

Sabbaths 2014 - VI by Wendell Berry

Up in the blown-down woods
you try to imagine the tornado
cracking through the trees while
you slept,
branches and birds' eggs whirling in
the dark.

You can't do it.
You can imagine the place as it
was, and as it is.
The moment of transformation the
presence of creation,
itself beyond your reach.

Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
February 11, 2024 —
Transfiguration Sunday
A Welcoming, Open and Affirming
Congregation

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- ❖ **PRELUDE: Dearest Lord Jesus —**
arr. John Troutman
- ❖ **OPENING HYMN: I Sing As I Arise**
Today*
- ❖ **ANTHEM: I Have Felt the Hand of God**
— Craig Courtney
- ❖ **RESPONSE HYMN: O For a Thousand**
Tongues to Sing
- ❖ **OFFERTORY: Transfigure Us, O Lord —**
Bob Hurd
- ❖ **CLOSING HYMN: All Creatures of Our**
God and King
- ❖ **POSTLUDE: Prière à Notre-Dame —**
Leon Boëllmann

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Today's service will be recorded.

Worship Sunday, February 11, 2024

PRELUDE

Dearest Lord Jesus — arr. John Troutman

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: Something drew us together this morning

ALL: Something we can't name but which we experience in worship

ONE: Some holy mystery we call God

ALL: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus

ONE: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit

ALL: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.

*OPENING HYMN

I Sing As I Arise Today — Black Hymnal 83

MORNING

I Sing as I Arise Today

83

Attrib. to St. Patrick (372–466)

Transl. anon.

1 I sing as I a - rise to - day! I
2 The word of God to be my speech, The
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al -

call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The will of God to
hand of God to be my stay, The shield of God to
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al -

be my guide, The eye of God to be my sight,
be my strength, The path of God to be my way.
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 I sing as I arise today!

I call on my Creator's might:

The will of God to be my guide, The
eye of God to be my sight,

2 The word of God to be my speech,
The hand of God to be my stay,
The shield of God to be my strength,
The path of God to be my way.

3 Alleluai, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia alleluia,
Alleluia alleluia

The prayer known as "Breastplate" has been traditionally ascribed to St. Patrick, who is said to have brought Christianity to Ireland. It appears in many versions, including this anonymous morning hymn.

Tune: SEED OF LIFE L.M.
William P. Rowan, 1986

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you are beyond words and description, your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.

Make our hearts ready to receive you.

Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration. We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM

I Have Felt the Hand of God — Craig Courtney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-9:8

ONE: Here ends the reading.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

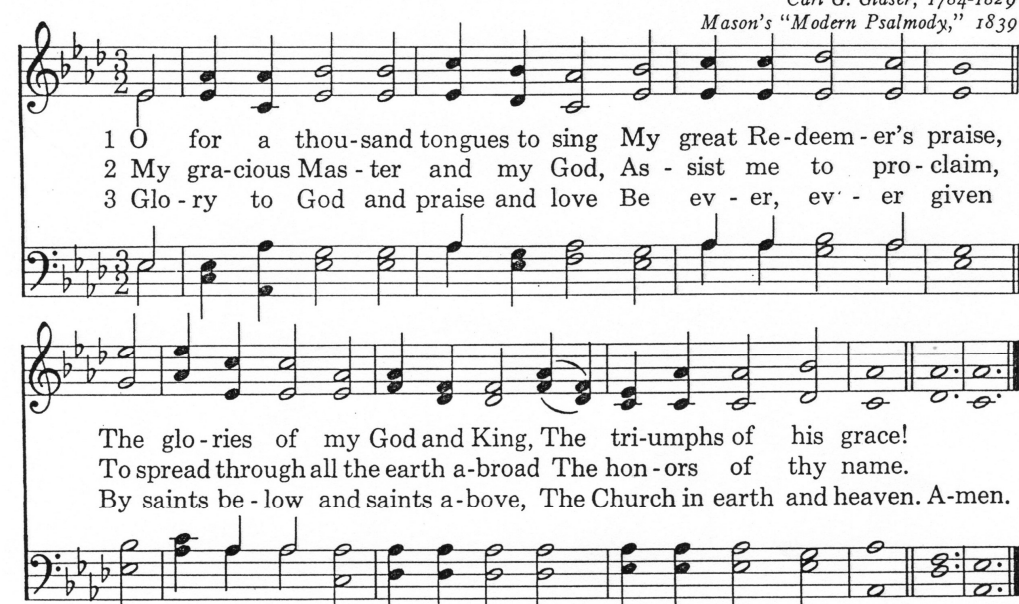
Rev. Reebee Girash

*RESPONSE HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing — Red Hymnal 223

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing **223**

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
Mason's "Modern Psalms," 1839



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Glo-ry to God and praise and love Be ev-er, ev-er given

The glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of his grace!
To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of thy name.
By saints be-low and saints a-bove, The Church in earth and heaven. A-men.

A lower setting may be found at No. 346

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of thy name.

3 Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heaven. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Transfigure Us, O Lord — Bob Hurd

*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

Bless these gifts, we pray. May they represent just the beginning of our journey to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King — Red Hymnal 64

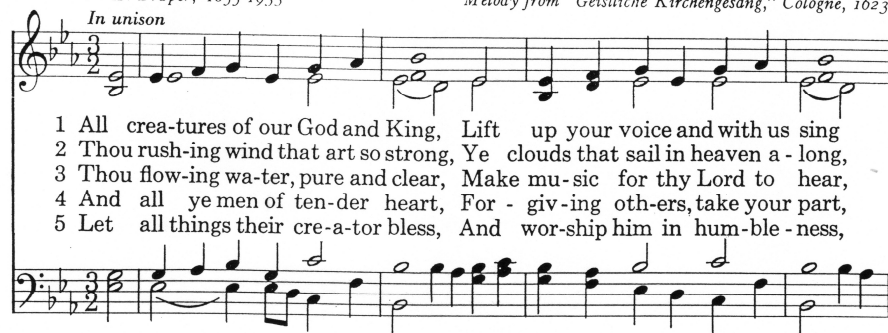
All Creatures of Our God and King

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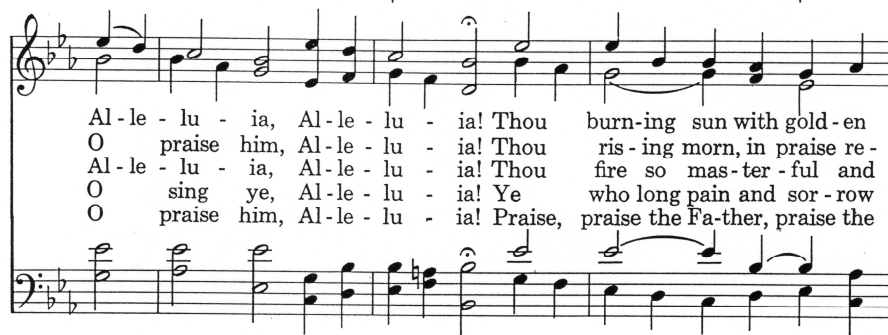
St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226
Tr. William H. Draper, 1855-1933

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Melody from "Geistliche Kirchengesäng," Cologne, 1623

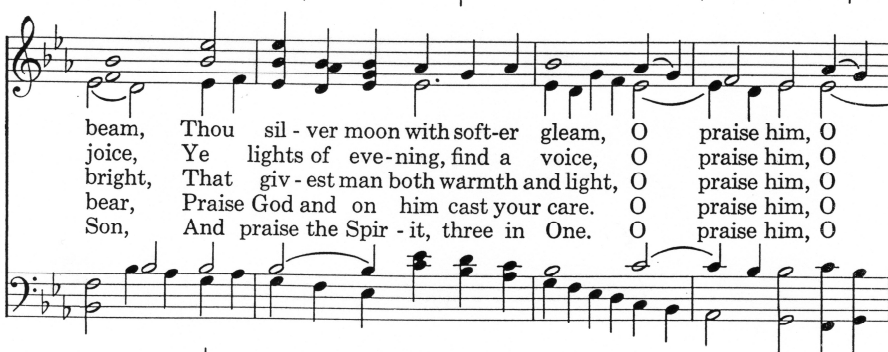
In unison



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
2 Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven a - long,
3 Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for thy Lord to hear,
4 And all ye men of ten-der heart, For - giv-ing oth-ers, take your part,
5 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, And wor-ship him in hum-ble - ness,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold - en
O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re -
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
O sing ye, Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



beam, Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise him, O
joke, Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
bright, That giv - est man both warmth and light, O praise him, O
bear, Praise God and on him cast your care. O praise him, O
Son, And praise the Spir - it, three in One. O praise him, O



praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

1 All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia,

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care;
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

5 Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in One;
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prière à Notre-Dame — Leon Boëllmann

Thank you to our Zoom host, Mike Stevens and our coffee hour hosts, Sandy and Derek Gardiner.

CALL TO MEETING:

To all Pilgrim Church Members and Friends. Pursuant to our Bylaws, Article VII, Paragraph 2, you are invited to a Congregational Meeting of the Church on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 11:45 am following the Worship Service.

Agenda:

- 1) Congregational approval of minutes of 2023 meeting.
- 2) Presentation of written committee reports, distributed in advance of this meeting.
- 3) Presentation and adoption of the fiscal budget for 2024.
- 4) Any other pertinent matters that may arise.
- 5) Remembering losses in the community, remarks, and a prayer by the pastor.

Everyone is invited to attend; only members may vote. Child care will be provided.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Boehm, Clerk

SOURCE NOTES

"The Indescribable Radiance of Love": Service Prayers for Transfiguration Sunday, was written by the Rev. Dr. David Bahr and shared by the UCC's Worship Ways.