



**Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Summer Worship | July 9, 2023**

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED
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- ★ PRELUDE: Romanza in A flat — Mozart
- ★ HYMN: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*
- ★ MUSICAL OFFERTORY: Adagio in D — Mozart
- ★ COMMUNION HYMN: Let us Break Bread Together*
- ★ HYMN: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

Today's service will be recorded.

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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.

JULY 9, 2023

Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

COMMUNION SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Romanza in A flat—Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

ALL: To the rising of this life itself.

ONE: Welcome to this gathering place:

ALL: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.

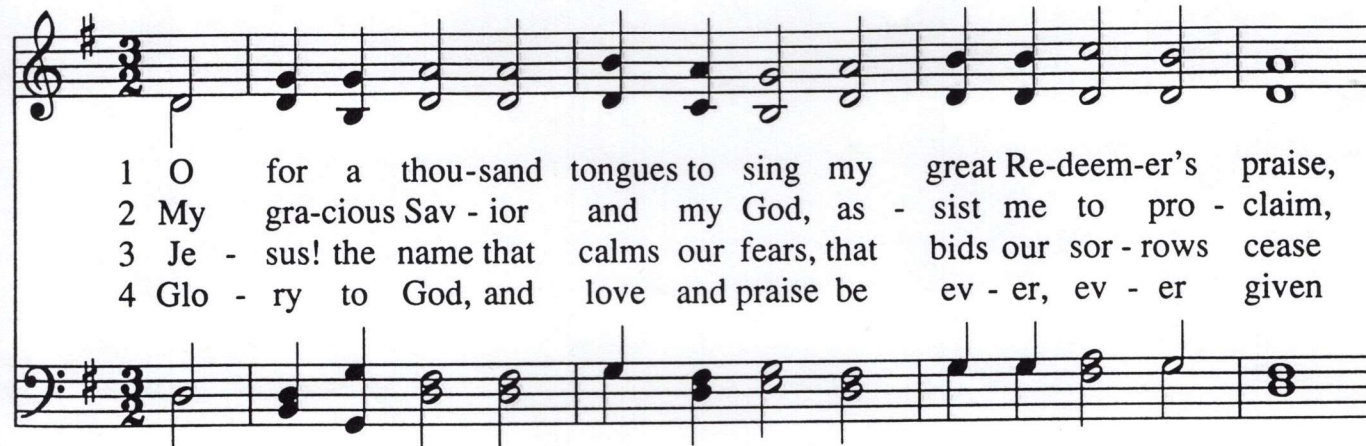
ONE: Come with hope or hesitation, come with joy or yearning; come all who
hunger and thirst for life in all its fullness.

**ALL: Generous God, touch us through your spirit and bring us to the bright
light of this new day. Amen.**

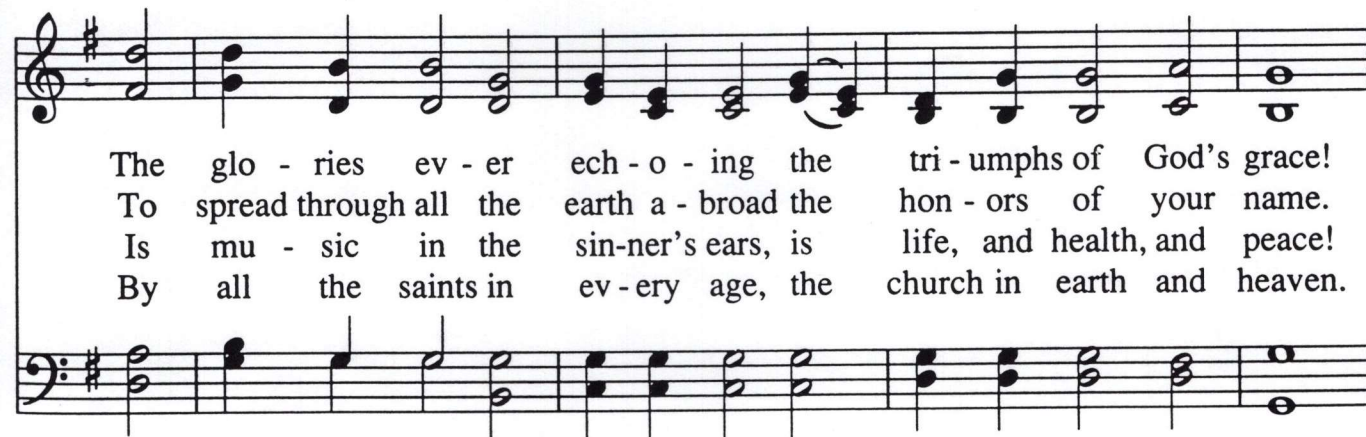
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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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.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Holy Spirit enable us to grow in love.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: God always redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the spirit of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

ALL: 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 AND MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Adagio in D—Mozart

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate.
The sacrament is a gift from God, and all are welcome to receive it.
We serve bread and grape juice - with gluten free options available.*

INVITATION AND COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN

Let us Break Bread Together — Black Hymnal 330
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UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace. Amen.

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 * 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

Refrain
 When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 My God, have mer-cy on me.

1-2 3
 1-2 3

1 Let us break bread
 together on our knees.

Let us break bread together
 on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees
 with my face to the rising
 sun,
 My God, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together
 on our knees.

Let us drink wine together
 on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together
 on our knees.

Let us praise God together
 on our knees. [Refrain]

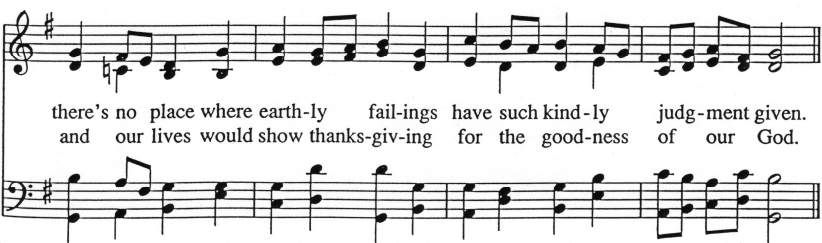
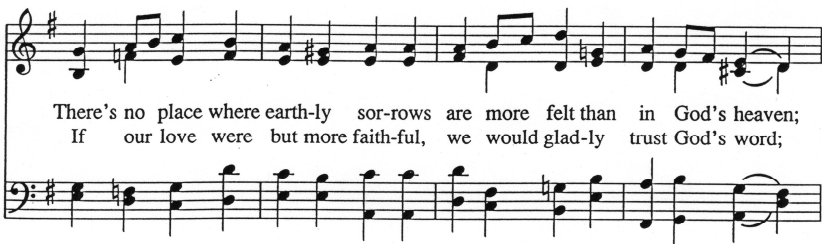
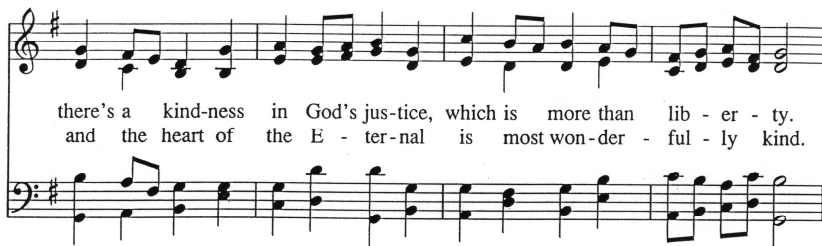
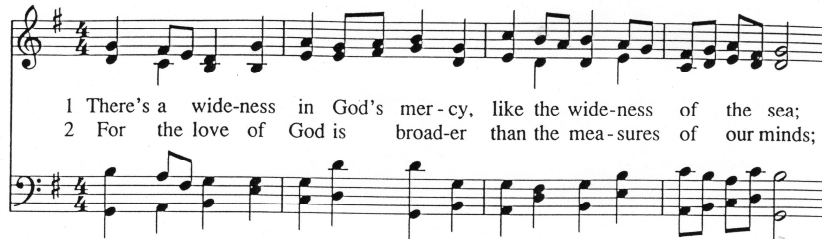
*HYMN

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy – Black Hymnal 23

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

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Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.

there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There's no place where earthly sorrows are
more felt than in God's heaven;
there's no place where earthly failing
have such kindly judgement given.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our minds;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's word;
and our lives would show thanksgiving
for the goodness of our God.

***UNISON BENEDICTION**

May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest, be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing, and lead you in the way that is everlasting. Amen.

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* Please rise in spirit or body.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIAN, JIM MUNKRES.



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