



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation
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Second Sunday of Eastertide**

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Today's service will be recorded.

PRELUDE

The Garden Hymn — Douglas Wagner

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

*GATHERING HYMN

Halle, Halle

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(drawing from 1 Corinthians 1:1)

ONE: To God's Church that is on Coolidge Avenue in Lexington,

ALL: We are a community, called to be God's people,

ONE: You are called to be saints,

ALL: Together with people all over the world.

ONE: Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and from Jesus Christ!

*OPENING HYMN

Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People — Red Hymnal 190

Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People

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Second Tune

Leonard A. Parr, 1880-

GREENLAND 7.6.7.6.D.
Attr. to J. Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

1 Lift up your hearts, ye peo - ple, In songs of glad ac - cord,
2 Now let the earth be joy - ful In spring-time's bright ar - ray,

And in your ad - o - ra - tion Praise Christ, your ris - en Lord.
Let hearts down-cast and lone - ly Re - joice this East - er day;

For he hath won the vic - tory O'er sin and death's dark night,
The grave has lost its tri - umph, And death has lost its sting,

And filled the gloom and dark-ness With res - ur - rec - tion light.
O, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion To Christ, your ris - en King! A-men.

1 Lift up your hearts, ye people,
In songs of glad accord,
And in your adoration
Praise Christ, your risen Lord.
For he hath won the victory
O'er sin and death's dark night,
And filled the gloom and darkness
With resurrection light.

2 Now let the earth be joyful
In spring-times bright array,
Let hearts down-cast and lonely
Rejoice this Easter day;
The grave has lost its triumph,
And death has lost its sting,
O, sing in exultation
To Christ, your risen King!
Amen

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, in your name, the early church spread throughout the known world. And yet our ancestors in faith faced challenges and disagreements. As we learn about the early church, give us your wisdom for the challenges we face today. Grant us your peace for this time and place. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 18:1-4

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila from Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I

baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. **16**I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. **17** For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

ONE: Here end the readings. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus arr. L.L. Fleming

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

SERMON

*RESPONSE HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West — Black Hymnal 394

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In Christ There Is No East or West

1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3. Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

Tune: McKEE C.M.
African-American melody
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939
Alternate setting: ST. PETER

1 In Christ there is no East or West,
 in Christ no South or North;
 But one community of love
 throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
 their high communion find;
 God's service is the golden cord
 close binding human kind.

3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
 and neither slave nor free;
 For men and women live in God,
 and all are kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both East and West,
 in Christ meet South and North;
 One joyous, true community
 throughout the whole wide earth.

THE 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Sing to the Mountains — Bob Dufford

*DOXOLOGY

**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, O God, and guide us to be of one mind and purpose as we minister in your name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends — Black Hymnal 249

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Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

Refrain

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system is the refrain, starting with a D chord. The second system continues the refrain. The third system includes a first ending with a 1-2 measure repeat and a 3 measure repeat. The fourth system provides three alternative verses. The fifth system concludes the piece with a final Gm chord.

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in
all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to
you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

1 To share God's love is why I came,
2 Take my hand and be at peace;
3 With this love now all will know

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
the spir - it of our love I send.
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

Refrain:

Peace I leave with you, my friends,
shalom, my peace, in all you do.

Peace I leave with you, my friends.
I give to you so you can give to
others, too.

1 To share God's love is why I came,
to show God's kindness without end.

[Refrain]

2 Take my hand and be at peace;
the spirit of our love I send. [Refrain]

3 With this love now all will know
that loneliness is at an end. [Refrain]

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS

INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF OFFICERS AND CHURCH COUNCIL

BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol — R. Vaughan Williams

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

