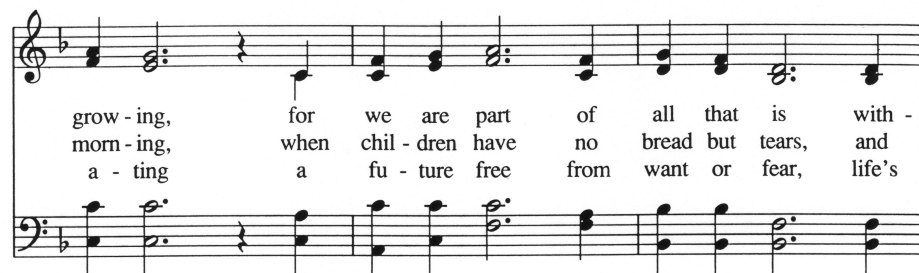
## We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky — Black Hymnal 563

John 10:10

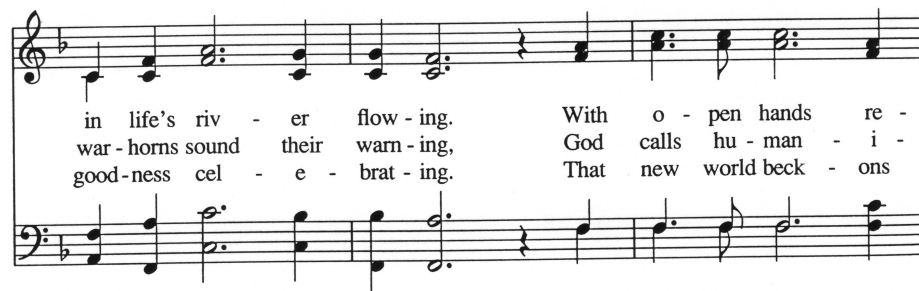
Ruth Duck, 1984; rev. 1989



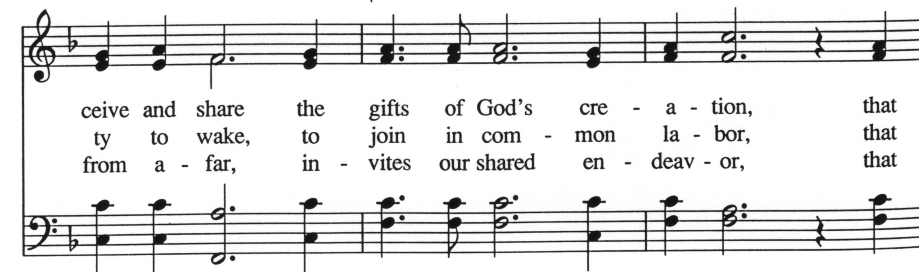
1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers  
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for  
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -



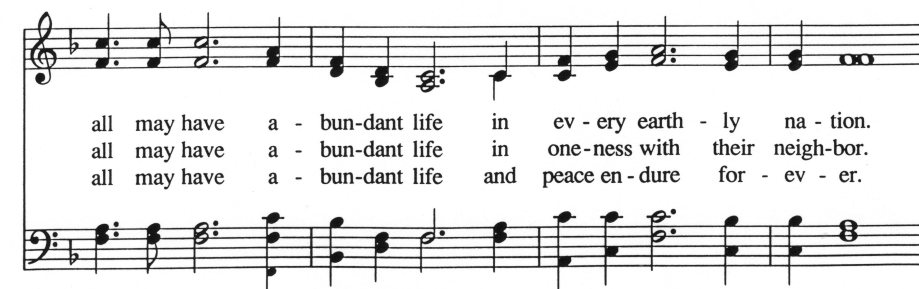
grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -  
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and  
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's



in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -  
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -  
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons



ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that  
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that  
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that



all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

1 We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing,  
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.

With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,  
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

2 When bodies shiver in the night and, weary, wait for morning,  
when children have no bread but tears, and war-horns sound their warning,  
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,  
that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

3 God calls humanity to join as partners in creating  
a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating.  
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,  
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

\*BENEDICTION

Taj Smith

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare — Benedetto Marcello

\*Please be in a posture of praise.

*A special thank you to our Zoom host, Mike Stevens and our liturgist, Dave McClave.*

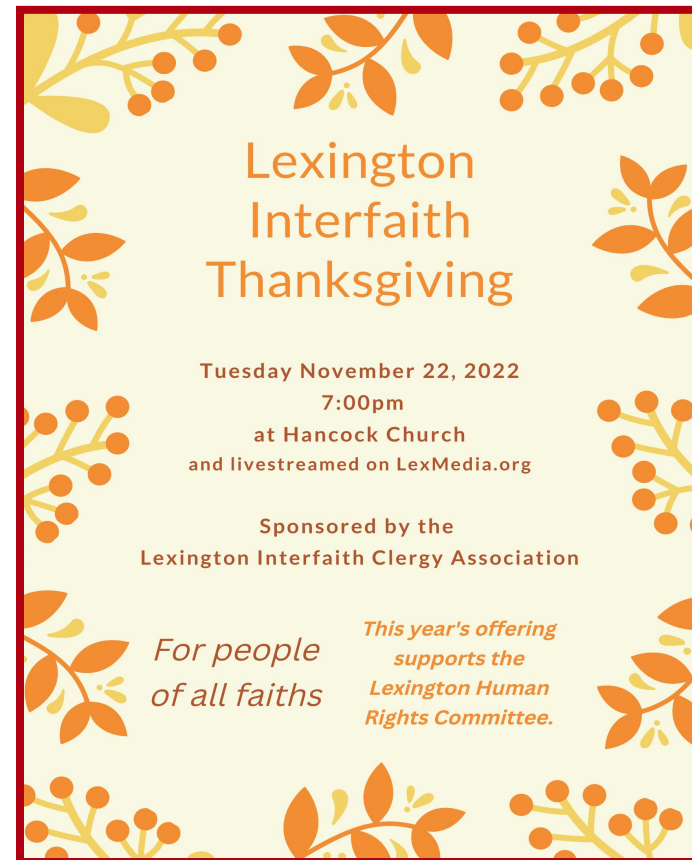
## SOURCE NOTES

Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 98. Cover photo from the Vanderbilt library, artist Mike Moyers titled Be Thou My Vision.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 20 Service Project Sunday.  
Outdoor Church items still needed.  
Please email  
[admin@pilgrimcongregational.org](mailto:admin@pilgrimcongregational.org)  
for the link.

November 22 Lexington Interfaith  
Thanksgiving at Hancock Church





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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

