

**Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
All Saints' Sunday
November 5, 2023**

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Gordon Young

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.

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PRELUDE

If you but Trust in God arr Sharon Wilson

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 points us in the direction of despair,

All: We gather and remember God.

One: Through faith, we proclaim the truths that have
sustained generations:

All: We believe that justice will come.

All: We believe that love can transform.

All: We believe that God will make all things new.

One: With the risen Christ as our companion, let us press on and make it so.

*OPENING HYMN 306

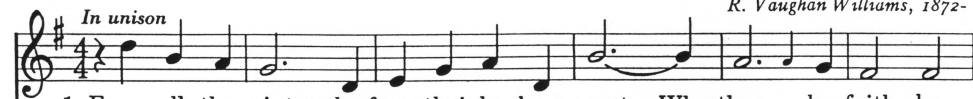
For All the Saints
First Tune

For All The Saints - Red Hymnal 306

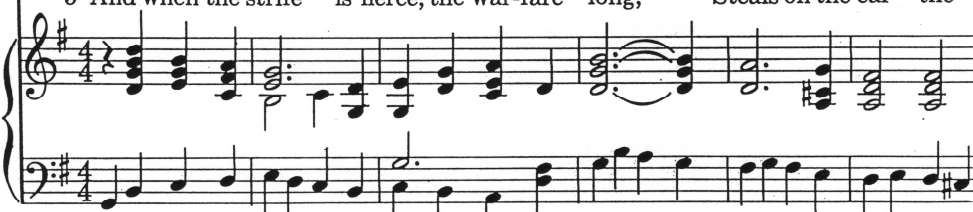
William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

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R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-

In unison



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who thee by faith be -
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their cap-tain
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who
4 O blest com-mun - ion, fel-low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug-gle,
5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, Steals on the ear the



fore the world con-fessed, Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.
they in glo-ry shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
dis-tant tri-umph song, And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A-men.



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives

light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ain'a That Good News arr. Moses Hogan

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

INTERGENERATIONAL PRAYER ACTIVITY

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love - John L. Bell

*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**

CONSECRATING OUR PLEDGES

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving: Bless these pledges to your purpose. Join our gifts with the gifts of your saints throughout the ages, strengthening this church and the wider church, serving our neighbors, and giving glory to you. Amen.

*HYMN

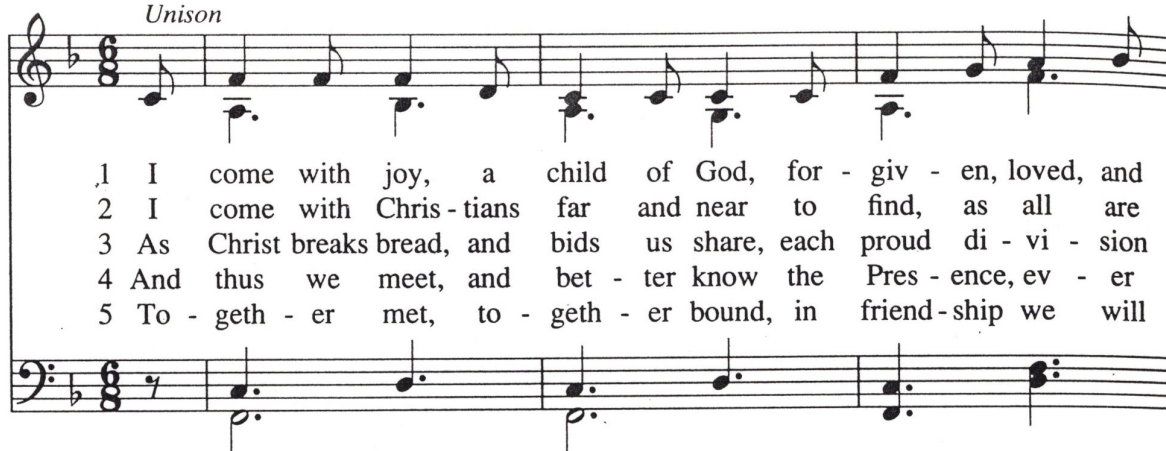
I Come With Joy - Black Hymnal 349

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

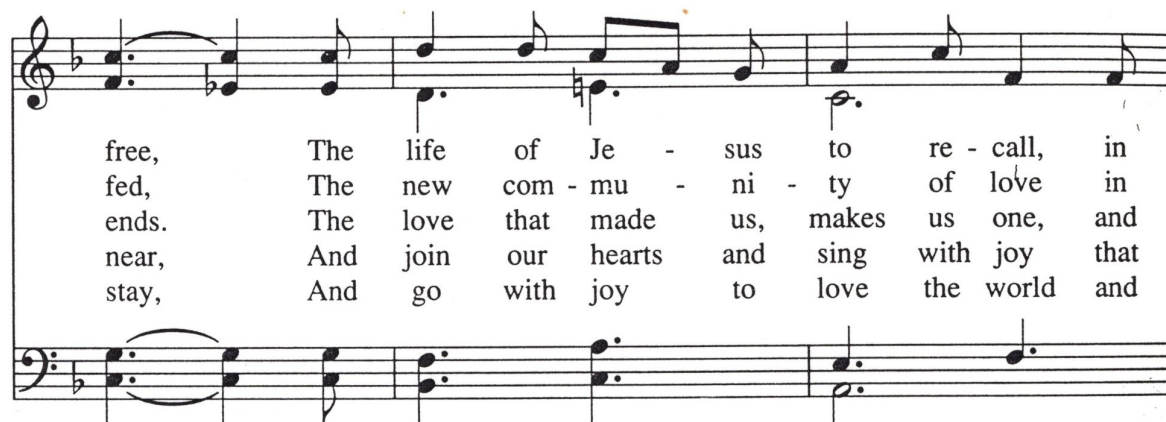
THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*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.*

I Come with Joy

*Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994**Unison*


1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are, friends.
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4 And thus we meet, and better know,
the Presence, ever near, And join our hearts and sing with joy
that Christ is risen here, that Christ is risen here.

5 Together met, together bound,
in friendship we will stay
And go with joy, to love the world
and live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Reebee: We gather at this table, God's table

All: The table has been set long before we were born

One: There are places for all who have gone before us

All: We take their hands as we approach to be received

One: You are welcome at this table, Christ's table

All: The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generations

One: We lift up the memories of loved ones we no longer see

All: We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God, for God is present with us

One: This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration

All: This is the table for all the saints of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people — courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion in our own time.

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.

ASSURANCE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We thank you, Most Holy God,
for refreshment at your table where along with your saints we receive all
Christ's gifts.**

**Provide for your church on earth a strong faith
and increased love for one another.**

**Give us the grace to praise you with our lives
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus - Red Hymnal 335

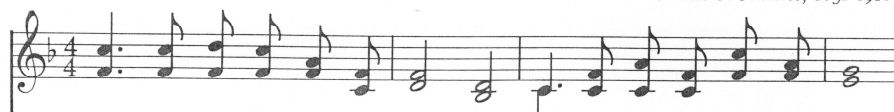
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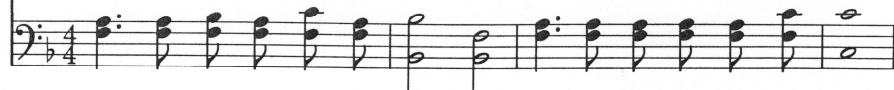
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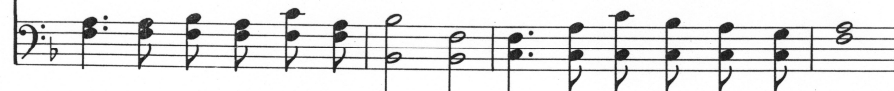
Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918



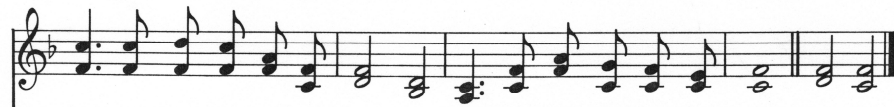
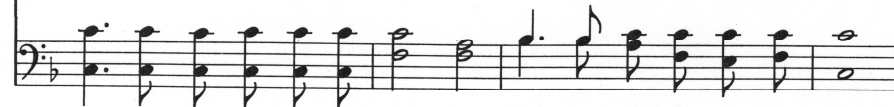
- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. A-men.



PRAYER

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh what peace we often forfeit, Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

We're Marching to Zion - Gordon Young

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

GIVING

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SOURCE NOTES

Today's liturgy is drawn from Enfleshed, and from Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Henrietta Stith, and UCC Worship Ways.

A special Thank you to our Zoom hosts,
Mike and Sydney Stevens.

