



**Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Summer Worship | July 23, 2023**

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED
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- **PRELUDE:** Frederick Chopin —
Prelude in C minor
- **HYMN:** Abide with Me*
- **MUSICAL OFFERTORY:** Frederick
Chopin — Prelude in A
- **HYMN:** My Faith, It Is an Oaken
Staff*

**From The New Century Hymnal, Copyright 1995.*

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 23, 2023 *SERVICE OF WORSHIP*

PRELUDE

Frederick Chopin – Prelude in C minor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Christ, you are before us. This is what gives us courage to go on.

ALL: It is you who directs. It is you who beckons.

ONE: We dedicate ourselves, and we bless you now.

ALL: May the peace of God which passes all understanding guide our hearts and our thoughts. And may you gently redirect us all our days, to see the world as you do and love it with your love. Amen.

*HYMN

Abide with Me – Black Hymnal 99

CALL TO PRAYER

One: Christ is with us.

All: Christ is in our midst.

One: Let us pray.

Abide with Me

Luke 24:29; 1 Cor. 15:55

Henry F. Lyte, 1847; alt.

1 A - bid e with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;
 5 Hold now your cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The shad - ows deep - en, Lord, with me a - bid e;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 I need your grace to foil the tempt - er's power.
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Give me your love my guide and stay to be.
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.
 O Christ who chang - es not, a - bid e with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.
 I tri - umph still if you a - bid e with me.
 In life, in death, O Christ, a - bid e with me.

Following the final sermon of his career, Henry F. Lyte handed a copy of this recently written hymn to a relative. He died two months later. The tune by W. H. Monk has contributed greatly to the popularity of the hymn.

Tune: EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.
 William H. Monk, 1861

1 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The shadows deepens, Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Christ who changes not, abide with me.

3 I need your presence every passing hour;
I need your grace to foil the tempter's power.
Give me your love my guide and stay to be.
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4 I fear no foe with you at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Christ, abide with me.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, lead us this day from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, and our universe. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, who 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

Frederick Chopin – Prelude in A

*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 Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff – Black Hymnal

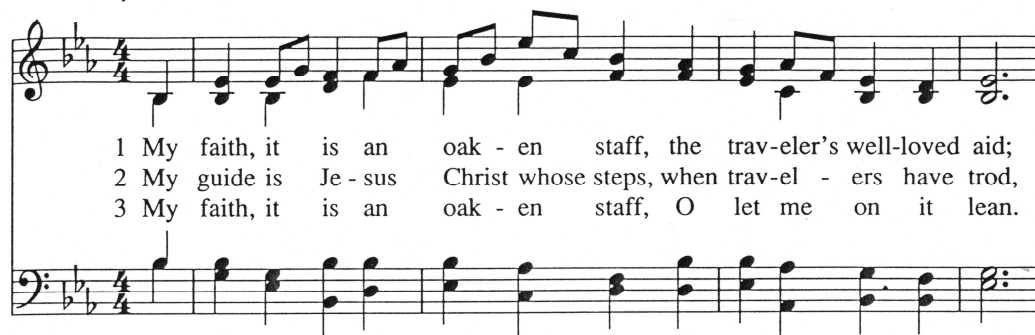
*UNISON BENEDICTION

And now may the God of hope bring us such joy and peace in believing, that we overflow with love, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

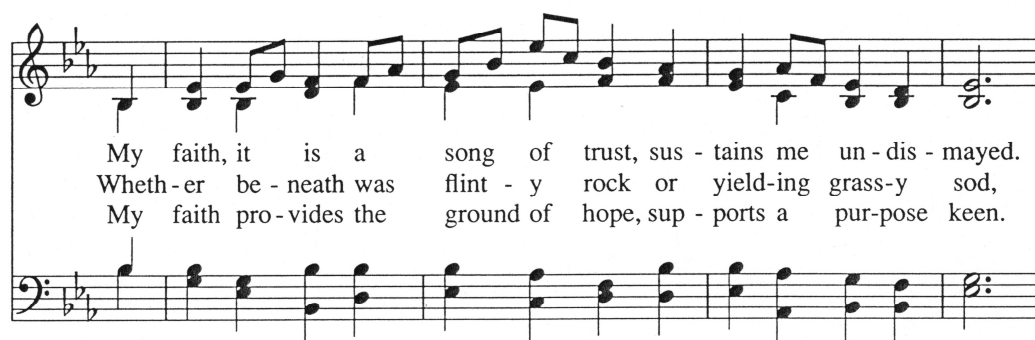
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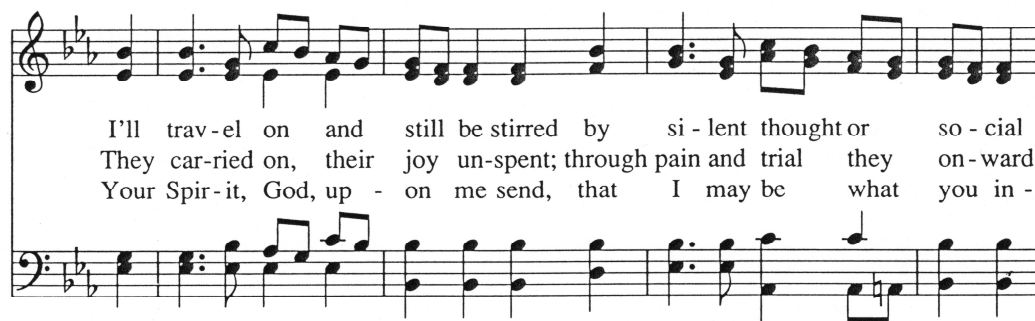
Thomas T. Lynch, 1855; alt.



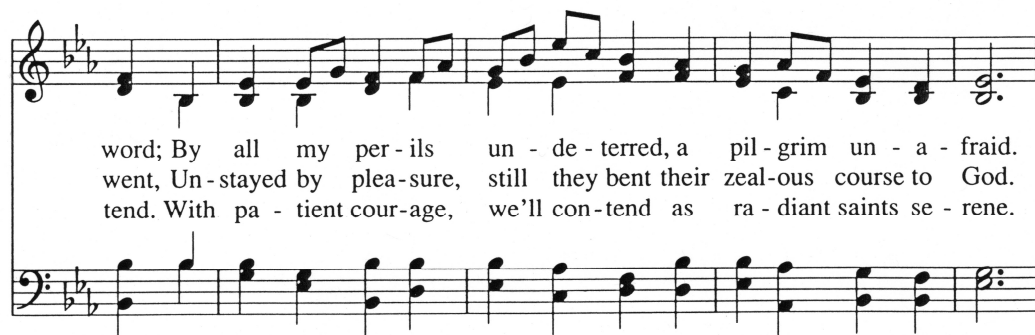
1 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, the trav-eler's well-loved aid;
 2 My guide is Je - sus Christ whose steps, when trav-el - ers have trod,
 3 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, O let me on it lean.



My faith, it is a song of trust, sus - tains me un - dis - mayed.
 Wheth - er be - neath was flint - y rock or yield - ing grass - y sod,
 My faith pro - vides the ground of hope, sup - ports a pur - pose keen.



I'll trav - el on and still be stirred by si - lent thought or so - cial
 They car - ried on, their joy un - spent; through pain and trial they on - ward
 Your Spir - it, God, up - on me send, that I may be what you in -



word; By all my per - ils un - de - terred, a pil - grim un - a - fraid.
 went, Un - stayed by plea - sure, still they bent their zeal - ous course to God.
 tend. With pa - tient cour - age, we'll con - tend as ra - diant saints se - rene.

1 My faith, it is an oaken staff, the traveler's well-loved aid;
My faith, it is a song of trust, sustains me undismayed.
I'll travel on and still be stirred by silent thought or social word;
By all my perils undeterred, a pilgrim unafraid.


2 My guide is Jesus Christ whose steps, when travelers have trod,
Whether beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod,
They carried on, their joy unspent; through pain and trial they onward went.
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent their zealous course to God.

3 My faith, it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean.
My faith provides the ground of hope, supports a purpose keen.
Your Spirit, God, upon me send, that I may be what you intend.
With patient courage, we'll contend as radiant saints serene.

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Please rise in spirit or body.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
OUR MUSICIAN AND LAY
LEADER, JIM MUNKRES AND
OUR ZOOM HOST, SARAH
JANE FULLER.

