



Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
Second Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

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- ❖ PRELUDE: Lift High the Cross — arr.
Larry Shackley
- ❖ OPENING HYMN: Alleluia!
Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*
- ❖ ANTHEM:
- ❖ RESPONSE HYMN: In the Bulb
There is a Flower *
- ❖ OFFERTORY: All of My Days —
Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
- ❖ CLOSING HYMN: They Asked
Who's My Neighbor *
- ❖ POSTLUDE: The Day of
Resurrection — David Schelat



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Today's service will be recorded.



PILGRIM
Congregational Church



**Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation**

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.

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.*

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 the nursery from 10:15 to the end of the service.

Please note: The video of this service is posted online. If you prefer not to be filmed, please sit near the rear of the sanctuary.

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

Lift High the Cross – arr. Larry Shackley

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: God is Good!

All: All the time!

One: All the time!

All: God is Good! Hallelujah!

*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven – Black Hymnal 243
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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sydney Stevens

One: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

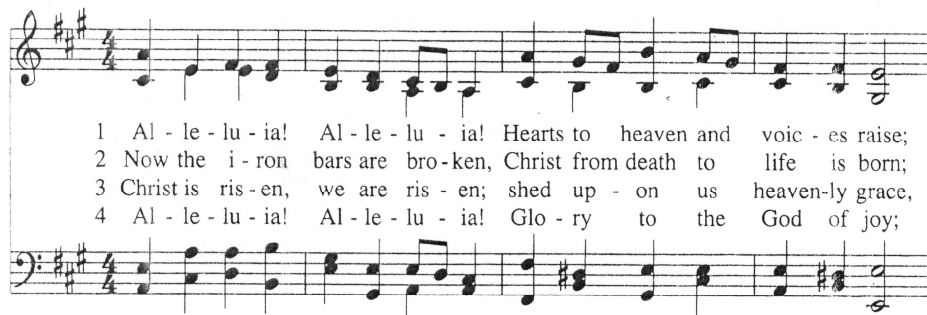
ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

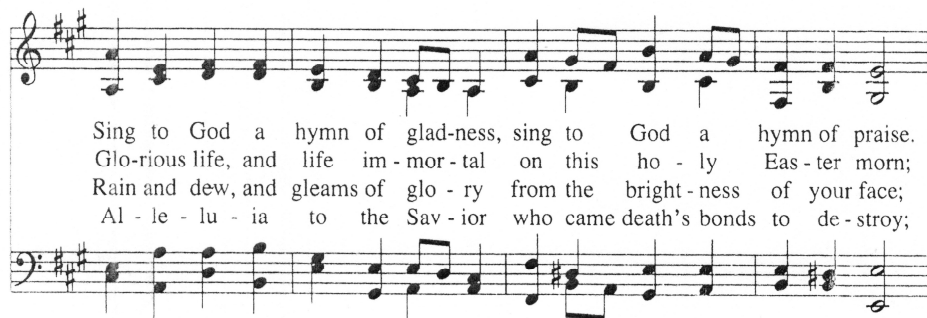
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Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.

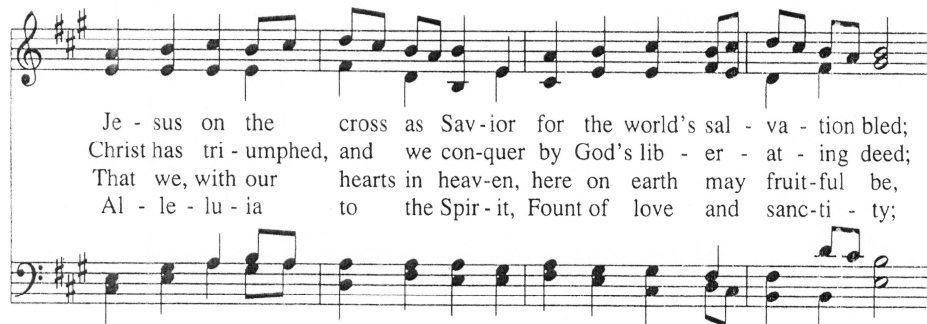
Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22



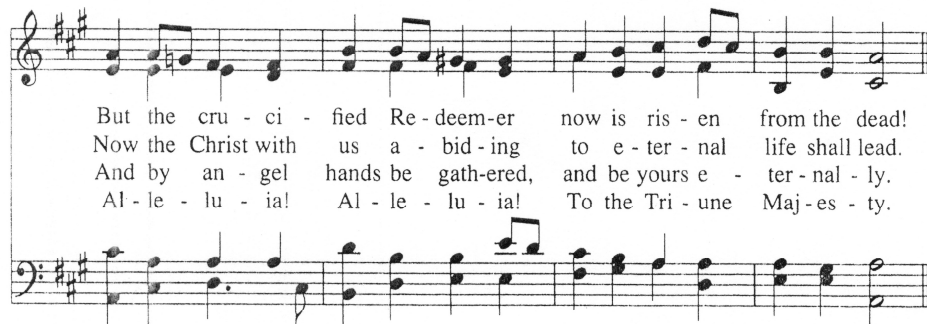
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heaven-ly grace,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo-rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
 Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;



Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
 That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;



But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!
 Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
 And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Christopher Wordsworth, gifted nephew of poet William Wordsworth, served the Church of England successively as canon at Westminster, parish priest in Berkshire, and, finally, bishop of Lincoln. This Easter hymn is one of his most enduring.

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Tochter Sion, Cologne, 1741
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

1 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
Jesus on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled;
But the crucified Redeemer now is risen from the dead!

2 Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal on this holy Easter morn;
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by God's liberating deed;
Now the Christ with us abiding to eternal life shall lead.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of your face;
That we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered, and be yours eternally.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the God of Joy;
Alleluia to the Savior who came death's bonds to destroy;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

OPENING PRAYER

Sydney Stevens

Lord, you opened the meaning of the scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit, kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sydney Stevens

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how

foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Children and Youth are invited to participate in Sunday School at this time.

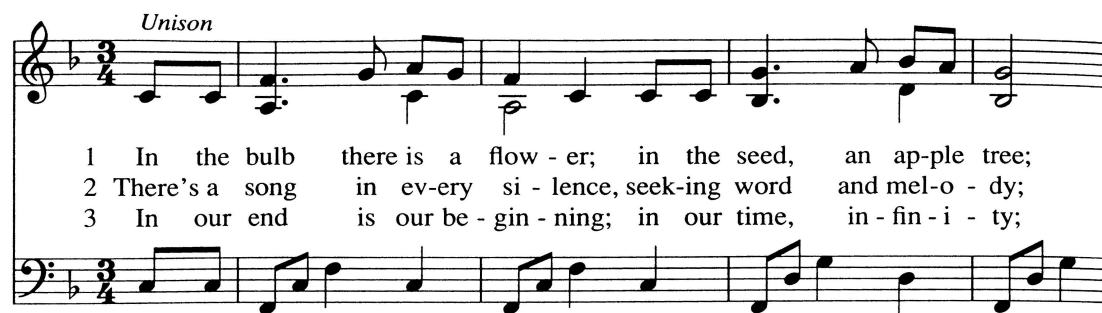
SERMON

Rev. Lisa Loughlin

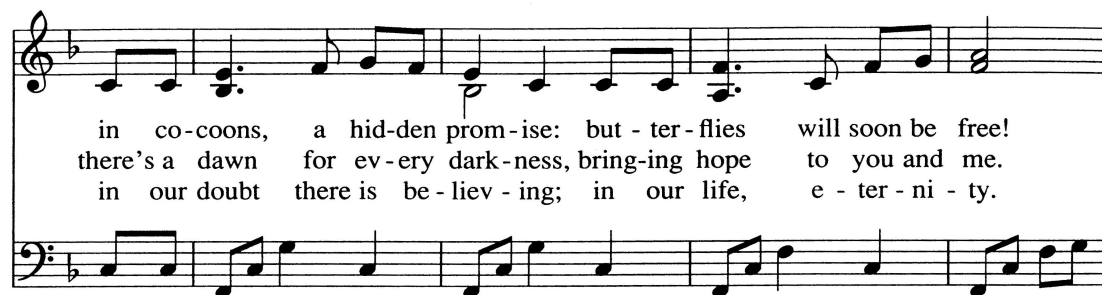
*RESPONSE HYMN

In the Bulb There is a Flower – Black Hymnal 433

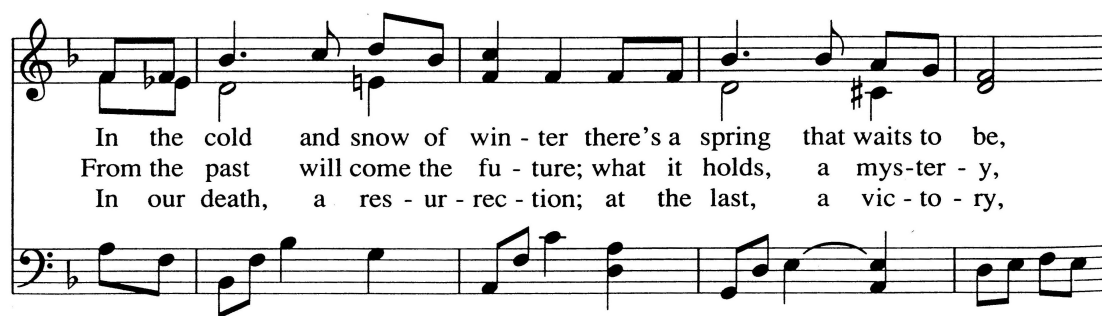
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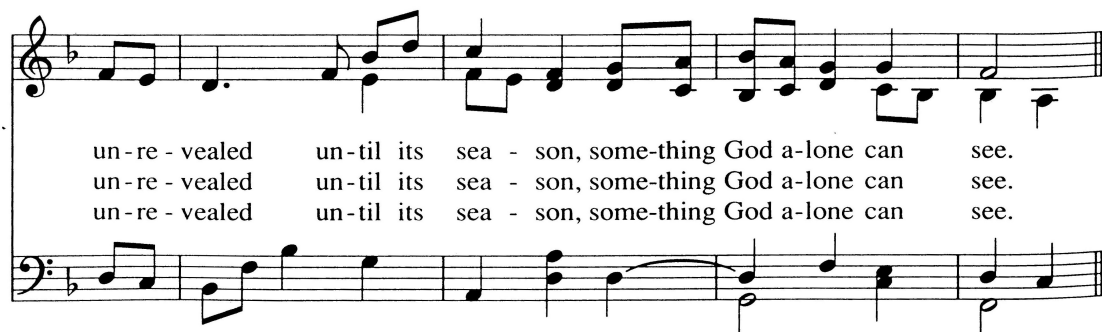
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

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 OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

All of My Days – Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

*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

Rev. Reebee Girash

Bless these gifts, O God, and through them bless our neighbors. Through these gifts make Your love known in our world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

They Asked Who's My Neighbor — Black Hymnal 541

SERVICE

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

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Jan Wesson, 1981; alt.

Luke 10:29-37

Unison

1 They asked, "Who's my neigh - bor and whom should I love; for
 2 There once was a trav - el - er set on by thieves who
 3 A cer - tain Sa - mar - i - tan then came a - long to
 4 I know who's my neigh - bor and whom I should love, for

whom should I do a good deed?" Then Je - sus re - lat - ed a
 beat him and left him to die; A priest and a Le - vite each
 bind up his wounds and give aid; He took him to stay at an
 whom I should do a good deed; For Je - sus made clear in the

sto - ry and said, "It's an - y - one who has a
 saw him in pain; but they turned a - way and walked
 inn un - til well, and for all the ser - vice he
 sto - ry he told, it's an - y - one who has a

need, yes, an - y - one who has a need."
 by, yes, they turned a - way and walked by.
 paid, yes, for all the ser - vice he paid.
 need, yes, an - y - one who has a need.

Ruth Janelle (Jan) Wesson wrote this hymn for the dedication of her church in Nashville, Tennessee, and was encouraged to submit it to a Hymn Society competition. It was published at the society's national conference in 1982.

Tune: NEIGHBOR 11.8.11.8.8.
 Jan Wesson, 1981

1 They asked, "Who's my neighbor and whom should I love;

for whom should I do a good deed?"

Then Jesus related a story and said,

"It's anyone who has a need, yes,

anyone who has a need!"

2 There once was a traveler set on by thieves who beat him and left him to die;

A priest and a Levite each saw him in pain;

but they turned away and walked by, yes,

they turned away and walked by!

3 A certain Samaritan then came along to bind up his wounds and give aid;

He took him to stay at an inn until well,

and for all the service he paid, yes,

for all the service he paid!

4 I know who's my neighbor and whom I should love,

for whom I should do a good deed;

for Jesus made it clear in the story he told -

it's anyone who has a need, yes,

anyone who has a need!

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

The Day of Resurrection—David Schelat

*Please be in a posture of praise.

A special Thank You to our Zoom host, Duncan Todd
and to our Liturgist, Sydney Stevens.

Call to Annual Organizational Meeting

To all Pilgrim Church Members and Friends.

Pursuant to our Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, you are invited to the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Church on Sunday, April 30th, 2023, at 11:45 am or earlier, immediately following the Worship Service.

Agenda:

- 1. Presentation of the recommended slate of 2023-2024 Council officers:
Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer*
- 2. Congregational approval of 2023-2024 Council officers*
- 3. Any other pertinent matters that may arise*

Everyone is invited to attend; only members may vote. Council expects this will be a very brief meeting. Child care will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Boehm
Clerk*

Call to Congregational Meeting

To all Pilgrim Church Members and Friends.

Pursuant to our Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, you are invited to a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 7th, 2023, at 11:45 am or earlier, immediately following the Worship Service.

Agenda:

- 1. Presentation of a proposed solar installation plan*
- 2. Open forum for questions and answers*
- 3. Congregational vote on proposed plan*

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 Feasting on the Word.

Welcome Rev. Lisa Loughlin

We are excited to welcome the Rev. Lisa Loughlin to Pilgrim Church today. Rev. Loughlin is the Associate Minister & Assistant Executive Director of the Outdoor Church of Cambridge.

Rev. Lisa was a member of First Congregational Church of Winchester, UCC, and through the outreach programs at FCCW Lisa began volunteering with The Outdoor Church of Cambridge (TOC). During these Sunday afternoon walks and lots of conversations with TOC ministers & FCCW ministers Lisa discerned a call to ordained ministry. She graduated from Andover Newton Theological School in 2018. In 2019 she began working for TOC as an Associate Pastor. Then in 2021 Lisa was ordained to TOC. Since 2020 Lisa has been an Associate Minister and Chaplain at common cathedral, a homeless ministry in Boston.

“I am grateful to be in relationship with those who are unhoused in Cambridge & Boston. And, I am blessed to have been called to accompany the congregants of these two churches as they navigate the injustices and traumas that come from living on the streets. I am awe struck at the ways that these precious children of God believe that their faith is helping them overcome & persevere.”

