



MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED FOR STREAMING/PODCAST by OneLicense

- PRELUDE: Beethoven Sonata Opus 26 Allegro
- HYMN: Enter, Rejoice and Come In *
- MUSICAL OFFERTORY: Let All Things Now Living – arr. Lloyd Larson
- COMMUNIOIN HYMN: Come, My Way *

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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
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Beethoven Sonata Opus 26 Allegro

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said: Love one another.

All: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants, now I call you my friends.

All: We come to worship God, whose friend we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praises to God,

All: And live in love and friendship, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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. Amen.

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 (Creator), 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.

*HYMN

Enter, Rejoice and Come In – Black Hymnal 73

SCRIPTURE

MEDITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray.

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 2 O - pen your-self to the song. O - pen your-self to the song.
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

1 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

2 Open your ears to the song. Open your ears to the song.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

3 Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

4 Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

5 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Let All Things Now Living – arr. Lloyd Larson

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.**

INVITATION AND COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, My Way – Black Hymnal 331

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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.

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.

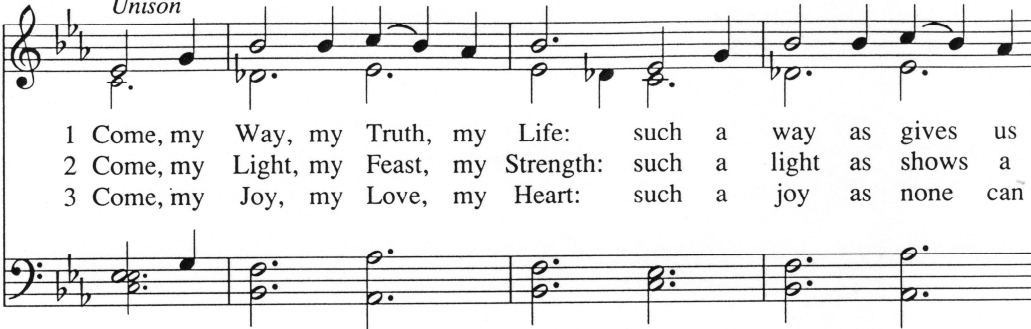
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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George Herbert, 1633; alt.

John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11


Unison



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can



breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;
feast; Such a feast as mends in length;
move; Such a love as none can part;



such a life as con - - - quers death.
such a strength as makes . . . a guest.
such a heart as joys . . . in love.

Shortly before his death, the poet George Herbert entrusted his manuscript of *The Temple* (including this hymn) to a friend for publication. The musical setting by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams is from *Five Mystical Songs* from George Herbert.

Tune: THE CALL 7.7.7.7.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes a guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* Please rise in spirit or body.

A special **Thank You** to our Musician, Dot Bowe.

