



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
November 12, 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.*

**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.

**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.*

**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, November 12, 2023

PRELUDE

We Gather Together - Neil Harmon

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: The prophets have taught us to do justice, practice kindness, and walk humbly with God,

**All: We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.**

One: Wisdom continues to teach us to listen, and learn, and live,


**All: We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.**

One: We join together to praise and worship our God,



**All: For Christ is at work in our world and in us.**

\*OPENING HYMN



Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us - Red Hymnal 327




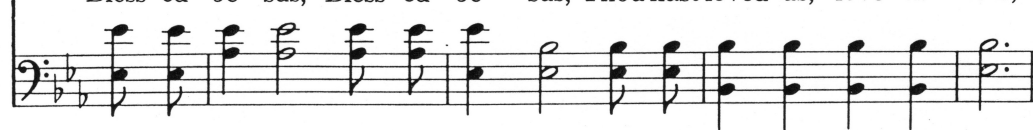
1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need thy ten-der care;  
2 We are thine; do thou be - friend us; Be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do thy will;



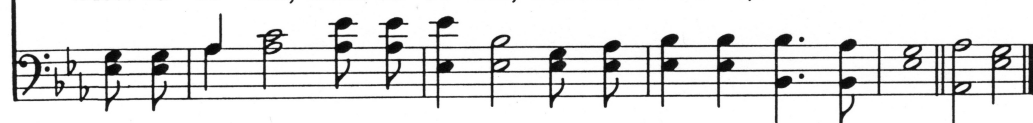
In thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use thy folds pre-pare.  
Keep thy flock; from sin de - fend us; Seek us when we go a - stray.  
Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With thy love our bos-oms fill. ..



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.



\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**God of our ancestors, and God of today, grant your wisdom as we hear this text. We read of an ancient people's faithfulness and of their mistakes. We read of your faithfulness, your corrections, and your compassion. In exploring this text, may we find wisdom for today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Reebee Girash

Hosea 11:1-9

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup>The more I called them,  
the more they went from me;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,  
and offering incense to idols.

<sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
I took them up in my arms;  
but they did not know that I healed them.

<sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of human kindness,

with bands of love.  
I was to them like those  
who lift infants to their cheeks.  
I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup>They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
and Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to me.

<sup>6</sup>The sword rages in their cities,  
it consumes their oracle-priests,  
and devours because of their schemes.

<sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me.  
To the Most High they call,  
but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah?  
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils within me;

my compassion grows warm and tender.

<sup>9</sup>I will not execute my fierce anger;  
I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and no mortal,  
the Holy One in your midst,  
and I will not come in wrath.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

In The River of Your Grace  
by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

*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

Rev. Reebee Girash



\*HYMN

# God of Grace and God of Glory

436- Black Hymnal 436

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—  
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,  
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.  
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient Church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 From the evils that surround us  
And assail the Savior's ways,  
from the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts for faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
make our broken spirits whole,  
make our broken spirits whole

4 Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armored with all Christ like graces,  
In the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
in the quest for liberty, in the quest for  
liberty.

5 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Shepherd of My Heart - Francis Patrick O'Brien

\*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

**We are on a journey, God.**

**A journey toward you. A journey alongside you.**

**These offerings are landmarks on the road, arrows pointing toward your kindom, signs that we will keep moving closer to your heart.**

**Bless these gifts, and our pilgrimage toward you. Amen.**

# \*CLOSING HYMN

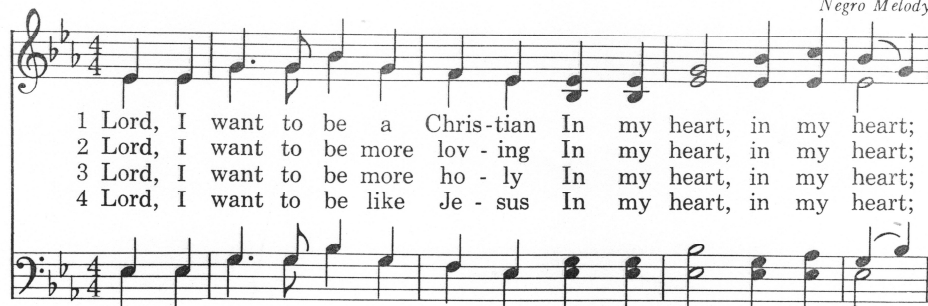
## Lord I Want To Be a Christian - Red Hymnal 353

### Lord, I Want to Be a Christian


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*Negro Spiritual*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN *Irregular*  
*Negro Melody*



1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, in my heart;  
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my heart;  
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my heart;  
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.



In my heart, In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart.  
In my heart, In my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving  
In my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving In my heart.  
In my heart, In my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving In my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy  
In my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy In my heart.  
In my heart, In my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy In my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus In my heart.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare - Benedetto Marcello

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

*Please join us in Pilgrim Hall for a special church meeting  
and social time after the service.*

SOURCE NOTES

The Call to Worship is by Rev. Mindy Welton-Mitchell.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Church Meeting will be held after worship today at 12 to approve a purchase and sale agreement of land at 83 Hancock.

A special Thank You to our  
Zoom Host, Doug Johnston.

