



**Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship January 29, 2023**

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED
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- PRELUDE: Adagio A. Marcello
arr. S. Hysop
- OPENING HYMN: Love Devine, All Loves
Excelling*
- ANTHEM: Bless the Lord, O My Soul –
John Behnke
- RESPONSE HYMN: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us
with Your Love*
- OFFERTORY: Excerpt from Ballade #4 –
Johannes Brahms
- CLOSING HYMN: O for a World*
- POSTLUDE: Toccata in G Major
W. Pachelbel

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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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January 29, 2023

PRELUDE

Adagio A. Marcello arr. S. Hysop

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash
and Sarah Jane Fuller
Son-Mey Chiu

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Son-Mey Chiu

Inspired by Psalm 15 & Micah 6:8

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend and foe.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.


*OPENING HYMN 43

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling


— Black Hymnal 43

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27


Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.




1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be-found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion;
pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit,
let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
love you as your angels love,
Pray, and praise for your unfailing,
wounded arms outstretched above.

4 Finish, then, your new creation;
pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation
perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be
lost in wonder, love and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Son-Mey Chiu

**O Christ of the poor and the yearning, Kindle in our hearts a flame of love for our neighbors, for our foes, for our friends, for our kindred all.
From the humblest thing that lives, to the Name that is highest of all, kindle in our hearts a flame of love. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Son-Mey Chiu

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, O My Soul — John Behnke
with Dave McClave, Stephanie Shore, Wayne Wylupski and Janice Chung

*Children are invited to Sunday School for a Winter Walk.
Please gather at the rear of the Sanctuary with Sarah Jane Fuller.*

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*RESPONSE HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love — Black Hymnal 498
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Excerpt from Ballade #4 — Johannes Brahms

*DOXOLOGY

Red Hymnal 515

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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

Refrain Unison

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their
 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our
 5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.
 race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have from you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Knelt at the feet of his friends,
 silently washes their feet,
 Jesu, you acted as servant to them. [Refrain]

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
 varied in color and race,
 neighbors are nearby and far away. [Refrain]

3 These are the ones we should serve,
 these are the ones we should love;
 all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
 showing our faith by our deeds,
 serving the neighbors we have from you.
 [Refrain]

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
 silently washing their feet,
 this is the way we should live with you.
 [Refrain]

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We bring these gifts before you, O God, as blessings for all in need. Consecrate them to your purpose in this world, and guide us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

O for a World – Black Hymnal 575
(Hymn music next page)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major – W. Pachelbel

1 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children are spared, equality achieved.

3 We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

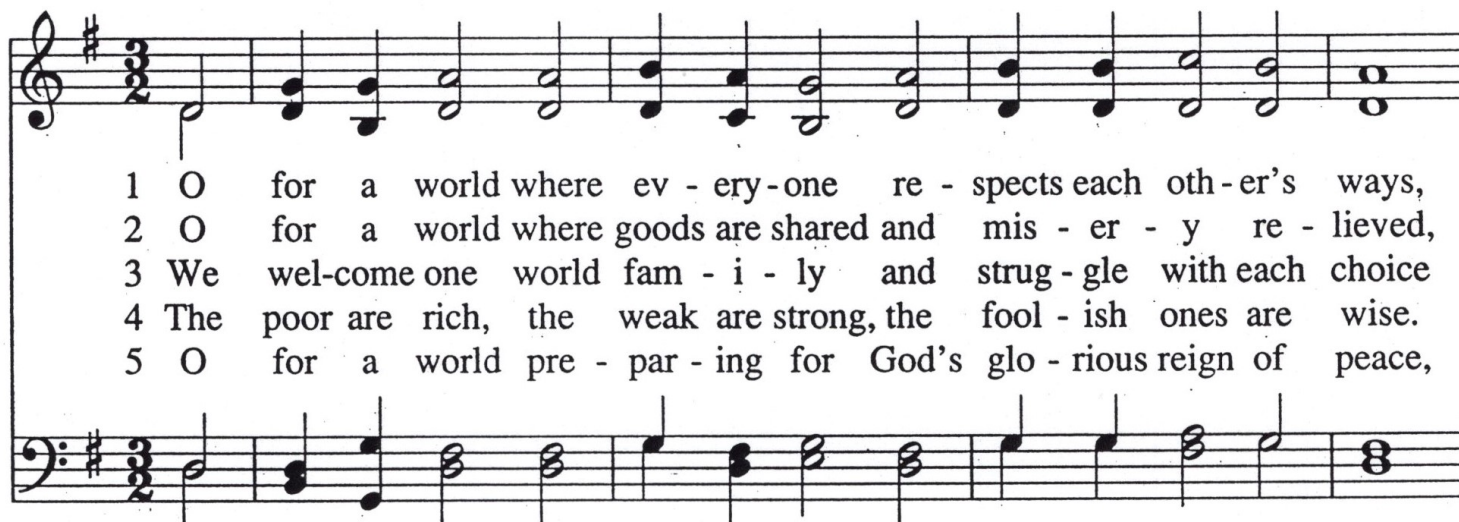
5 O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

O for a World

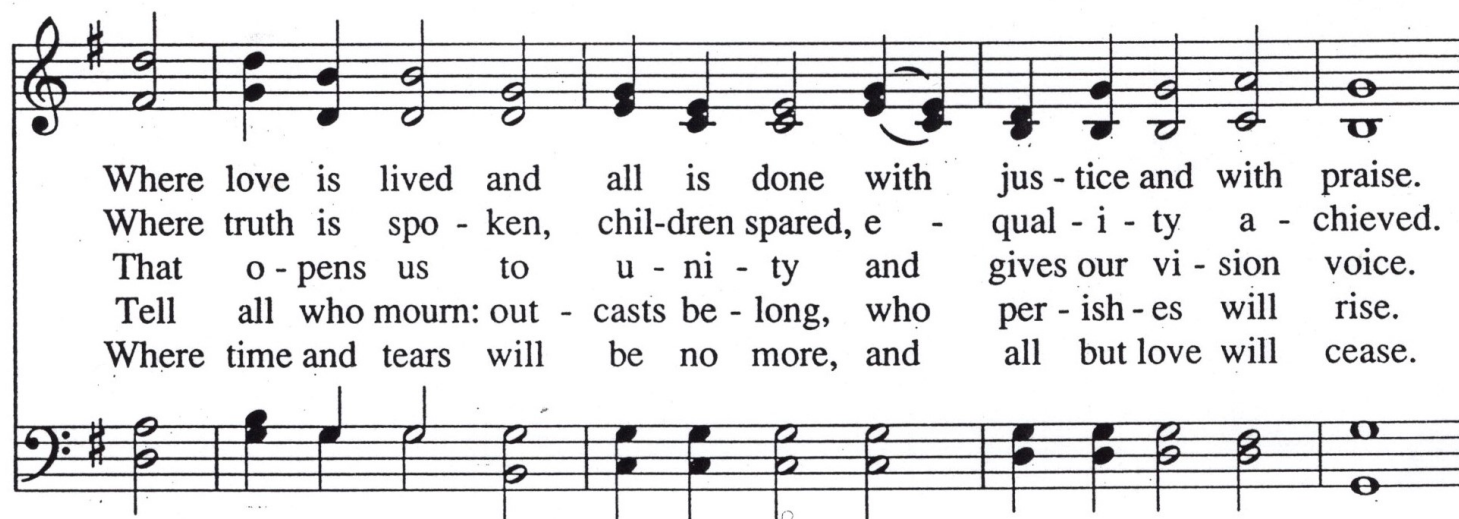
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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

To all Pilgrim Church Members and Friends,

Pursuant to our Bylaws, Article VII, Paragraph 2, you are invited to a Congregational Meeting of the Church on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 11:45 am following the Worship Service.

Agenda:

- 1) Congregational approval of minutes of 2022 meeting.
- 2) Presentation of written committee reports, distributed in advance of this meeting.
- 3) Presentation and adoption of the fiscal budget for 2023.
- 4) Any other pertinent matters that may arise.
- 5) Remembering losses in the community, remarks, and a prayer by the pastor.

Everyone is invited to attend; only members may vote. Child care will be provided.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Boehm, Clerk

SOURCE NOTES

The Opening Prayer is from Celtic Prayers from Iona by J. Philip Newell. The Call to Worship is from UCC Worship Ways by Cheryl Lindsay.

A special Thank You to Son-Mey Chiu our Liturgist, our Zoom Host, Mike Stevens and to the Zorn Family for hosting Social Time.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

