



Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
January 14, 2024

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**PILGRIM**  
Congregational Church



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



**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.

**Visual and Hearing Aids**

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex. **Large Print bulletins** and Sermons texts are available.

***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.

## Worship Sunday, January 14, 2024

PRELUDE

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ variation 2 — Jan Sweelinck

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: God has made us to be One Body with many members.

**ALL: United and uniting. This is our calling.**

ONE: God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit .

**ALL: United and uniting. This is our redemption.**

ONE: God longs for us to be united in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

**ALL: United and uniting. This is our worship.**

ONE: Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to create the Beloved Community.

# \*OPENING HYMN

## I Woke Up This Morning

African-American traditional

*Leader (Unison)* *All (Harmony)*

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on  
2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on  
Hal-le - lu - jah,

Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,  
Je - sus, Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,  
Hal-le-lu - jah,

Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,  
Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,  
Hal-le-lu - jah,

Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu - jah.  
Hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.  
Hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

## I Woke Up This Morning — Black Hymnal 85

1 I woke up this morning  
with my mind, stayed on Jesus.  
Woke up this morning  
with my mind, stayed on Jesus.  
Woke up this morning  
with my mind, stayed on Jesus.  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

2 Singing and praying  
with my mind stayed on Jesus.  
Singing and praying  
with my mind stayed on Jesus.  
Singing and praying  
with my mind stayed on Jesus..  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.



## OPENING PRAYER

**O God, all people are your Beloved,  
across races, nationalities,  
religions, sexual orientations  
and all the ways we are distinctive from one another.  
We are all manifestations of your image.  
We are bound together  
in an inescapable network of mutuality  
and tied to a single garment of destiny.  
You call us into your unending work  
of justice, peace and love.  
Let us know your presence among us now:  
Let us delight in our diversity  
that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty.  
Strengthen us with your steadfast love and  
transform our despairing fatigue  
into hope-filled action.  
Under the shadow of your wings in this hour  
may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope.  
We ask this, inspired by the example  
of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
and in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:13-22

Rev. Reebee Girash

<sup>13</sup>Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. <sup>14</sup>As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup>And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax-collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup>When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' <sup>17</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

<sup>18</sup>Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, 'Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus said to them, 'The wedding-guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup>The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

<sup>21</sup>'No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. <sup>22</sup>And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.'

ANTHEM

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

SERMON

\*RESPONSE HYMN

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy — Black Hymnal 23

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING


Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

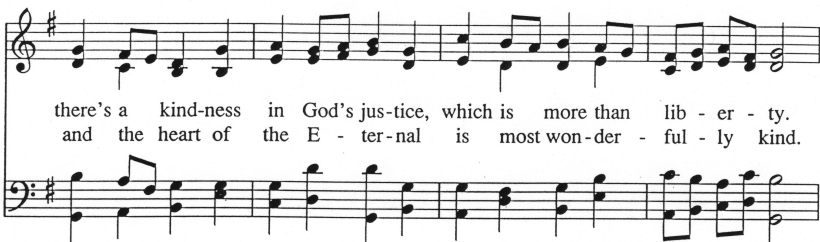
Not to Us Hallelujah - Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

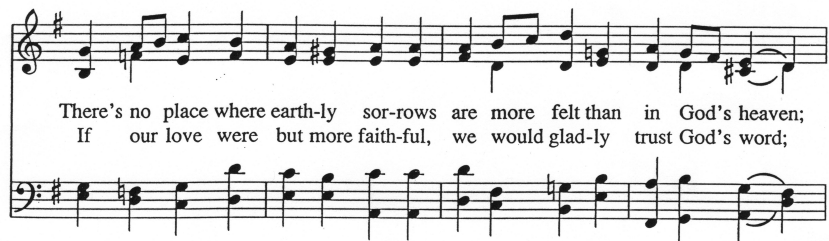
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



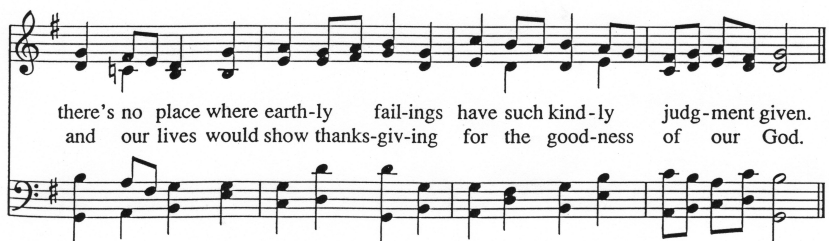
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.  
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;  
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.  
Dutch melody  
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

There's no place where earthly sorrows are  
more felt than in God's heaven;  
there's no place were earthly failing  
have such kindly judgement given.

2 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our minds;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonder-fully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's word;  
and our lives would show thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our God.

**\*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**

(With quotes from Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution  
by Martin Luther King, Jr.)

**“All life is interrelated” – Praise!**

**“We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality” – Praise!**

**“We are tied in a single garment of destiny” – Praise!**

**Use our gifts to empower us to lean into this reality and this calling, more  
and more fully, until we become part of the salvation we are dreaming of.  
May it be so. Amen.**

# \*CLOSING HYMN

## You Are Salt for the Earth — Black Hymnal 181

EPIPHANY SEASON

### You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

181

Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison  
D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!  
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!  
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!  
4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!  
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!  
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!  
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain  
Marty Haugen, 1986



1 You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of justice, bring for the City of God!

2 You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God!

[Refrain]

3 You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God!

[Refrain]

4 We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God!

[Refrain]

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ variation 1 — Jan Sweelinck

Thank you to our Zoom host, Duncan Todd and our  
coffee hour hosts, the Zorn & Wilson Families.

## SOURCE NOTES

*The Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and Benediction are from Creating the Beloved Community: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany, Martin Luther King, Jr., Weekend was written by the Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson, Founder and Director of the Center for Spiritual Light, New York City . The Prayer of Dedication is by Dr. Sharon R. Fennema. The liturgy incorporates phrases from the speeches of Dr. King.*

