



**Pilgrim Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**Summer Worship | July 2023**

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED  
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- PRELUDE: Song without Words in F sharp – Mendelssohn
- HYMN: Breathe on Me, Breath of God\*
- MUSICAL OFFERTORY: Song without Words in E flat – Mendelssohn
- HYMN: My Life Flows on in Endless Song\*

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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.

Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC  
*JULY 16, 2023*                      *SERVICE OF WORSHIP*

PRELUDE

Song without Words in F sharp – Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: O Christ, there is no plant in the ground, but it is full of your virtue.

**ALL: There is no life in the sea, there is no creature in the ocean,**

ONE: There is nothing in the heavens but proclaims your goodness.

**ALL: There is no bird on the wing, there is no star in the sky, there is nothing  
beneath the sun but proclaims your goodness. Amen.**

\*HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God – Black Hymnal 292  
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CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: Christ is with us.

**ALL: Christ is in our midst.**

ONE: Let us pray.

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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*Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The music is a simple, harmonious setting of the text.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,  
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.  
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.  
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire:  
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

## UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O God, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together. Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves to you, through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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.**

## SCRIPTURE

## MEDITATION

CALL TO PRAYER (seated)

ONE: God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us pray.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Song without Words in E flat – Mendelssohn

### \*DOXOLOGY

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

**or**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song – Black Hymnal 476



# My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Ps. 46:1-7; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17

Anon. in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School,  
ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt.  
St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 1957

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -  
 2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is  
 3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells  
 4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that  
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A  
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how  
 bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult  
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my  
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and  
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It  
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since  
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When  
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing - ing?

1 My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul  
how can I keep from singing?

2 What though my joys and comforts die?  
My Savior still is living.

What though the shadows gather round?  
A new song Christ is giving.

No storm can shake my in-most calm,  
while to that Rock I'm clinging;

Since Love command both heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

3 When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
and hear their death knells ringing;  
When friends rejoice both far and near,  
how can I keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon vile  
our thought to them are winging;  
When friends by shame are undefiled,  
how can I keep from singing?

4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;  
I see the blue above it;  
And day by day this pathway smooths,  
since first I learned to love it.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my  
heart, a fountain ever springing;  
All things are mine since I am Christ's  
how can I keep from singing?



**\*UNISON BENEDICTION**


**The blessing of the God of life be ours,  
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours,  
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours, to cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.  
Amen.**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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**\*Please rise in spirit or body.**



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIAN, JIM  
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**Summer Worship 9:30 am**