



Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC  
Service of Worship — November 20, 2022

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- PRELUDE: We Gather Together — Neil Harmon
- GATHERING SONG:  
This is the Day\*
- OPENING HYMN:  
Now Thank We All Our God
- ANTHEM:
- HYMN: We Praise You, O God\*
- OFFERTORY: Confitemini Domino — Jacques Berthier
- CLOSING HYMN:  
Lord Make Me More Holy\*
- POSTLUDE: Now Thank We All  
Our God — John Behnke
- *\*From The New Century Hymnal, Copyright 1995  
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***Today's service will be recorded.***



**PILGRIM**  
Congregational Church



**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.

Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
Service of Worship – November 20, 2022 – Reign of Christ Sunday

PRELUDE

We Gather Together – Neil Harmon

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Derek Gardiner

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 – v1

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Derek Gardiner

One: In the image of Christ we are created;

**All: In the Spirit of Christ we are knit together.**

One: In the body of Christ we are reborn;

**All: In the love of Christ we are reconciled.**

One: O come, let us praise God,

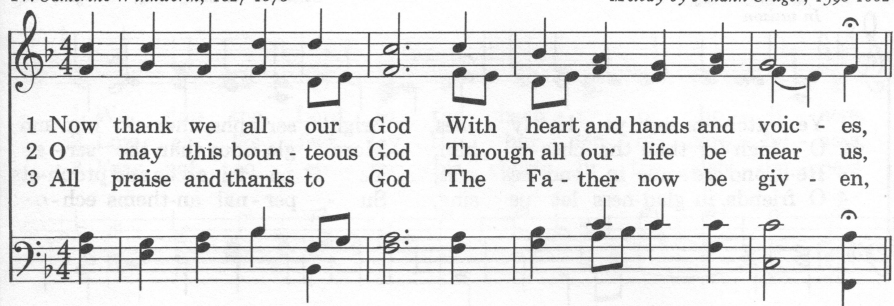
**All: Whose fullness in Christ was pleased to dwell,**

**All: Whose fullness in us desires to live!**

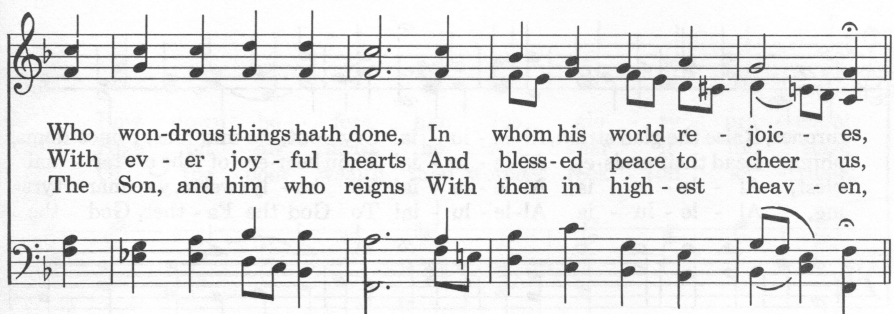
## \*OPENING HYMN

Martin Rinckart, 1586-1649  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

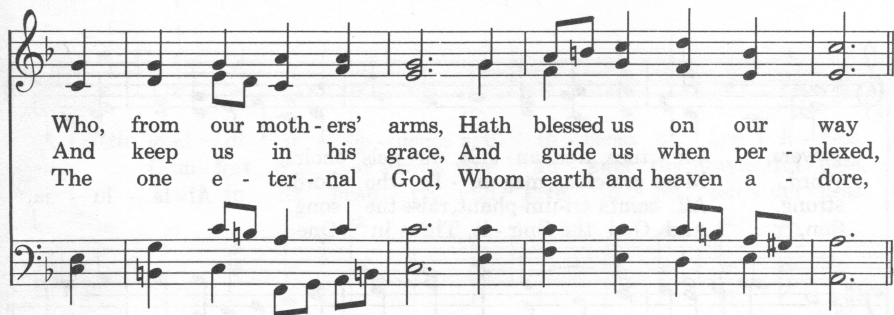
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Melody by Johann Crüger, 1598-1662



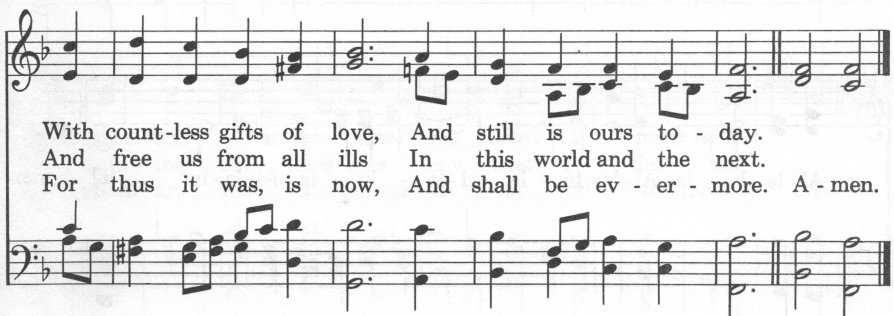
1 Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voice,  
2 O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things hath done, In whom his world rejoices,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore,



With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore. A - men.

## Now Thank We All Our God — Red Hymnal 29

1 Now thank we all our God With heart and hands  
and voices, Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices, Who, from our  
mothers' arms Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God Through all our life  
be near us, With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us, And keep us in his  
grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world in the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be  
given, The Son, and him who reigns With them in  
highest heaven, The one eternal God, whom earth  
and heaven adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.  
Amen



## OPENING PRAYER

Derek Gardiner

**Holy God, your love shelters all our worshipfulness. May your spirit speak through us like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on a grassy field. May your touch of peace be on our restless souls and your flame of joy be in our lonely hearts, that we may be comforted in sorrows, healed of pain, and kindled with hope. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Derek Gardiner

Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

## ANTHEM

**Children and Youth are invited to Sunday School at this time. Please gather at the rear of the Sanctuary with Sarah Jane Fuller.**

## SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

## \*HYMN

We Praise You, O God – Black Hymnal 420  
(On following page)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

## PASTORAL PRAYER

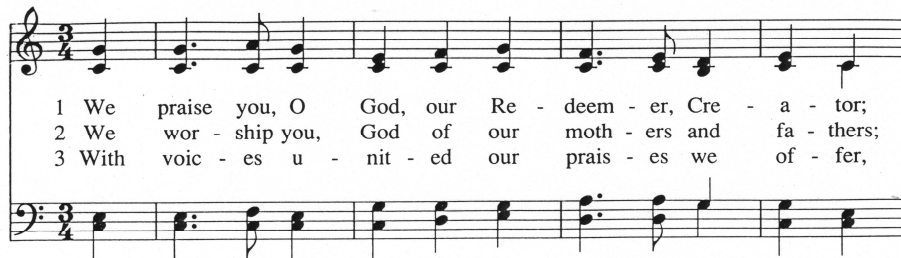
Rev. Reebee Girash

## 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.**

## We Praise You, O God

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*Julia C. Cory, 1902; alt.*


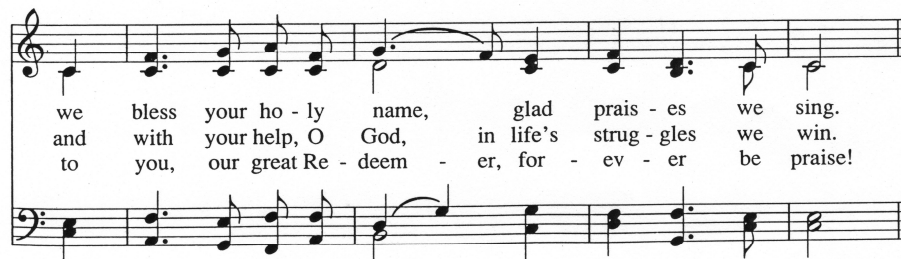
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our moth - ers and fa - thers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our song of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you nev - er will for - sake us,  
 Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your bless - ing;



we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O God, in life's strug - gles we win.  
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

*Julia Bulkley Cady Cory wrote this hymn for Thanksgiving in 1902 at the invitation of the organist of New York's Brick Presbyterian Church who felt that the familiar words to Kremser contained too much militaristic imagery.*

Tune: KREMSEK 12.11.12.11.  
 Valerius, Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer,  
 Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we  
 bring; We lay it before you; we kneel and  
 adore you; we bless your holy name: glad  
 praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers and  
 mothers; through life's storm and tempest  
 our guide you have been;  
 When perils o'er take us, you never will  
 forsake us, and with your help, O God, in  
 life's struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer,  
 and gladly our song of thanksgiving we  
 raise; Our sins now confessing, we pray for  
 your blessing, to you, our great Redeemer,  
 forever be praise!

## OFFERTORY

Confitemini Domino — Jacques Berthier

## \*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

**Holy God, We dedicate these gifts to the building up of Christ's kingdom: through loving you, loving our neighbors, and caring for your creation. Bless and multiply these gifts and our commitment to you. Amen.**





# \*CLOSING HYMN

# Lord Make Me More Holy — Black Hymnal 75

## Lord, Make Me More Holy

*African-American spiritual*

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

75

1 Lord, make me more ho - ly. Lord, make me more ho - ly.

Lord, make me more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly un - til we meet a - gain.

- 2 Lord, make me more faith-ful, . . . Faith-ful, . . . un-til we meet a-gain.
- 3 Lord, make me more hum-ble, . . . Hum-ble, . . . un-til we meet a-gain.
- 4 Lord, make me more righ-teous, . . . Righ-teous, . . . un-til we meet a-gain.

*The origins of this African-American spiritual have been traced to the area of Charleston, South Carolina, where it may have been sung as a closing hymn for worship. It is one of a number of devotional songs expressing the desire to attain the spiritual character of Jesus.*

Tune: LORD, MAKE ME MORE HOLY  
6.6.6.6.6.6.  
*African-American spiritual*

1 Lord, make me more holy;  
Lord, make me more holy;  
Lord, make me more holy,  
until we meet again: holy, holy, holy,  
until we meet again.

2 Lord, make me more faithful;  
Lord, make me more faithful;  
Lord, make me more faithful,  
until we meet again: faithful, faithful,  
faithful, until we meet again.

3 Lord, make me more humble;  
Lord, make me more humble;  
Lord, make me more humble,  
until we meet again: humble, humble,  
humble, until we meet again.

4 Lord, make me more righteous;  
Lord, make me more righteous;  
Lord, make me more righteous,  
until we meet again: righteous, righteous,  
righteous, until we meet again.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God – John Behnke

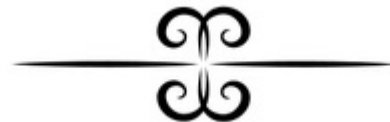
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\*Please be in a posture of praise.

*A special thank you to our Zoom host, Doug Johnston, our Liturgist, Derek Gardiner and our Children and Youth who will participate as Social Hosts.*

#### SOURCE NOTES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 20 – Outdoor Church Lunch Service Project Sunday, (Children and Youth)
- November 22 – Bible Study 10:30am Zoom (email for link)
- November 22 – Lexington Interfaith Thanksgiving at Hancock Church 7:00pm
- November 27 – Advent Sunday Service 10:30am
- December 4 – Advent Sunday Services 10:30am
- December 10 – Carols and Cocoa for a Cause 4pm
- December 11 – Mitten Tree Sunday 10:30am
- December 18 – Pageant and Special Music 10:30am
- December 21 – Longest Night 6pm Zoom; 7pm in Person
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Service 6pm
- December 25 – Christmas Hymn Sing 10:30am



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Sunday Worship 10:30 am