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arr. Franklin Ritter

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Today's service will be recorded.

**Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Service of Worship - December 11, 2022 - Third Sunday of Advent**



Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
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

Advent Meditation – Denis Eliot

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

Dona Nobis Pacem

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mairi Morrison, Madeleine Clark, and Mary Mackie

One: We light these candles as people of hope.

One: We light these candles as peace makers.

One: We light these candles as we pray for our world.

All: Peace for this community, Peace for our neighbors, Peace for our world.

One: We pray for the day when glory outshines shadow.

One: We pray for the day when joy extinguishes sorrow.

One: We pray for the day when peace silences violence.

All: We welcome the Christ-Child into our world once more.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Stephanie Shore

God of Mary and Elizabeth, Zechariah and Joseph, through all such faithful ones you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your Advent promise that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN & MITTEN TREE INGATHERING

O Come All Ye Faithful
Red Hymnal 132

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]

3 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin: John F. Wade, 1711-1786
Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, and others

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular
John F. Wade's "Cantus Diversi," 1751

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
We would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! A-men.

DEDICATING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Reebee Girash

*Children are invited to Sunday School at this time.
Please join Sarah Jane at the rear of the Sanctuary.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Stephanie Shore

Isaiah 2:1-5

²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Luke 1:46b-55

1:46b "My soul magnifies the Lord,

1:47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

1:48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

1:49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

1:50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

1:51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

1:52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

1:53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

1:54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

1:55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

One: Here end the readings. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Every Valley
by John Ness Beck arr. Craig Courtney

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*HYMN

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Griffin Momsen-Hudson

PASTORAL PRAYER

Griffin Momsen-Hudson

1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2 O ye heights of heaven a - dore him; An - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
 3 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

He is Al-pha and O - me - ga, He the source, the end - ing he;
 Powers, do-min-ions, bow be - fore him, And ex - tol our God and King;
 Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing, And un - wea - ried prais - es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, And that
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - ery
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e -

fu - ture years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 voice in con - cert ring, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 ter - nal vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

1 Of the Father's love begotten,
 Ere the worlds began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega,
 He the source, the ending he;
 Of the things that are, that have been,
 And that future years shall see,
 Evermore and evermore!

2 O ye heights of heaven adore him;
 Angel hosts, his praises sing;
 Powers, dominions, bow before him,
 And extol our God and King;
 Let no tongue on earth be silent,
 Every voice in concert ring,
 Evermore and evermore!

3 Christ, to thee with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
 And unwearied praises be:
 Honor, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory,
 Evermore and evermore! Amen

LORDS 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

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

People Look East

*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

Rev. Reebee Girash

**Thanks be to you, O God, maker of heaven and earth - giver of justice, lover of
righteousness, hope of the afflicted, and friend of the poor. Your faithfulness never
fails. Take and use these gifts we offer to further your purpose in the world. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

chil - dren all are we. Let us

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

*Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

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WORLD PEACE

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
arr. Franklin Ritter

*Please be in a posture of praise.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

January 1 – More Christmas Hymns! Led by Jim Munkres and friends 10:30am

A special thank you to our Zoom host, Doug Johnston, our Liturgist, Stephanie Shore, our Advent Candle lighters, Mairi Morrison, Madeleine Clark, and Mary Mackie, and our social time hosts, Elizabeth and Dick Edmiston.

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