



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday | June 18, 2023

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED FOR
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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

Largo in A Minor — Johan Ludwig Krebs

GREETING

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Listen, there is a voice calling us.

ALL: It is the voice of our Divine Beloved.

ONE: The one who loves us invites us to mingle our voices together.

ALL: We call out in worship and praise together.

ONE: Bring your hopes, expectations, and longings that you have carried with you throughout the week.

ALL: Here they are. We speak them in our spirit and with our words.

ONE: Come and worship. Come and praise. Come and pray.

ALL: We commit ourselves to this sacred time of celebration.

OPENING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story – Red Hymnal 317
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OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.
Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

REFRAIN
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love. A - men.

1 I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.

Refrain:
I love to tell the story;
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love. Amen

2 I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.

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

Matthew 9:9-13

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Just a Closer Walk With Thee— *Traditional African-American*
With Elena Snow-Evrard, Zac Girash, and John Girash

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

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*RESPONSE HYMN

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult—Red Hymnal 322
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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

God of Adam, God of Joseph—Fred Kaan

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Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

First Tune

Cecil F. Alexander, 1823-1895

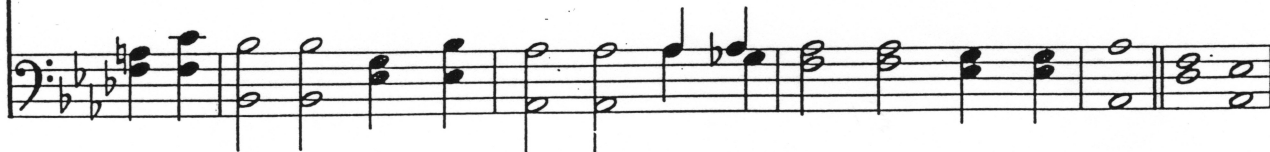
GALILEE 8.7.8.7.

William H. Jude, 1851-1922

1 Je - sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
 2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it By the Gal - i - le - an lake,
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold-en store,
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
 5 Je - sus calls us; by thy mer - cies, Sav-ior, may we hear thy call,



Day by day his sweet voice sound-eth, Say-ing, "Christian, fol - low me."
 Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, Leav-ing all for his dear sake.
 From each i - dol that would keep us, Say-ing, "Christian, love me more."
 Still he calls, in cares and pleas-ures, "Christian, love me more than these."
 Give our hearts to thine o - be-dience, Serve and love thee best of all. A-men.



1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying "Christian, follow me!"

2 As of old, Saint Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
saying "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call;
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all! Amen

***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

We are all one human family. In your love you created us. Through your grace you reach out to us. You are great enough to hold us all in your arms at the same time. Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love. Teach us to weave our lives together. We yield to Spirit, offering what we have to the greater good. In this way, each day, we begin again in love. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

This is My Father's World — Red Hymnal 485

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor — JS Bach

**Please be in a posture of praise*

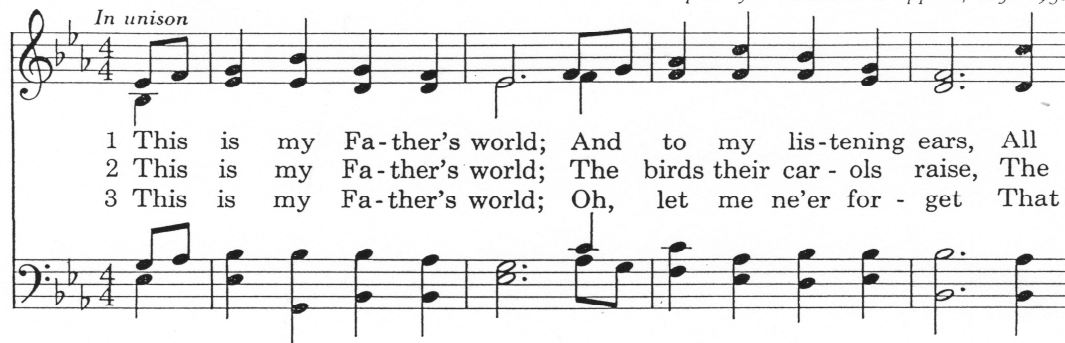
Mallbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901, alt.

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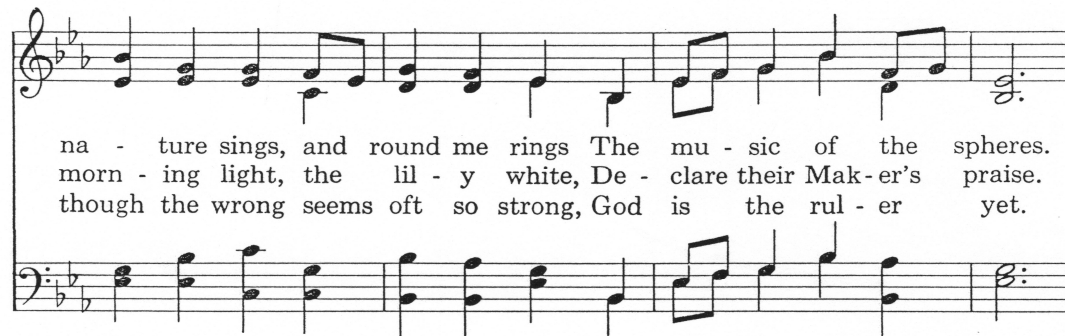
Traditional English Melody

Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

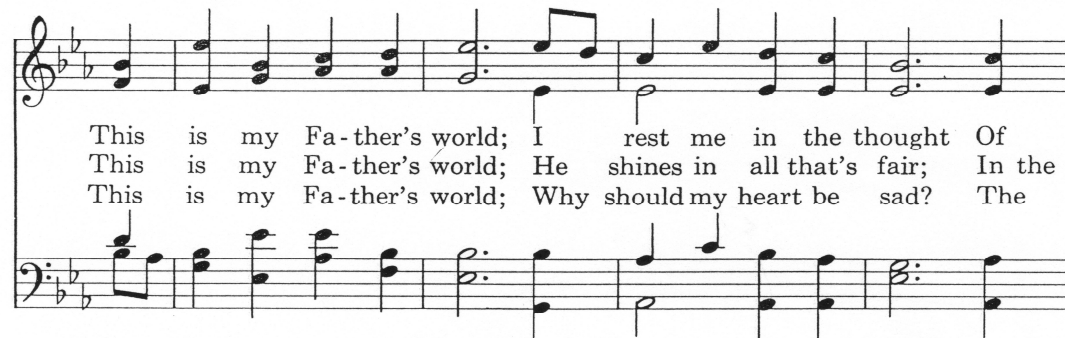
In unison



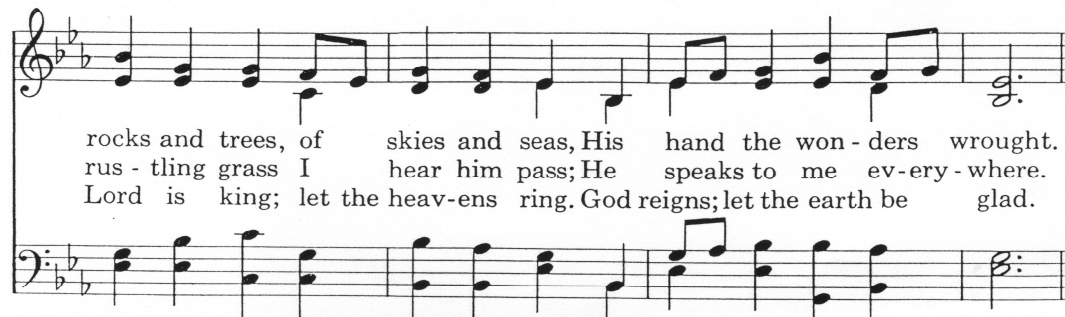
1 This is my Fa-ther's world; And to my lis-tening ears, All
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise, The
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me ne'er for - get That



na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 Lord is king; let the heav - ens ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.

1 This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

A special Thank You to our
Zoom host, Mike Stevens.

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