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arr. John Behnke
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**Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
World Communion Sunday | October 1, 2023**



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.*

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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.

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PRELUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ arr. John Behnke

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING THE PEACE

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the world seems full of division,

All: Great Creator, make us one.

One: When it's hard to love our neighbor,

All: Great Creator, make us one.

One: When we close ourselves off to others,

All: Great Creator, make us one.

One: When we get it right,

All: Great Creator, make us one.

One: When we come together,

All: Great Creator, make us one.

One: When we are reminded we are part of something bigger than ourselves,
All: Great Creator, make us one.

One: When we ask others to join us at this table,
All: Great Creator, make us one.

*OPENING HYMN

Guide Me O My Great Redeemer—Black Hymnal 18

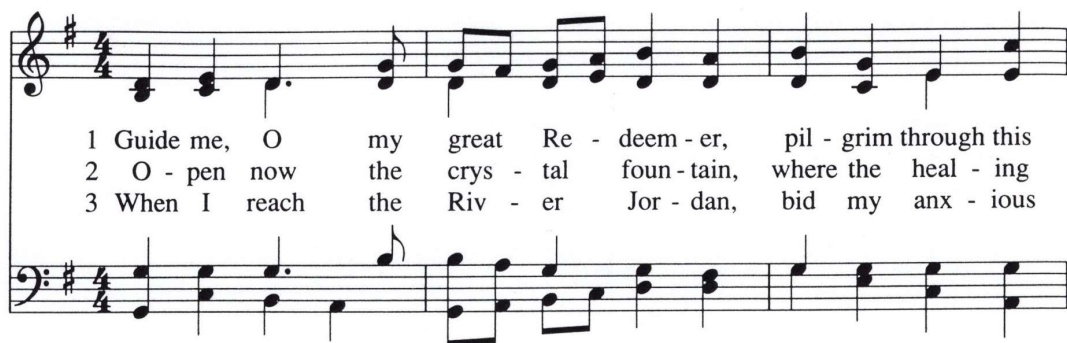
OPENING PRAYER

God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Miriam and Moses: you heard the cries of your people and remembered your promise to them. You sent Moses to deliver them out of slavery and into freedom. Deliver our hearts from whatever it is that binds us, and send us into the world to deliver others, responding to your call to care for all in need. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

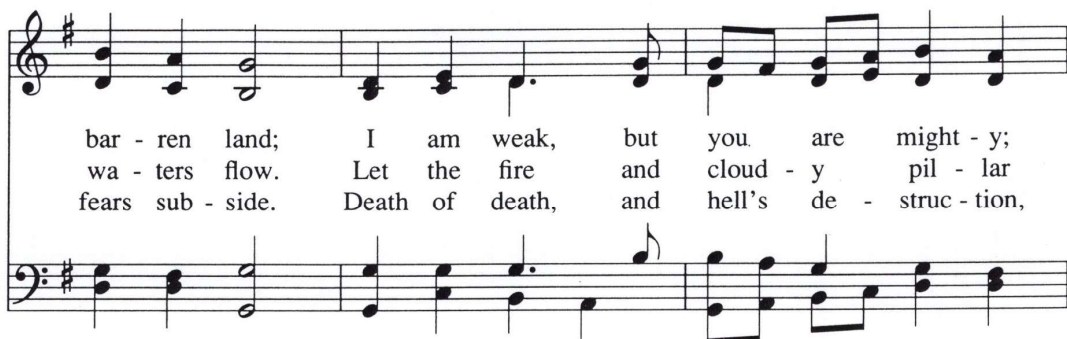
ANTHEM

Riho—A Svanetian Prayer

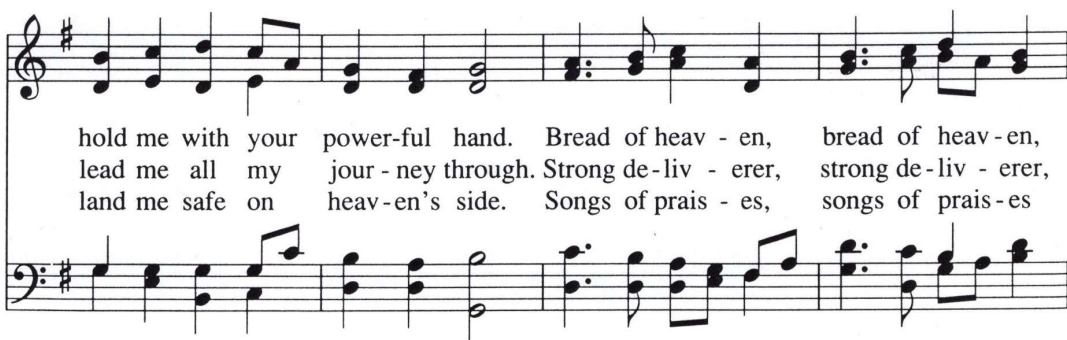
INTERACTIVE REFLECTION



1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
 pilgrim through this barren land;
 I am weak, but you are mighty;
 hold me with your powerful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me till I want no more,
 feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
 where the healing waters flow.
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 ever be my strength and shield,
 ever be my strength and shield.

3 When I reach the River Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside.
 Death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on heaven's side.
 Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you.

SCRIPTURE READING-**Exodus 1:8 – 2:10, NRSV, Adapted**

Narrator: Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.”

Shiphrah: But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?”

Puah: The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Narrator: Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the

Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Moses' Mother: Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

Miriam: His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

Pharaoh's Daughter: The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

Miriam: Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Pharaoh's Daughter: Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

*RESPONSE HYMN

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land—Black Hymnal 572

JUSTICE AND PEACE

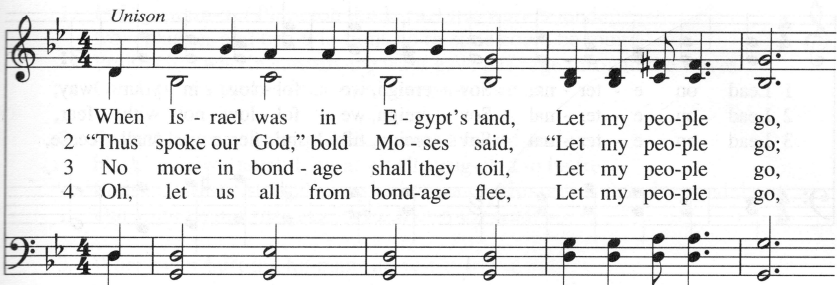
When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

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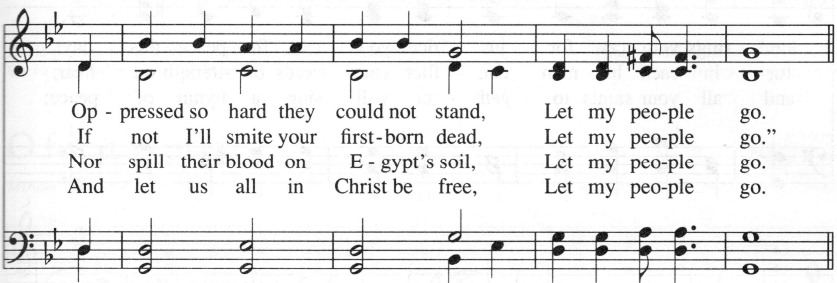
African-American spiritual; alt.

Exod. 3:7-12; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3

Unison



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go,
 2 "Thus spoke our God," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo-ple go;
 3 No more in bond - age shall they toil, Let my peo-ple go,
 4 Oh, let us all from bond-age flee, Let my peo-ple go,

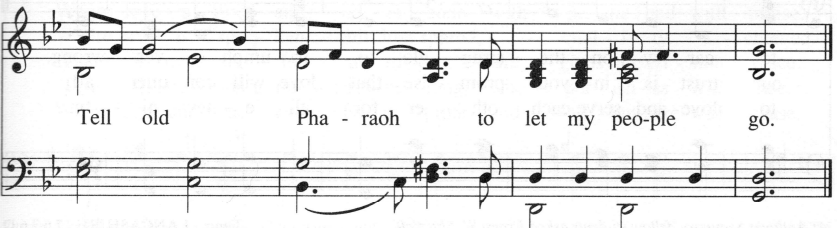


Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.
 If not I'll smite your first-born dead, Let my peo-ple go."
 Nor spill their blood on E - gypt's soil, Let my peo-ple go.
 And let us all in Christ be free, Let my peo-ple go.

Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



Tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

According to historian Jon Michael Spencer, this is the most famous of the spirituals to speak subtly of the desire the enslaved had for freedom, believing that God would set them free just as God had set the Hebrew people free from captivity in Egypt.

Tune: GO DOWN, MOSES 8.5.8.5. with refrain
African-American spiritual

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,
 Let my people go,
 Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
 Let my people go.

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
 Tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.

2 "Thus spoke our God," bold Moses said,
 "Let my people go,
 If not I'll smite your first-born dead,,
 Let my people go". [Refrain]

3 No more in bondage shall they toil,
 Let my people go,
 Nor spill their blood on Egypt's soil,
 Let my people go. [Refrain]

4 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
 Let my people go,
 And let us all in Christ be free,
 Let my people go. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

INTERACTIVE STORY

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

Leader: Holy God, we come before you today in awe of your power. Because of your great love, you showed yourself to Moses and the Israelites just as you show yourself to us in the persons of Jesus and your Holy Spirit. Let your presence be known to the world around us by working through us.

All: Send us to do your will.

Leader: We pray for those burdened by hardship, poverty, or illness, including...
(we pray for others aloud or silently).

All: Send us to do your will.

Leader: We pray for those oppressed and disempowered in our community, our nation, and our world,
including... *(we pray for others aloud or silently).*

All: Send us to do your will.

Leader: We pray for those affected by violence and threats of violence.

All: Send us to do your will.

Leader: We pray for all others in need of our help and your loving presence, including... *(we pray for others aloud or silently).*

All: Send us to do your will. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Malo! Malo! Thanks Be to God—Jesse Manibusan

*DOXOLOGY

Red Hymnal 515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

or

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. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for your love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world: the small world we inhabit with the needs of people we know; the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN

Somos pueblo que camina

(We Are People on a Journey)

*"Misa Popular Nicaragüense," 20th century; alt.
English version, Carolyn Jennings, 1993*

John 6:32-35

1 So-mos pue-blo que ca - mi - na por la sen - da del do - lor.
2 Los hu - mil-des y los po - bres in - vi - ta - dos son de Dios.
1 We are peo-ple on a jour - ney; pain is with us all the way.
2 God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion to the hum-ble and the poor.

Estribillo (Refrain)

A - cu - da-mos ju - bi - lo - sos a la san - ta co - mu - ni - ón.
Joy-ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.

1 Somos pueblo que camina
por la senda del dolor.

Estribillo:

Acudamos jubilosos a la santa comunión.

2 Los humildes y los pobres
invitados son de Dios. [Estribillo]

3 Este pan que Dios nos brinda
alimenta nuestra unión. [Estribillo]

4 Cristo aquí se hace presente;
al reunirnos en su amor. [Estribillo]

5 Los sedientos de justicia
buscan su liberación. [Estribillo]

Somos pueblo que camina—Black Hymnal 340
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1 We are people on a journey;
pain is with us all the way.

Refrain:

Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of
God.

2 God has sent the invitation
to the humble and the poor. [Refrain]

3 This is bread that God provides us,
nourishing our unity. [Refrain]

4 Christ is ever present with us
to unite us all in love. [Refrain]

5 All who truly thirst for justice
seek their liberation here. [Refrain]

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE SERVICE OF 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.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you. Amen!

*CLOSING HYMN

Send Me Lord (Thuma Mina)—Black Hymnal 360

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On that Mountain by Alilo Kharanauli

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

SOURCE NOTES

The Call to Worship is from Illustrated Ministry. The Prayer of Thanksgiving is by Ana and Ted Gobledale, who served the UCC's Global Ministries in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Australia. The Prayer of Dedication is adapted from the Uniting Church in Australia. The Opening Prayer and Pastoral Prayer are from Spirit & Truth.

COMMISSIONING, ORDINATION, AND INSTALLATION

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Thuma Mina

(Send Me, Lord)

Isa. 6:8

South African traditional song

Leader *All*

1 Thu - ma mi - na. 1 Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na.
 2 Seng' ya vu - ma, seng' ya vu - ma.
 1 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus.
 2 Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus.
 3 Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus.

1-2 3

Leader

Thu - ma mi - na, So - man - dla.
 2 Seng' ya vu - ma.
 Seng' ya vu - ma, So - man - dla.
 1 Send me, Lord.
 2 Lead me, Lord.
 Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Lord.
 3 Fill me, Lord.
 Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

Transcribed from recordings of South African worship, this prayer-song has gained international popularity since its use at the seventh assembly of the World Council of Churches at Canberra, Australia, 1991, and subsequent publication.

Tune: THUMA MINA
 South African traditional song

1 Thuma mina.
 Thuma mina,
 thuma mina,
 thuma mina,
 Somandla.

2 Send me, Lord.
 Send me, Jesus,
 send me, Jesus,
 send me, Jesus,
 send me, Lord.

3 Lead me, Lord.
 Lead me, Jesus,
 lead me, Jesus,
 Lead me, Jesus,
 lead me, Lord.

4 Fill me, Lord.
 Fill me, Jesus,
 fill me, Jesus,
 Fill me, Jesus,
 fill me, Lord.

GIVING

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Please sign up for Pumpkin Patch Shifts and to bake for the Apple Pie Fest.

We're so grateful to Alilo Kharanauli for visiting Pilgrim Church as part of his US visit. A special Thank You to our Zoom host, Madeleine Clark. Please join us for a simple potluck after worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3 - Bible Study, 10:30am on Zoom

October 7 - Pumpkins arrive, 9:00am

October 14 - Apple Pie Fest, 10:00am-6:00pm

