



**Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC**  
**Service of Worship — November 6, 2022**  
**All Saints Sunday**

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- \* PRELUDE: We're Marching to Zion — Gordon Young
- \* GATHERING SONG: Halle Halle
- \* OPENING HYMN: For all the Saints
- \* ANTHEM: Amazing Grace — arr. Jay Althouse
- \* HYMN: I Come With Joy\*
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- \* CLOSING HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing \*
- \* POSTLUDE: The Heavens Declare — Benedetto Marcello

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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.

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PRELUDE

We're Marching to Zion — Gordon Young

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*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: When the world points us in the direction of despair,

**All: We gather and remember God.**

One: Through faith, we proclaim the truths that have sustained generations:

**All: We believe that justice will come.**

**All: We believe that love can transform.**

**All: We believe that God will make all things new.**

One: With the risen Christ as our companion, let us press on and make it so.

# \*OPENING HYMN

For all the Saints — Red Hymnal 306

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## For All the Saints

First Tune

William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.

R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-

In unison

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith be-  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their cap-tain  
 3 O may thy sol-diers, faith-ful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who  
 4 O blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-ship di-vine! We fee-bly strug-gle,  
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, Steals on the ear the

fore the world con-fessed, Thy name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.  
 in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.  
 no-bly fought of old, And win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.  
 they in glo-ry shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 dis-tant tri-umph song, And hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
 who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
 thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their  
 might;  
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold  
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
 and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
 and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



## SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason

<sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

<sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

<sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

<sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

<sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

<sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

<sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

<sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Amazing Grace — arr. Jay Althouse

## REFLECTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Medley of Angel Band — Take Me in your Lifeboat  
arr. James Hanford (guest Banjo player)

**\*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**

**\*CONSECRATING OUR PLEDGES**


**Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and  
beautiful and life-giving: Bless these pledges to your purpose. Join our gifts with  
the gifts of your saints throughout the ages, strengthening this church and the  
wider church, serving our neighbors, and giving glory to you. Amen.**

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

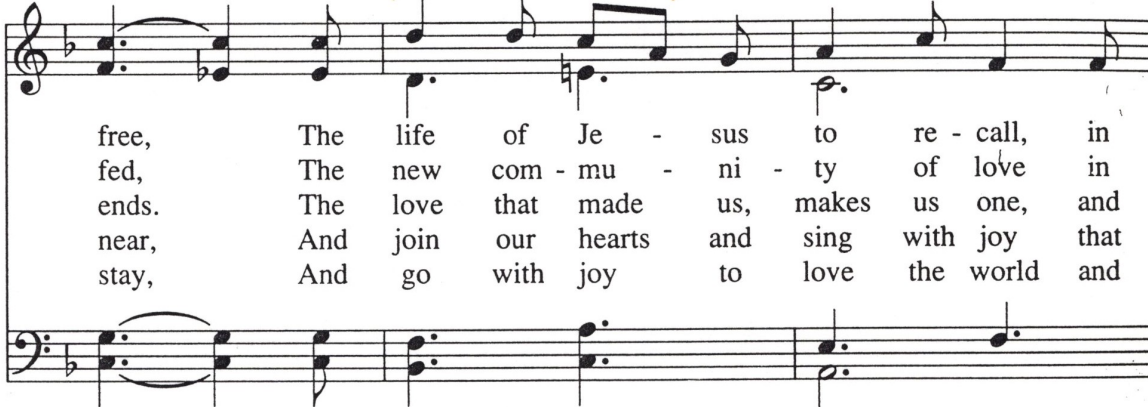
*Unison*



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that  
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are, friends.  
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.  
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.



1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

4 And thus we meet, and better know, the Presence, ever near,  
And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here,  
that Christ is risen here.

5 Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay  
And go with joy, to love the world and live the way we pray,  
and live the way we pray.



# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate. The sacrament is a gift from God; there are no requirements of age or church membership.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: We gather at this table, God's table

**All: The table has been set long before we were born**

One: There are places for all who have gone before us

**All: We take their hands as we approach to be received**

One: You are welcome at this table, Christ's table

**All: The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generations**

One: We lift up the memories of loved ones we no longer see

**All: We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God, for God is present with us**

One: This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration

**All: This is the table for all the saints of God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people – courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion in our own time.**

## 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.**

## ASSURANCE

## THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### **\*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.**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where along with your saints we receive all Christ's gifts. Provide for your church on earth a strong faith and increased love for one another. Give us the grace to praise you with our lives in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**





# \*CLOSING HYMN

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing — Black Hymnal 76

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### Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

*Descant*

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

*Unison*

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess-ing, the  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

tasks of - our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is  
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar-ing, in love ev - er car-ing, em - brac-ing God's chil-dren of

end-ed, O now be ex - tend-ed the fruits of our wor-ship in  
shar-ing, in love ev - er car-ing, em - brac-ing God's chil-dren of

each tribe and race. With your grace you - feed us, with

all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach-ing, re -  
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

cep - tive hearts reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for  
your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks -

God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -  
life that we share. Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks -

giv-ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.  
giv-ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O, now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.



\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare — Benedetto Marcello

\*Please be in a posture of praise.

*A special thank you to our Zoom host, Mike Stevens and the Children and Youth participating in today's service.*

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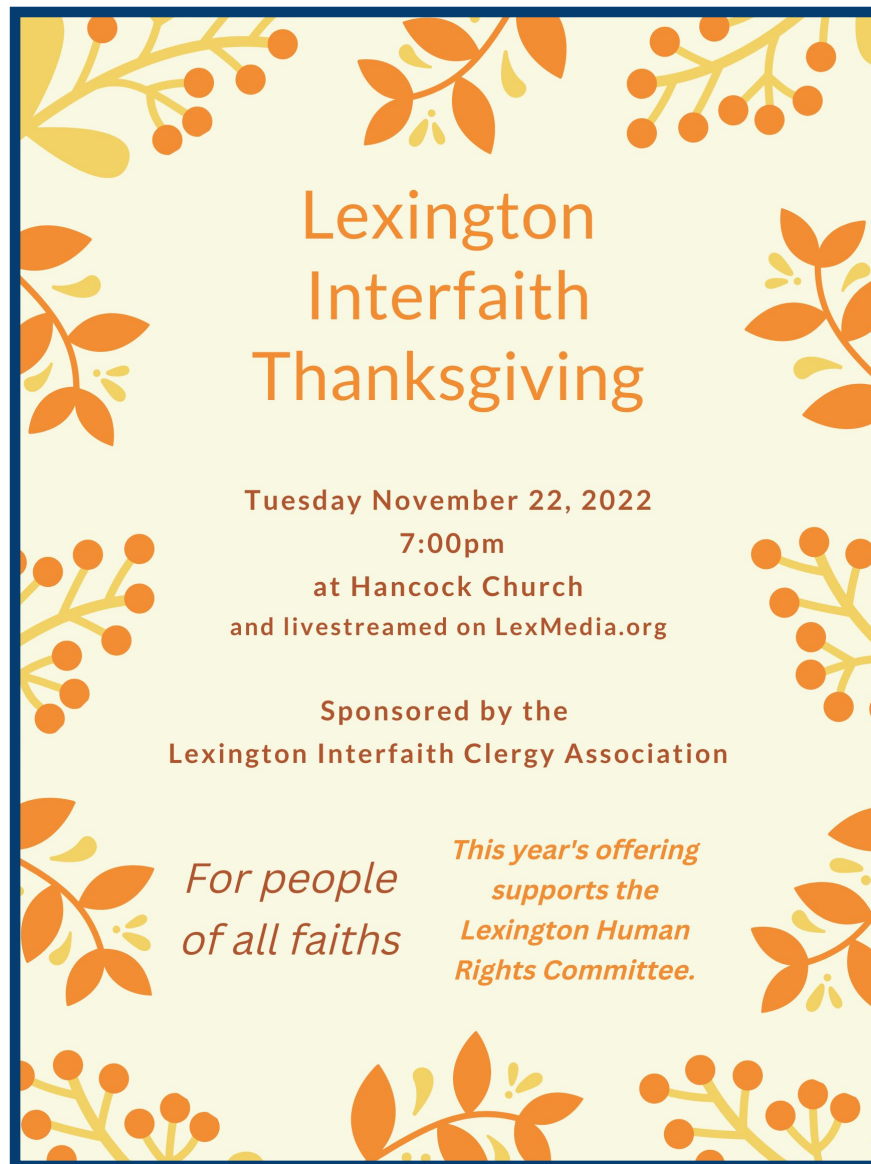
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

November 22 Lexington Interfaith Thanksgiving. See details below.



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



## 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.

To make your pledge, visit our website and click the dropdown link:

**Learning Growing Caring**, then click the link:

**Pledging for 2023.**

If you prefer a paper pledge form, we have several available on the table 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.*)

