

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SUMMER WORSHIP  
AUGUST 27, 2023



**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE  
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- PRELUDE: Minuet in G—Ignace J. Paderewski
- HYMN: This Is the Day\*
- MUSICAL OFFERTORY: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise—arr. Larry Shackley
- HYMN: God Be with You\*

*\*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  
*AUGUST 27, 2023      SERVICE OF WORSHIP*

PRELUDE

Minuet in G—Ignace J. Paderewski

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come from scattered places and scattered lives to this holy sanctuary—

**All: Seeking unity in the Holy Spirit,**

One: Seeking the grace of Jesus Christ,

**All: And seeking the peace of God. Be with us, O God, as we worship you. Grant us the unity, grace, and peace we desire, and that only you can provide. Amen.**

\*HYMN

This Is the Day—Black Hymnal 84

CALL TO PRAYER

One: Christ is with us.

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

One: Let us pray.

## This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.

St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison  
Eb

Bb7

1 This is the day; this is the day that our God has made, that our  
2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus  
3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be  
rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be  
Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be  
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be  
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.  
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.  
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

1This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day, that our God has made.

2This is the day, this is the day  
Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day Jesus rose again,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day, Jesus rose again.

3This is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day when the Spirit came,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

## UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Loving God, open our hearts that we may feel the movements of your Spirit. Unclench our hands, that we may reach out to one another in peace. Open our lips, that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life. Open our eyes, that we may see Christ in friend and stranger. Breathe your Spirit into us, and touch our lives with the life of Christ. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

MUSICAL OFFERTORY                      Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise — arr. Larry Shackley

\*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

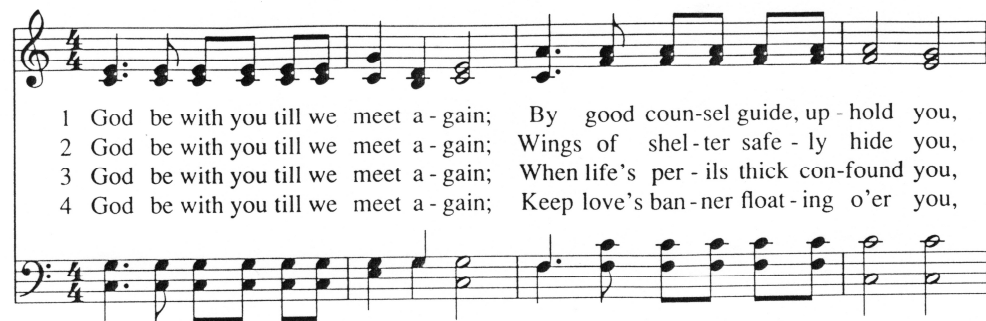
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CLOSE OF WORSHIP

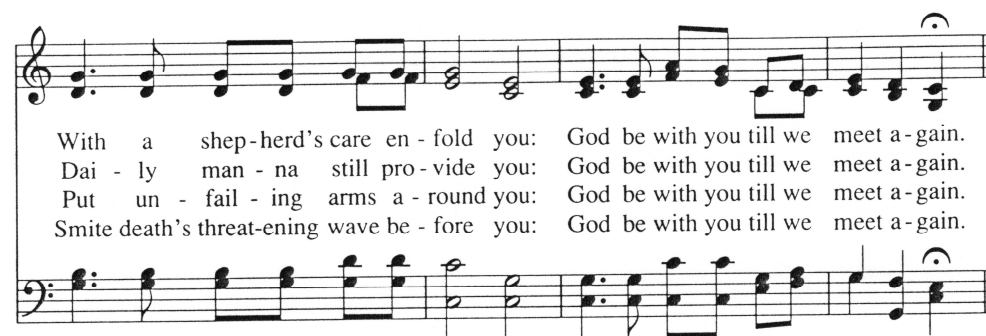
# God Be with You

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.

# God Be with You<sup>81</sup> — Black Hymnal 81

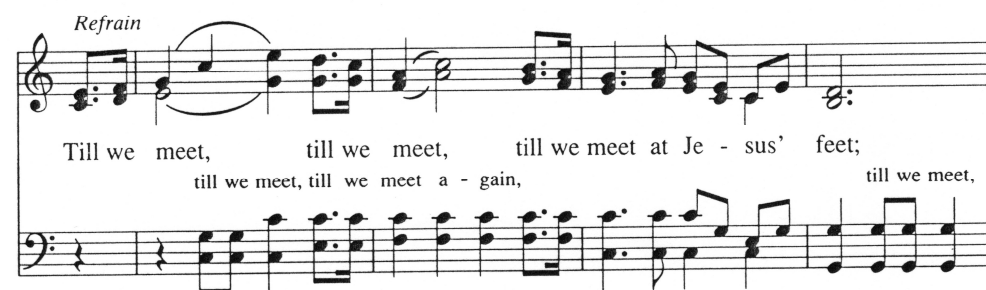


1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,



With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain  
 William G. Tomer, 1880



1 God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

4 God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

\*UNISON BENEDICTION

**Go gladly into the world. Be filled with the love of God. Dance to the song of the Spirit. Befriend the Christ in each new day. Amen.**

\*CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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\* Please rise in spirit or body.

A special **Thank You** to our Musician, Dot Bowe,  
and our Lay Leader, Nancy Fuller.

