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Come In*
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Raymond H. Haan Variation I & V

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Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Seventh Sunday of Easter | May 21, 2023
Mental Health Sunday



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.

Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC | Seventh Sunday of Easter | May 21, 2023

PRELUDE

With High Delight—Raymond H. Haan Theme Variation II

GREETING

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 66)

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited here today to bless and to praise God.

All: We will let the sound of God's praise be heard, loud and clear, from *every one of us*.

One: Somehow, despite all the pitfalls along the way, all the trials and tribulations in each of our lives, God has kept us among the living.

All: We have been confined and burdened; we have walked through fire and water; we have been tested to the max, but now we have become as true as silver.

One: God has heard me, because in my heart I cherish truth and not wickedness.

All: God hears us all and continues to love us with a steadfast and undying love.

All: Together let us praise God!

*OPENING HYMN

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In – Black Hymnal 73

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 2 O - pen your-self to the song. O - pen your-self to the song.
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

1 Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day;

enter, rejoice, and come in.

2 Open your ears to the song.

Open your ears to the song.

Today will be a joyful day;

enter, rejoice, and come in.

3 Open your hearts everyone.

Open your hearts everyone.

Today will be a joyful day;

enter, rejoice, and come in.

4 Don't be afraid of some change.

Don't be afraid of some change.

Today will be a joyful day;

enter, rejoice, and come in.

5 Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day;

enter, rejoice, and come in.

OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy One, we are all seekers. No matter where we are in the world, no matter what our strengths or weaknesses, no matter what our language or our creed, you seek us out with the eternal parental love of the Creator. No matter that You are always present with and for us, no matter that we do not always recognize the form, no matter that we may have a dimness of sight as in a mirror, we continue to seek you with the unquenchable human desire to know You and to rest in You In You we live and move and have our being. Guide us now to recognize that truth as we gather together with you in this hour. Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Children and Youth are invited to participate in our Service Project at this time.

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*RESPONSE HYMN

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Reebee Girash

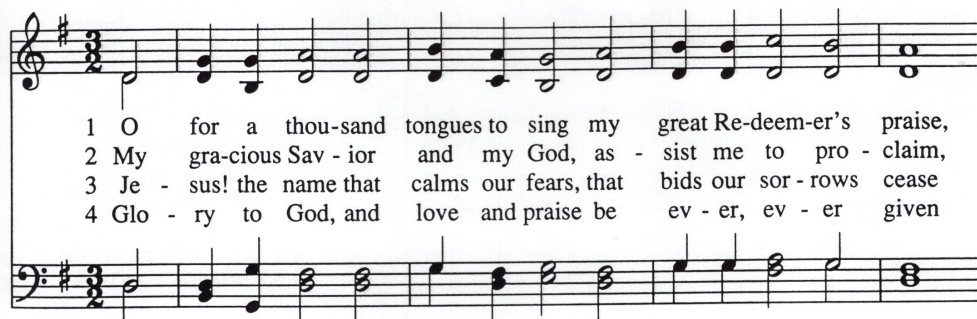
PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

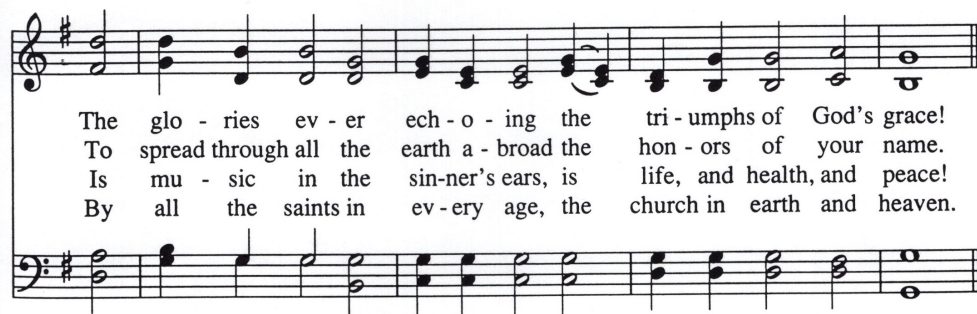
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

42

Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease
4 Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given



The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God's grace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.

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

With High Delight—Raymond H. Haan Variation III

*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

You have given us the gift of your child, Jesus Christ, so that we might all know the one true God. Everything we have been given has the purpose of shaping us be of one heart and mind with Christ, and so we offer what we have to you. Bless these honest gifts as we bring them, that we all might do the work of God. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

Descant

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

Unison

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess-ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

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nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

With High Delight – Raymond H. Haan Variation I & V

**Please be in a posture of praise*

A special Thank You to our Zoom
host, Doug Johnston.

SOURCE NOTES

*This Liturgy for Mental Health Sunday was put together by MHN Executive board member Carrie Bail.
The United Church of Christ Mental Health Network works to reduce stigma and promote the inclusion of people with mental illnesses/brain disorders and their families in the life, leadership and work of congregations. mhn-ucc.org*



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