



Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship — February 5, 2023

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED
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- PRELUDE: Allegro from Organ Concerto #13 — G. Handel
- OPENING HYMN: Bring Many Names*
- ANTHEM: The God of Jacob Hallelujah — Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
- OFFERTORY: This Little Light of Mine
- COMMUNION HYMN: As We Gather at Your Table*
- CLOSING HYMN: You Are Salt For the Earth, O People*
- POSTLUDE: Jig Fugue — Dietrich Buxtehude

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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.

Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
February 5, 2023

PRELUDE

Allegro from Organ Concerto #13 – G. Handel

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

All: We are the salt of the earth.

One: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

All: We are the light of the world.

One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

All: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

One: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

All: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN

Bring Many Names

Brian Wren, 1989

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Gen. 1:27

Unison



1 Bring man-y names, beau-ti-ful and good, cel-e-brate, in
 2 Strong moth-er God, work-ing night and day, plan-ning all the
 3 Warm fa-ther God, hug-ging ev-ery child, feel-ing all the
 4 Old, ach-ing God, grey with end-less care, calm-ly pierc-ing

par-a-ble and sto-ry, ho-li-ness in glo-ry, liv-ing, lov-ing God.
 won-ders of cre-a-tion, set-ting each e-qua-tion, gen-i-us at play:
 strains of hu-man liv-ing, car-ing and for-giv-ing till we're rec-on-ciled:
 e-vil's new dis-guis-es, glad of good sur-pris-es, wis-er than de-spair:

Hail and Ho-san-na! bring man-y names! great, liv-ing God!
 Hail and Ho-san-na, strong moth-er God!
 Hail and Ho-san-na, warm fa-ther God!
 Hail and Ho-san-na, old, ach-ing God!

5 Young, grow-ing God, ea-ger,
 on the move,
 say-ing no to false-hood and
 un-kind-ness,
 cry-ing out for jus-tice,
 giv-ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho-san-na,
 young, grow-ing God!

6 Great, liv-ing God, nev-er ful-ly known,
 joy-ful dark-ness far be-yond our see-ing,
 clos-er yet than breath-ing,
 ev-er-last-ing home:
 Hail and Ho-san-na,
 great, liv-ing God!

Bring Many Names – Black Hymnal 11

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,
 celebrate, in parable and story,
 holiness in glory, living, loving God.
 Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!
 great, living God!

2 Strong mother God, working night and
 day,
 planning all the wonders of creation,
 setting each equation genius at play:
 Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

3 Warm father God, hugging every child,
 feeling all the strains of human living,
 caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
 Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

4 Old, aching God, gray with endless care,
 calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
 glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
 Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

UNISON PRAYER

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship.

Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

ANTHEM

**The God of Jacob Hallelujah – Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
(with Raghu Amaravadi)**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Sarah Jane Fuller

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

This Little Light of Mine

*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**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer these gifts to you, O God, that your love might shine brightly in our world.
Guide us to use them according to your purpose. Amen.

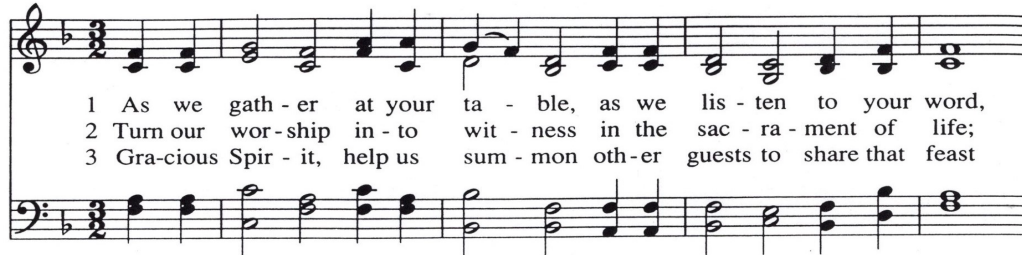
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*COMMUNION HYMN

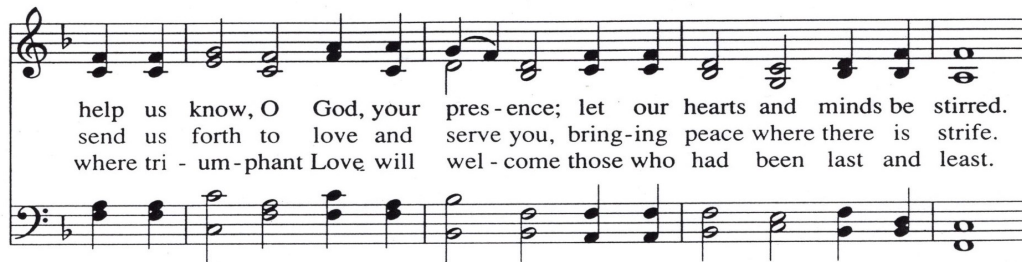
As We Gather at Your Table – Black Hymnal 332

Matt. 22:1–10; Luke 14:16–24

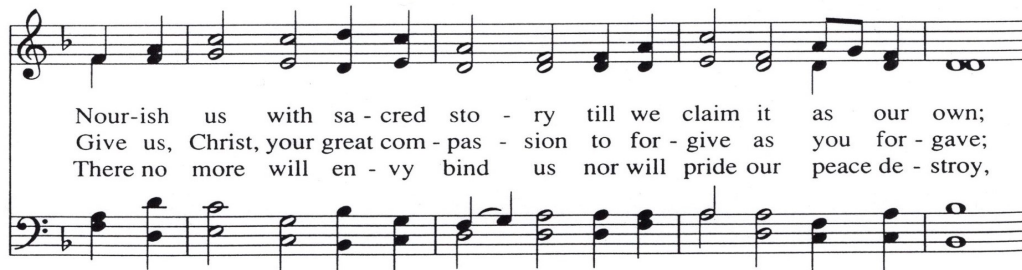
Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989



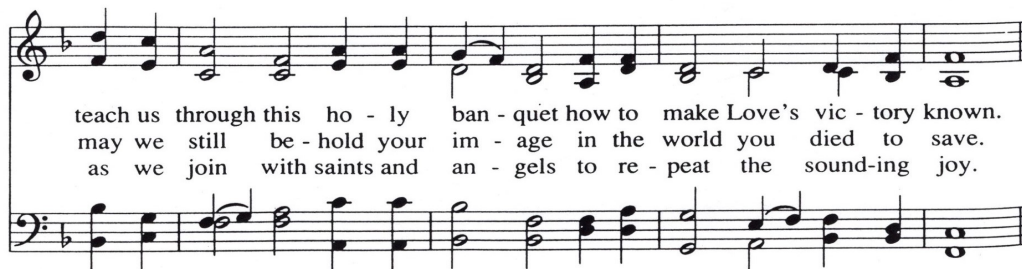
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate.
The sacrament is a gift from God, and all are welcome to receive it.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path: we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you.

Yet we have fallen short: the wrong we have done is made worse by the good we have left undone.

Reconcile us to you and to all people.

God of mercy, forgive us and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it.

We pray in the name of Jesus, and with the words he taught us...

THE 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

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN

You Are Salt For the Earth, O People – Black Hymnal 181
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jig Fugue – Dietrich Buxtehude

SOURCE NOTES

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A special Thank You to our Zoom host, Doug Johnston and Apprentices,

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison
D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!



Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!



Refrain



Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;



Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!



During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1986

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1 You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the reign of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the City of God

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mercy,
bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice,
bring for the City of God!

2 You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the City of God! [Refrain]

3 You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the City of God! [Refrain]

4 We are a blessed and a pilgrim people:
bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the City of God! [Refrain]

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

