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- ❖ PRELUDE: Praise the Lord Who Reigns  
Above—R. Powell
- ❖ OPENING HYMN: Bright Morning Star
- ❖ ANTHEM: Everything Possible—  
Rev. Fred Small
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Craig Courtney
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- ❖ POSTLUDE: Toccata in G Major—W. Pachelbel

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**Pilgrim Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Worship Sunday | September 24, 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.*

**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 | Worship Sunday | September 24, 2023

PRELUDE

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above—R. Powell

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: Listen to the voice of Creation

**All: The voice of God, calling over the waters.**

One: Listen to the voice of Creation

**All: The voice of God, calling forth abundance.**

One: Listen to the voice of Creation

**All: The voice of God, whispering through the trees.**

One: Listen to the voice of Creation

**All: The voice of God, calling us forth.**

One: Listen to the voice of Creation

**All: The voice of God, calling us to care for Creation.**

One: Listen to God's voice!

**All: We are listening. We are ready to serve.**

\*OPENING HYMN

Bright Morning Star

SCRIPTURE READING-Psalm 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on God's law day and night.  
3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

One: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Everything Possible—Rev. Fred Small

*Children and Youth are invited to Sunday School at this time.  
Please gather at the rear of the Sanctuary with Sarah Jane Fuller and Izzy Leginsky.*

SERMON

The Peace of Trees—Rev. Fred Small

\*HYMN

Tree of Life—Guy Carawan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Shall We Gather at the River arr. Craig Courtney  
Pilgrim Church Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth  
Whose love reveals our sacred worth  
Whose Spirit forms one family  
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Generous God, Giver of every gift, we dedicate these offerings to your service. May they become a blessing to Creation and to all your children. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth—Red Hymnal 66

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Fred Small

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata in G Major—W. Pachelbel

*Please join us for social time after the service. Rev. Small will also be available to sign, "Everything Possible".*

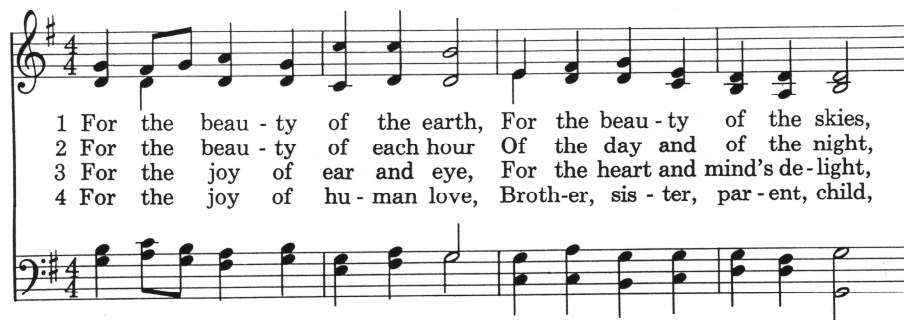
*\*Please be in a posture of praise.*

# For the Beauty of the Earth

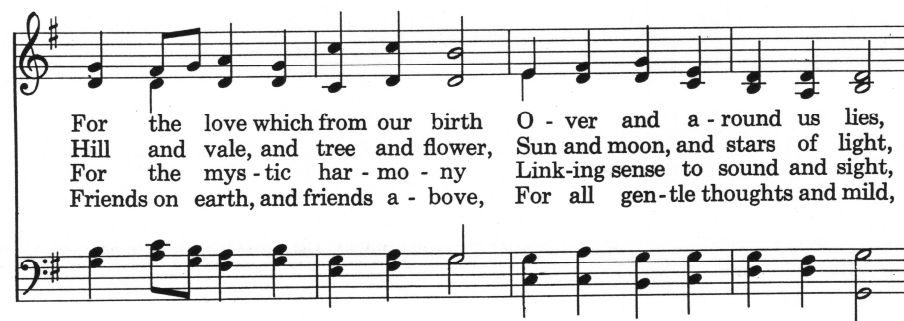
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Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

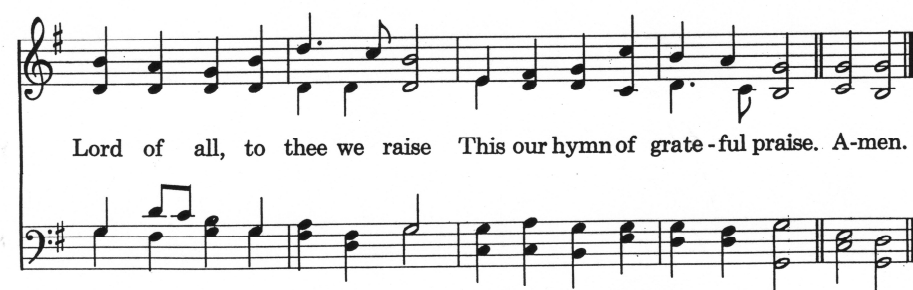
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Abridged from a chorale by  
Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



Lord of all, to thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A - men.

5 For each perfect gift of thine  
Unto us so freely given,  
Graces, human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

6 For thy Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love,

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This, our hymn of grateful praise. Amen

2 For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain ]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and light, [Refrain ]

4 For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

**Rev. Fred Small** is an activist, musician, and pastor dedicated to healing the earth, seeking justice, and tending our wounded spirits. He serves as Minister for Climate Justice at [Arlington Street Church](#), Boston.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 26** - Bible Study, 10:30am on Zoom

**September 28** - Choir Practice, 7:30pm

**October 1** - World Communion Sunday, Special visit with guest musician Aleksandre Kharanauli from the Republic of Georgia, followed by Pot Luck, 10:30am

**October 7** - Pumpkins arrive, 9:00am

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

A special Thank you to our Zoom host, Nick Zorn and our Social Host, Lesley Morrison.

**Please sign up for  
Pumpkin Patch  
shifts  
and Apple Pie Fest.**

### SOURCE NOTES

"Bright Morning Star" is a hymn in the public domain. "Tree of Life" is used with the permission of the composer, Guy Carawan. The Benediction is by Stephanie Kaza. The doxology lyrics are by Roger Lynn.

