



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
October 29, 2023**

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Today's service will be recorded.

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**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.

Worship Sunday, October 29, 2023

PRELUDE

In the Church - Gabriel Pierne
arr. Jacques-Louis de Champ D'homme

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: Blessed be the name of God, from this time on and for evermore.

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God is to be praised.

One: It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

*OPENING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies - Red Hymnal 35



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German: anon., 1828
Tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.



LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart a-wak-ing cries,
2 The night be-comes as day, When from the heart we say,
3 Ye na-tions of man-kind, In this your con-cord find,
4 To God, the Word, on high, The hosts of an-gels cry,



May Je-sus Christ be praised! A-like at work and prayer,
May Je-sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark-ness fear,
May Je-sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a-round
May Je-sus Christ be praised! Let mor-tals, too, up-raise



To Je-sus I re-pair; May Je-sus Christ be praised!
When this sweet chant they hear, May Je-sus Christ be praised!
Ring joy-ous with the sound, May Je-sus Christ be praised!
Their voice in hymns of praise, May Je-sus Christ be praised! A-men.



5 In heaven's eternal bliss
The loveliest strain is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air, and sea, and sky
From depth to height reply
May Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

1 When morning gilds the skies, My hearts awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!

2 The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they hear, May Jesus Christ be
praised!

3 Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound, May Jesus Christ be praised!

4 To God, the Word, on high, The hosts of angels cry,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals too, upraise
Their voice in hymns of praise, May Jesus Christ be praised!

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Lesley Morrison

ANTHEM

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord arr. Bruce Trinkley

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.

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of our ancestors and our God: Help us to listen to what you would have us do. Help us to listen to the wisdom of those in every generation. You work through us all to teach, to share, and to build your kingdom. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Reebee Girash

Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. ³And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴'Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you.' ⁵He said to them, 'Go away for three days, then come again to me.' So the people went away.

⁶Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, 'How do you advise me to answer this people?' ⁷They answered him, 'If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your

servants for ever.’⁸ But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him.⁹ He said to them, ‘What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, “Lighten the yoke that your father put on us”?’¹⁰ The young men who had grown up with him said to him, ‘Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, “Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us”; thus you should say to them, “My little finger is thicker than my father’s loins.”’¹¹ Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.”’

¹² So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had said, ‘Come to me again on the third day.’¹³ The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him¹⁴ and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, ‘My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.’¹⁵ So the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs brought about by the LORD that he might fulfil his word, which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

¹⁶ When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, ‘What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, O David.’ So Israel went away to their tents.¹⁷ But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah.

²⁵Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and resided there; he went out from there and built Penuel. ²⁶Then Jeroboam said to himself, 'Now the kingdom may well revert to the house of David. ²⁷If this people continues to go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, the heart of this people will turn again to their master, King Rehoboam of Judah; they will kill me and return to King Rehoboam of Judah.' ²⁸So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold. He said to the people, 'You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.' ²⁹He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*HYMN

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth - Black Hymnal 467

NURTURE

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Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Gen. 1:1-5; Matt. 26:26-29;
Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20

Jean Janzen, 1980

Based on the writings of Julian of Norwich

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing One, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor,
me your food of light, Grain . . . of
pa - tience hold me close, So that in

Source of ev - ery breath, you are my rain, my wind, my
life, and grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my
faith I root and grow un - til I flower, un - til I

Tune: ANDREW 8.8.8.8.8
Jonathan McNair, 1994

In the late fourteenth century in Norwich, England, a well-educated Christian woman, Julian of Norwich, devoted her life to God through the study and contemplation of scripture. This hymn by Jean Janzen is based on some of the ideas from Julian's important theological treatise, Showings.

sun; you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
peace; your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
know; un - til I flower, un - til I know.

1 Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, Source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun; you are
my rain, my wind, my sun.

2 Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
Grain of life and grape of love, your very body for my peace, your very body
for my peace.

3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing One, in arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow, until I flower, until I flower, until I know.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Close to Your Heart - Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

*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

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people, that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us - Red Hymnal 327

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*BENEDICTION

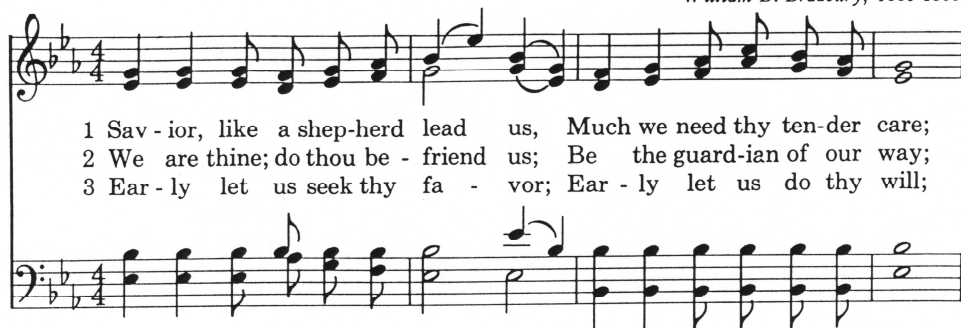
POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor - JS Bach

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

Please join us in Pilgrim Hall for social time after the service.

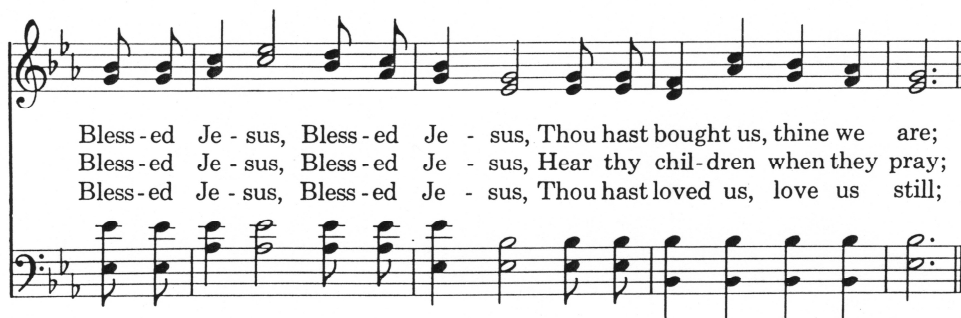
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William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868


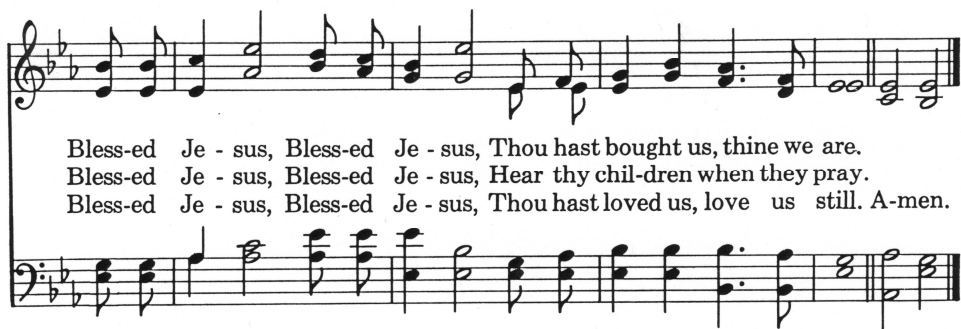
1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us, Much we need thy ten - der care;
2 We are thine; do thou be - friend us; Be the guard - ian of our way;
3 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do thy will;



In thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, For our use thy folds pre - pare.
Keep thy flock; from sin de - fend us; Seek us when we go a - stray.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With thy love our bos - oms fill. ..



Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Hear thy chil - dren when they pray;
Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Hear thy chil - dren when they pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still. A - men.

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 We are thine, do thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear thy children when they pray;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear thy children when they pray.

3 Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

SOURCE NOTES

The prayer of illumination is from Spirit and Truth. The call to worship is adapted from the Psalms, and the Prayer of Dedication is adapted from the New Century Hymnal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Church Meeting will be held on November 12 to approve a purchase and sale agreement of land at 83 Hancock St. See insert.

A special Thank You to our Zoom Host, Nick Zorn.

