



Pilgrim Congregational Church,
 United Church of Christ
 May 12, 2024 | Children's Sunday

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Today's service will be recorded.

Worship Sunday, May 12, 2024

PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living — Lloyd Larson

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aiden, Juliette, Lily, Neil, Dan, Deven

CELEBRATION OF THE TEACHERS & GRADUATES

Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING THE PEACE

Eleanor

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

GATHERING SONG

Halle, Halle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Neil

ONE: From the mustard seed, a great and mighty shrub emerges.

ALL: Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!

ONE: The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

ALL: We can raise the spirits of people, bringing hope and peace to God's world.

ONE: Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

ALL: Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Luca

ONE: Let us Pray together.

ALL: Amazing God, We join together in this space to worship, and to rejoice, as Children of God, Siblings in Christ.

We look to you in our friendships, our learning, our hopes and our troubles; and you are here, always, to support and embrace us in your endless love.

Come to us in joy and celebration this day as we honor our teachers, our children, our friends, our Pilgrim family. Amen.



*OPENING HYMN

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

This Is the Day

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.
St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison Eb

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

Eb

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

A^b Eb A^b

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

Eb Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
Les Garrett, 1967

This Is the Day — Black Hymnal 84

1 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has
made;

we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day,
that our God has made.

2 This is the day, this is the day
Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day Jesus rose again,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day,
Jesus rose again.



3This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came.

SCRIPTURE READING

Spark Bible — The Parable of the Mustard seed

Lily: “Hmmm...” Jesus said one day to a crowd of listeners. He tapped his chin.

Deven: *(tap your chin) “Hmmm... How can I describe the family of God to you? Aha! God’s Family is like a mustard seed.”*

Lily: “But mustard seeds are so tiny!” the crowd exclaimed. Jesus scooped some round, black seeds from the ground and rolled them in his palm.

Deven: “When they grow, the mustard seeds turn into the largest, strongest plants around. Even the birds put nests in their branches.”

Lily: The crowd was starting to nod. They were getting it!

Deven: “It starts off small, but the tiny seed grows into something great!”

Lily: He stepped back to show a full-grown mustard bush, towering over them. It was 25 feet tall!

Deven: God’s family may have started out small, but each time someone shows or tells others about the love of God, it grows and grows!

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Izzy Leginsky

ANTHEM

Intergenerational Pick Up Choir
Did I Hear you Say? — Don Schlosser

SERMON

Sarah Jane Fuller

*RESPONSE HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

African-American spiritual

This Little Light of Mine — Black Hymnal 525

525

Matt. 5:14-16

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine, this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine, This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine.)". The score concludes with a double bar line.

- 2 Ev-ery-where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
- 3 All--through the night, I'm gon-na let it shine . . .

1 This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
this little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine. (let it shine.)

2 Every-where I go,
I'm gonna let it shine...

3 All through the night,
I'm gonna let it shine...

This was the favorite song of civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer, who could sing as well as she could give powerful speeches. During that era this spiritual was sometimes modified and sung as "This little light of freedom."

Tune: LATTIMER Irr.
African-American spiritual
Adapt. William Farley Smith, 1987

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY

Written by Pilgrim Kids

Dan: Loving, forgiving, creative, kind Creator:

Thank you for all of the things that make our lives special. Thank you for cookies and cake. Thank you for video games, and art. Thank you for giving us our bodies to love, and blood that gives us life.

Thank you for our World. We think of you as we take in the scenery of nature- in the trees, in foxes and snakes, in cute little cats.

Luca: We come to you with our hopes: For more time to read great books, and play our favorite games and videos. For future snow days, and opportunities to travel the world. For our siblings to use kinder words. And, we hope for more yummy food at coffee hour.

Em: We hope for LGBT acceptance. We hope for the health of our families, and healing for those who are hurt. We pray for those who we serve through Outdoor Church, that they stay full and feel loved.

Madeline: We come to you in our sadness and worry. When we are hurt, help us to heal. When we do not want to go to school, give us the courage to go out and find the good in our days. When we are anxious about school testing, calm our minds and give us confidence to do the best that we can. When our siblings are mean to us, help them to realize our hurt and learn to be kinder; and help us to forgive them. We pray for those who are hungry. We pray for those who are lost. We pray for those impacted by the wars in Gaza and Ukraine. We pray for peace.

On this children's Sunday, please bless all of the children and youth of this church. Bless our teachers and worship leaders. Bless our parents. Bless each person that walks through our doors. May we all feel welcome, and appreciated, and honored, and loved. AMEN!

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 OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

A Gift From Your Children
Nancy Bourassa and Carey Landry

*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

Aiden

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, and generous toward your world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing — Black Hymnal 82

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here with ten - der com - fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. Go, my children with my blessing,
never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you
are my own;
In my loves baptismal river I have
made you mine forever,
Go, my children with my blessing, you
are my own.

2. Go, my children fed and nourished,
closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my spirit's power filled you, here
with tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children fed and nourished,
joyful and free.

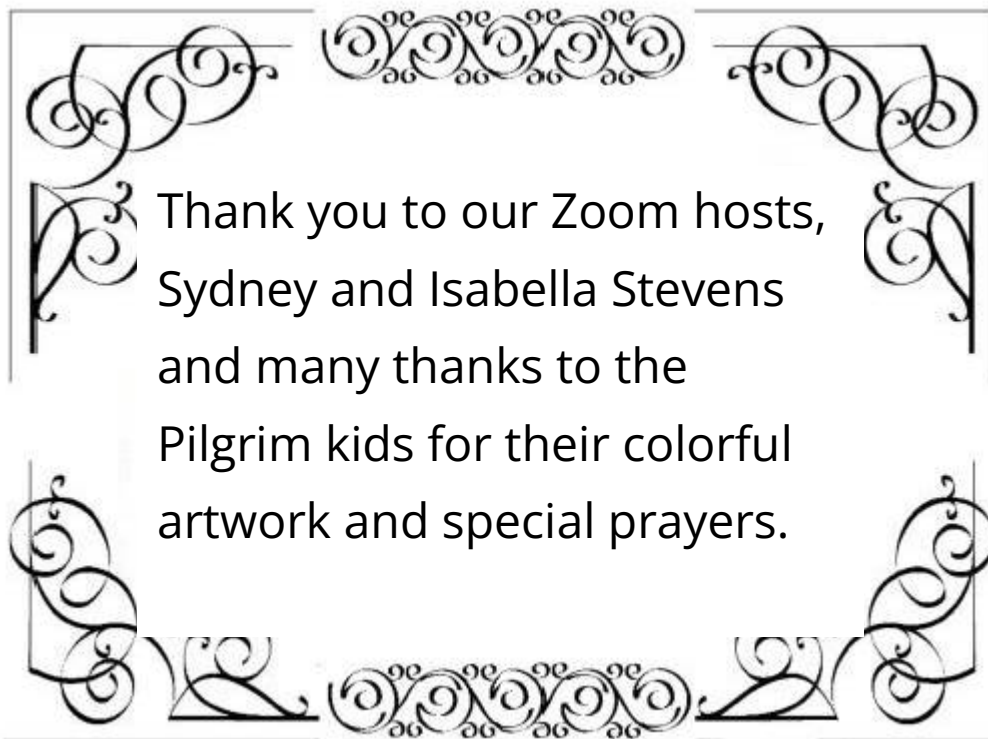
*BENEDICTION

Sarah Jane Fuller

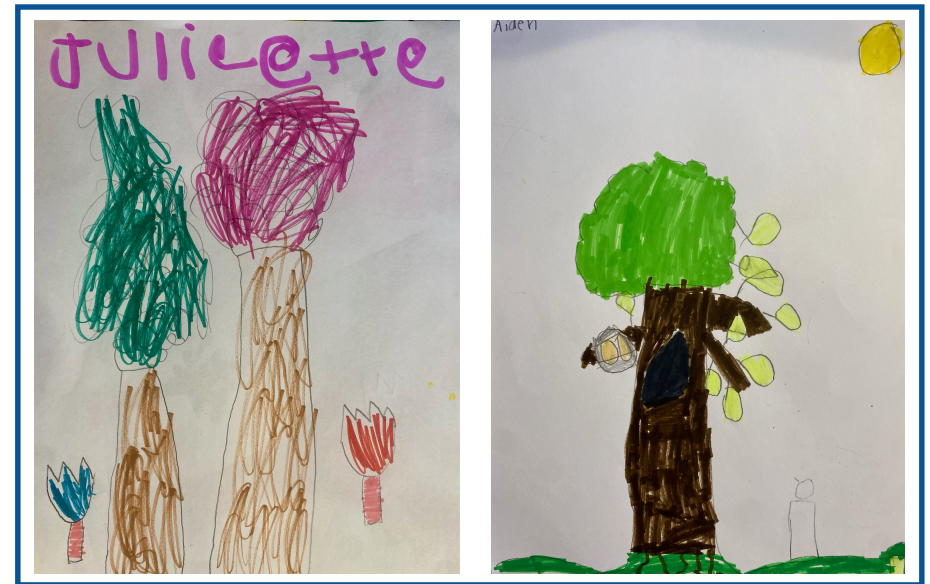
POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune — David Germain

**Please be in a posture of praise.*



Thank you to our Zoom hosts,
Sydney and Isabella Stevens
and many thanks to the
Pilgrim kids for their colorful
artwork and special prayers.



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