



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Summer Worship | July 2, 2023

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED
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- ★ PRELUDE: Reverie — Debussy
- ★ HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth*
- ★ MUSICAL OFFERTORY:
Arabesque — Debussy
- ★ HYMN: Spirit of God, Descend Upon
My Heart*

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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 2, 2023 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Reverie – Debussy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The world belongs to God,

ALL: The earth and all its people.

ONE: How good it is, how wonderful,

ALL: To live together in unity.

ONE: Love and faith come together,

ALL: Justice and peace join hands. Open our lips, O God, and our mouths shall declare your praise. Amen.

*HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth – Black Hymnal 28

CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: Christ is with us.

ALL: Christ is in our midst.

ONE: Let us pray.

For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, *Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.*
 St. 4, *Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

1 For the beauty of the earth,
 for the glory of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth
 over and around us lies.

Refrain:

God of all, to you we raise
 this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
 of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale and tree and flower,
 sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of human love,
 brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth, and friends above,
 for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

4 For the good that love inspires,
 for a world where none exclude,
 For a faith that never tires,
 and for every heart renewed. [Refrain]

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, you have set before us a great hope that your realm will come on earth, and have taught us to pray for its coming. Make us ready to thank you for the signs of its dawning and to work for the perfect day when your will shall be done, in the name of Jesus we ask for your blessings, just as he taught us to pray, saying:

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

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Arabesque – Debussy

*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

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart – Black Hymnal 290

*UNISON BENEDICTION

**On our hearts and on our houses, the blessing of God.
In our coming and our going, the peace of God.
In our life and our believing, the love of God.
At the end and new beginning, the arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.
Amen.**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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George Croly, 1854; alt.

Gal. 5:25; Matt. 22:37; John 1:32

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid us love you ev - ery way?
 4 Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;
 5 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
 No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see your cross—there teach my heart to stay:
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 The bap - tism of the heaven-de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek you, and O let me find.
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

George Croly, ordained in the Church of Ireland, was well known in London literary circles and served a poor parish. This hymn is from a collection he compiled for that congregation. Hellespont was the original name for the tune Morecambe.

Tune: MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.
 Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Have you not bid us love you, every way?
All, all your own: soul, heart and strength, and mind;
I see the cross there teach my heart to stay.
O let me seek you and O let me find!

4 Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of an unanswered prayer.

5 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

*CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Please rise in spirit or body.*

**THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIAN, JIM MUNKRES,
OUR LAY LEADER, SADHNA VORA AND OUR
ZOOM HOST, SARAH JANE FULLER.**



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