

Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Trinity Sunday—May 26, 2024

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Today's service will be recorded.

Worship Sunday, May 26, 2024

PRELUDE

Reflection — Douglas Wagner

GREETINGS & 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

ALL: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

ALL: In the beginning God said, "Let us make human kind in our image."

One: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

ALL: We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.

*OPENING HYMN

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Come Now, Almighty God

Anon., English, c. 1757; alt.

1 Come now, Al - might - y God, help us your
2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, by heaven and
3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, your sa - cred
4 To you, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to laud; our songs we raise:
earth a - dored; our prayer at - tend:
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
prais - es be for ev - er - more.

Rul - er all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Come, and your peo - ple bless, and give your word suc - cess;
Your grace to us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,
Your sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
grant us your ho - li - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!
nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Come Now Almighty God – Black Hymnal 275

- 1 Come now, Almighty God,
help us you name to laud; our songs we
raise: Ruler all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
- 2 Come, Incarnate Word, by heaven and
earth adored; our prayer attend: Come, and
your people bless, and give you Word
success: grant us your holiness, Savior and
Friend!
- 3 Come, Holy Comforter, your sacred
witness bear in this glad hour. Your grace to
us impart, now rule in every heart,
never from us depart, Spirit of power!
- 4 To you, great One in Three, eternal
praises be for evermore. You sovereign
majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

OPENING PRAYER

St. Patrick's Breastplate: A Trinity Prayer

ONE: I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness, Through confession of the
Oneness of the Creator of creation.

TWO: I arise today, through The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun, The radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire, The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind, The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth, The firmness of rock.

THREE: I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me
From snares of devils, From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.

ONE: Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart
of every one who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

TWO: I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness, Through confession of the
Oneness of the Creator of creation.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty;
and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him;
each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their
feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is
the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

John 3:1-8

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Let All Things Now Living arr. Stanley Pethel — John & Zac Girash

Children and youth are invited to outdoor games. Please join Sarah Jane and Izzy at the rear of the Sanctuary.

SERMON

*RESPONSE HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty – Red Hymnal 251

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
John B. Dykes, 1823-1876



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.



1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God the Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty;

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God the Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

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

Prelude in F# BWV 858 — JS Bach

*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

Generous God, May we give gifts that are sufficient and abundant as you have provided creation with all that we need to flourish. May the fear of scarcity give way to the joy of sharing. Magnify the resources we bring as well cultivate generosity within us so that all needs are met, and all your people may be well and whole in your name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Spirit of the Living God – Black Hymnal 283

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Toccata – Douglas Wagner

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

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.


Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.



SOURCE NOTES

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