



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
February 4, 2024
A Welcoming, Open
and Affirming Congregation**

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Today's service will be recorded.

Worship Sunday, February 4, 2024

PRELUDE For Communion ("According to thy Gracious Word") — Dennis Eliot

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

Jeff Boehm

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeff Boehm

ONE: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

ALL: We are the salt of the earth.

ONE: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

ALL: We are the light of the world.

ONE: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

ALL: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

ONE: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

ALL: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN

Jesus Savior Pilot Me — Red Hymnal 213

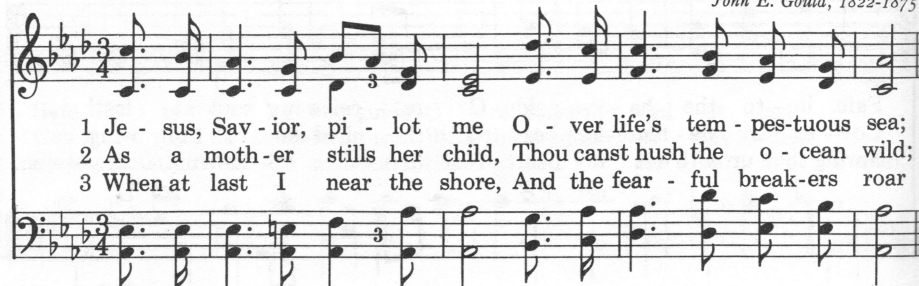
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Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Edward Hopper, 1818-1888

PILOT 7.7.7.7.7.

John E. Gould, 1822-1875



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's tem - pes-tuous sea;
2 As a moth-er stills her child, Thou canst hush the o - cean wild;
3 When at last I near the shore, And the fear - ful break-ers roar



Un-known waves be - fore me roll, Hid - ing rock and treacherous shoal;
Bois-terous waves o - bey thy will When thou sayest to them, "Be still!"
'Twixt me and the peace-ful rest, Then, while lean-ing on thy breast,

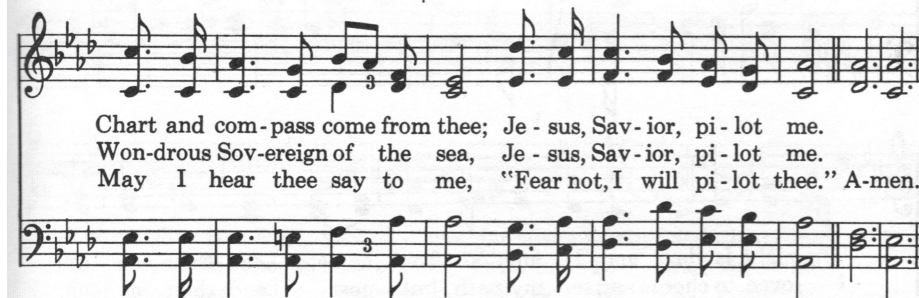


Chart and com-pass come from thee; Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
Won-drous Sov-ereign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
May I hear thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi-lot thee." A-men.

Jesus, Savior, pilot me,
Over life's tempestuous sea:
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass come from thee;—
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

2 As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey thy will
When thou say to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

3 When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
"Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on thy breast,
May I hear thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee." Amen.

UNISON PRAYER

Wise, Loving God, we gather to hear your wisdom this day. We gather to hear your call this day. Strengthen us in this hour that we may go forth to live out your call to love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:1-13

Jeff Boehm

Jesus He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place

will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Will Remember Thee by Jay Althouse

REFLECTIONS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

*RESPONSE HYMN

Take My Life, God, Let It Be — Black Hymnal 448

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Heaven and Earth — Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

- 1 Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
- 2 Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.
- 3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.
- 4 Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.

***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 offer these gifts to you, O God, that your love might shine brightly in our world. Guide us to use them according to your purpose. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***COMMUNION HYMN**

Let Us Break Bread — Red Hymnal 288

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.

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Negro Spiritual

LET US BREAK BREAD 7.3.7.3. with Refrain
Negro Melody

In unison

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

REFRAIN

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

LORD'S SUPPER

1 Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the
rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

[Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

[Refrain]

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, just as your son called disciples so long ago,
so You call each one of us
to speak and act on Your behalf in our world today.
Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow:
when we question Your call
or make excuses for our abilities;
when we complain about our lack of time
or hoard our resources.
Give us courage to step out in faith,
to go where you send us without hesitation or fear,
trusting that Your presence goes with us,
and that You will provide all that we need.
Remembering Jesus' call, we pray with his words,
saying,**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

The Summons

The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

1 Will you come and follow me

If I but call your name?

Will you go where you know

And never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

Will you let my name be know,

Will you let my life be grown

In you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind

If I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind

And never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

Should your life attract or scare

Will you let me answer prayer

In you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see

If I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free

And never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean

And do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean

In you and you in me?

4 Will you love the 'you' you hide

If I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside

And never be the same?

Will you use the faith you found

To reshape the world around

Through my sight and touch and sound

In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true

When you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you

And never be the same.

In your company I'll go

Where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow

In you and you in me.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ — John Behnke

Thank you to our Liturgist, Jeff Boehm,
readers from our Children and Youth, our
Zoom host, Mike Stevens and our coffee
hour hosts, Lisa and Jeff Boehm.

SOURCE NOTES

The Call to Worship is by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell. The Prayer of Confession is from First Church in Cambridge, UCC.



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