



**Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Palm/Passion Sunday
April 2, 2023**

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED
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Laud and Honor
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Bread
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Fauré
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Love Is This*
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Sonata Opus 26 – Ludwig van
Beethoven

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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
April 2, 2023

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

One: On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

All: Who is this?

One: So in worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

All: Jesus is the alpha and omega.

One: Jesus is our teacher and preacher.

All: Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

One: Jesus is our source of love.

All: Jesus is our path in the wilderness.

One: So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats. May we sing our praise and wave our palms, shouting Hosanna!

All: Let us worship our God!

*PALM PARADE-WE GATHER OUTSIDE THE CHURCH AND IN OUR HOMES



*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honor — Red Hymnal 155

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans, c.760-c.821
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

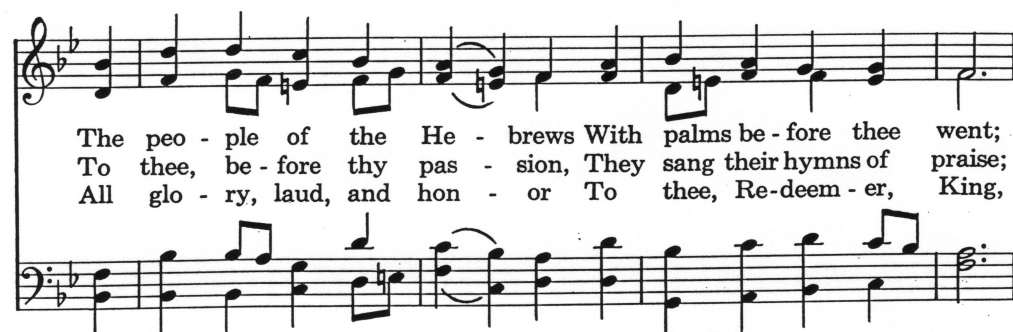
ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
Melody by Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635



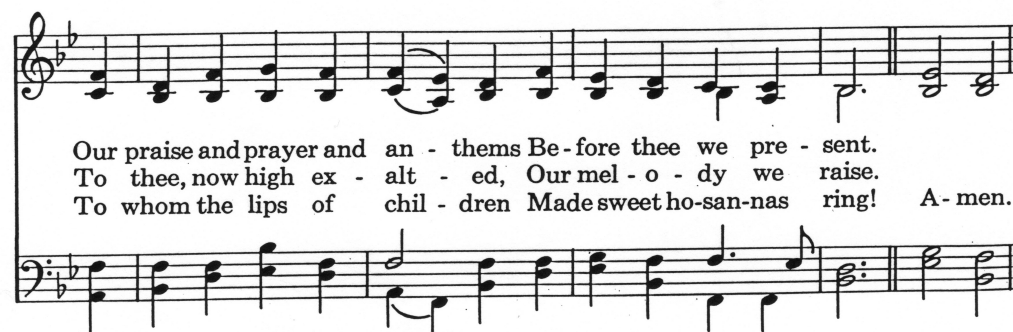
1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2 Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
3 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.



The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore thee went;
To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,



Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.
To thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho-san-nas ring! A - men.

1 All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before thee we present.

2 Thou art the King of Israel Thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest The King and blessed One;
To thee, before thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

3 Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, an honor To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring! Amen

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.

RITE OF MEMBERSHIP

Today we are delighted to welcome new members to our congregation:
Shruti Wilson, Cristian Dobre, and Ellen Larsen.

Questions for our New Members

Rev. Reebee Girash

Affirmation by the Congregation

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Welcome

Lesley Morrison

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, we extend to you the hand of Christian love welcoming you into the company of this local church.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sadhna Vora

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will

send them immediately.”⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

REFLECTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

SCRIPTURE READING

Susan Fagerstrom

Matthew 26:6-13 (NIV)

⁶While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, ⁷a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. ⁸When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. ⁹“This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money

given to the poor.” ¹⁰Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

REFLECTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

SCRIPTURE READING

Susan Moffitt

Matthew 26: 17-19; 26-29

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’ ” ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

*HYMN

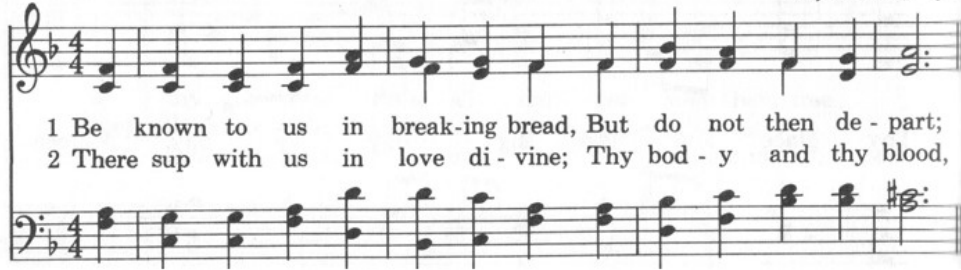
Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread – Red Hymnal 280

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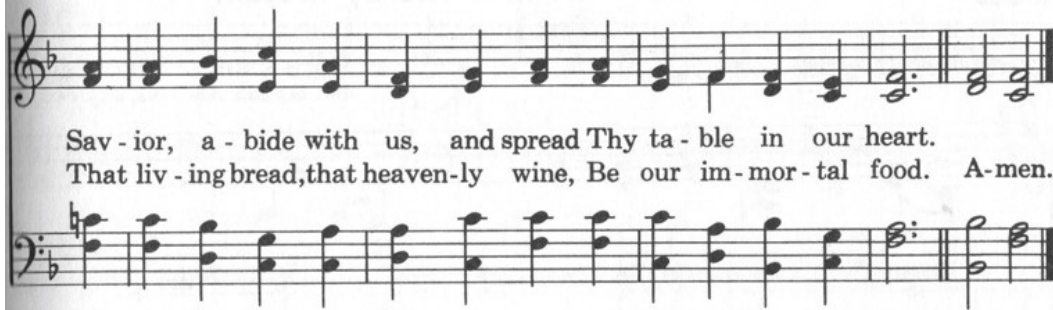
Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

ST. FLAVIAN C.M.
"Day's Psalter," 1562

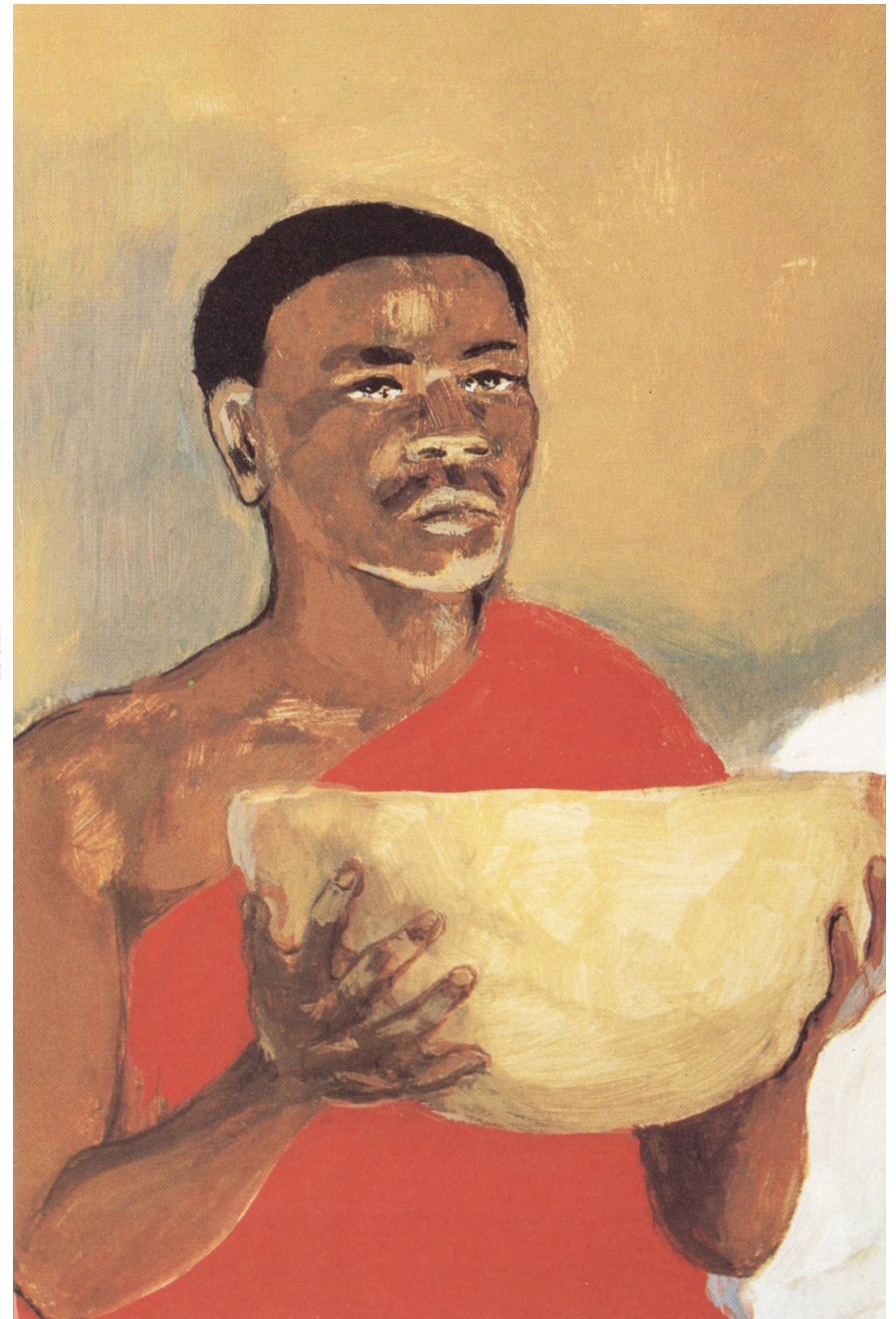


1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de - part;
2 There sup with us in love di - vine; Thy bod - y and thy blood,



Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.
That liv - ing bread, that heav-en-ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food. A-men.

1 Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.
2 There sup with us, in love divine,
Thy body and thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine
be our immortal food. Amen



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Reebee Girash

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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 OF GRACE

Rev. Reebee Girash

COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ at this table that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23: 44-49

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things.

Derek Gardiner



ANTHEM

Agnus Dei by Gabriel Fauré
Pilgrim Church Choir

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them eternal rest.

May eternal light shine on them, Lord, with your saints for ever, for you are good.

Give them eternal rest, Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu by Gabriel Fauré

Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem. Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Pie Jesu

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest. Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.

***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**

**Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life,
death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth
as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

**What Wondrous Love Is This — Black Hymnal 223
(next page)**

***BENEDICTION**

One: God's goodness never ends;

All: The road ahead is long, but we are able!

One: It is the way of suffering, but we are able!

All: Mold us and make us like you, O God.

One: Even in our human frailty, You are still good!

All: Even in our doubts, You are still good!

One: Even in the face of betrayal, You are still good!

All: We place our lives in your hands, because you are still good!

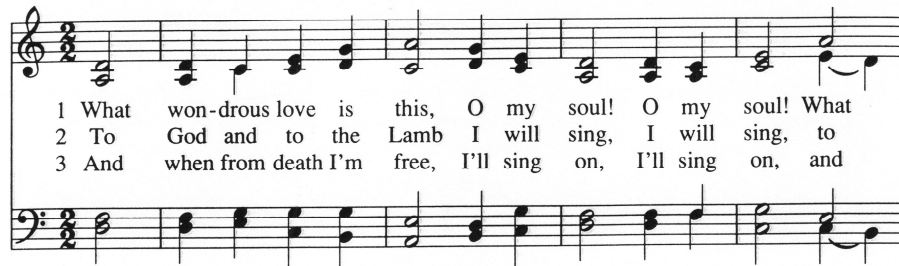
One: And your goodness never ends,

All: And so we cry Hosanna! Amen!

What Wondrous Love Is This

John 19:17; Rev. 5:13

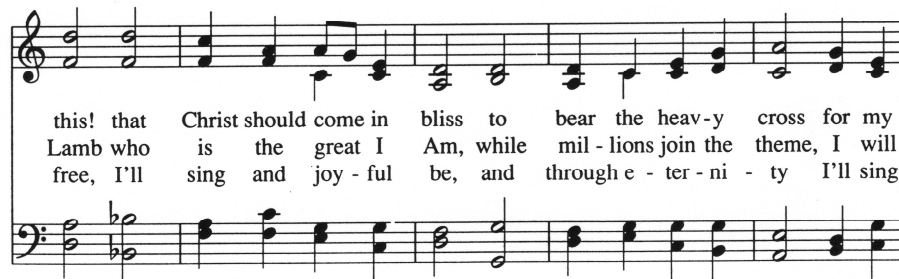
19th century, United States; alt.
First published in Mercer's Cluster, 1836



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm



this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

This anonymous folk hymn, with its modal (dorian) tune, has appeared in many versions. William Walker, compiler of Southern Harmony, one of the most important nineteenth-century tune books in the United States, lived and died in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9.
(CHRISTOPHER)
Appendix to Wm. Walker's Southern Harmony, c. 1843
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this! that Christ should come in bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

POSTLUDE

Marcia Funebre from Sonata Opus 26 – Ludwig van Beethoven

ABOUT OUR NEW MEMBERS

We're delighted to welcome three new members this Sunday.

Ellen Larsen writes: "I have decided to become a member of Pilgrim Church, after attending church off and on along with my good friends, Don and Claire Moir, and Anne and David Nuss. I look forward to continuing my spiritual journey with the Pilgrim community!"

Shruti Wilson and Cristian Dobre write: "Shruti was born in India, and her family moved to Geneva, Switzerland when she was 8 years old. She grew up in Geneva and came to the States for college. Cristian was born in Romania, and his family moved to Sweden when he was 7 years old. He grew up in Sweden and came to the States for college as well. Shruti met Cristian in Medical School and after several years in the Midwest and on the West Coast, they moved to Lexington in 2016. They have two young boys, Daniel (9) and Emanuel (12)."

A special Thank You to our Zoom host Mike Stevens and to our after church Social Time hosts, Claire and Don Moir and Mary Mackie.

SOURCE NOTES

The Call to Worship is by Sanctified Art; the Prayer of Confession is by Ruth Duck. The Benediction is by Cynthia Wilson. The Prayer of Dedication is from the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion. The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion is from the New Century Hymnal.

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