



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**

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# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## \*COMMUNION HYMN

## Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life — Black Hymnal 331

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331

*George Herbert, 1633; alt.*

*John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11*

Unison

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368

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 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,  
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 our spirits long to be made whole.  
 Let inward love guide every deed;  
 by this we worship, and are freed.

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## \*COMMUNION HYMN

## Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life — Black Hymnal 331

### Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

331

*George Herbert, 1633; alt.*

*John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11*

Unison

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can

breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;  
feast; Such a feast as mends in length;  
move; Such a love as none can part;

such a life as con - - - quers death.  
such a strength as makes . . . a guest.  
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**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.**

## THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

## COMMUNION MUSIC

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**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of 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. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

Sheltered By God's Loving Spirit — Black Hymnal 368

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G — JS Bach



## Sheltered by God's Loving Spirit

368

Deborah Patterson, 1993

1 Cor. 13:4-13; Rom. 5:8



1 Shel-tered by God's lov - ing Spir - it, gath-ered here we share our grief:  
2 Giv - en breath by God's own pur-pose, back to God our breath does go.



Seek-ing so-lace, seek-ing cour-age— know-ing God does bring re - lief.  
Life e - ter-nal in our pres - ent here we on - ly part - ly know.



We are free to name our sor-rows, speak our an - ger, weep our loss,  
But for-give-ness, love, and cour-age show us God's a - maz - ing grace,



For our God did suf - fer al - so when Christ died up - on a cross.  
Strength-en us to face the jour-ney till we know God face to face.



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2 Given breath by God's own purpose,  
back to God our breath does go.  
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But forgiveness, love, and courage  
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**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
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May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**

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PASSING THE PEACE

Jeff Boehm

ONE: Peace be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

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GATHERING SONG

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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(From Psalm 98)

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**ALL: for God has done marvelous things.**

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ONE: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**ALL: We will make a joyful noise before the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er — Red Hymnal 181

OPENING PRAYER

Jeff Boehm

**God of Love, we come to worship today  
to hear your good news,  
to hear of faith, hope and love  
ringing out from your earth.**

**We know that doubt, fear and hatred  
can shake even the strongest.**

**Shape us into faithful hopeful people,  
fill us with your love that passes all understanding.**

**We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

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# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## \*COMMUNION HYMN

## Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life — Black Hymnal 331

### Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

331

*George Herbert, 1633; alt.*

*John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11*

Unison

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**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.**

## THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

## COMMUNION MUSIC

## UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of 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. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

Sheltered By God's Loving Spirit — Black Hymnal 368

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G — JS Bach



## Sheltered by God's Loving Spirit

368

Deborah Patterson, 1993

1 Cor. 13:4-13; Rom. 5:8



1 Shel-tered by God's lov - ing Spir - it, gath-ered here we share our grief:  
2 Giv - en breath by God's own pur-pose, back to God our breath does go.



Seek-ing so-lace, seek-ing cour-age— know-ing God does bring re - lief.  
Life e - ter-nal in our pres-ent here we on - ly part - ly know.



We are free to name our sor-rows, speak our an - ger, weep our loss,  
But for-give-ness, love, and cour-age show us God's a - maz - ing grace,



For our God did suf - fer al - so when Christ died up - on a cross.  
Strength-en us to face the jour-ney till we know God face to face.



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Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
John Zundel, 1855

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gathered here we share our grief:  
Seeking solace, seeking courage -  
knowing God does bring relief.

We are free to name our sorrows,  
speak our anger, weep our loss,  
For our God did suffer also  
when Christ died upon a cross.

2 Given breath by God's own purpose,  
back to God our breath does go.  
Life eternal in our present  
here we only partly know.  
But forgiveness, love, and courage  
show us God's amazing grace,  
Strengthen us to face the journey  
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**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**

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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.

GATHERING SONG

Halle, Halle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Boehm

(From Psalm 98)

ONE: O sing to the Lord a new song,

**ALL: for God has done marvelous things.**

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**ALL: Let us break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

ONE: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**ALL: We will make a joyful noise before the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er — Red Hymnal 181

OPENING PRAYER

Jeff Boehm

**God of Love, we come to worship today  
to hear your good news,  
to hear of faith, hope and love  
ringing out from your earth.**

**We know that doubt, fear and hatred  
can shake even the strongest.**

**Shape us into faithful hopeful people,  
fill us with your love that passes all understanding.**

**We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

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4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, From death's dread sting thy

life is won; The song of tri - umph has be - gun:  
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serv - ants free, That we may live and sing to thee:

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

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But Christ their legions hath dispersed;

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ANTHEM

Sing Unto The Lord — Craig Courtney

SERMON

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The Gift of Love — United Methodist Hymnal

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Rev. Reebee Girash

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OFFERTORY

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\*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**

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and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

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 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
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POSTLUDE

Prelude in G — JS Bach



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1 Cor. 13:4-13; Rom. 5:8



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Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**

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Alleluia! The Strife is O'er — Red Hymnal 181

OPENING PRAYER

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**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**

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- ❖ **OFFERTORY**: Sing of the Lord's Goodness — Ernest Sands
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- ❖ **POSTLUDE**: Prelude in G — JS Bach

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## Worship Sunday, May 5, 2024

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre — R. Vaughan Williams

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

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

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.

GATHERING SONG

Halle, Halle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Boehm

(From Psalm 98)

ONE: O sing to the Lord a new song,

**ALL: for God has done marvelous things.**

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**ALL: Let us break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

ONE: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**ALL: We will make a joyful noise before the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er — Red Hymnal 181

OPENING PRAYER

Jeff Boehm

**God of Love, we come to worship today  
to hear your good news,  
to hear of faith, hope and love  
ringing out from your earth.**

**We know that doubt, fear and hatred  
can shake even the strongest.**

**Shape us into faithful hopeful people,  
fill us with your love that passes all understanding.**

**We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

Latin: 17th century  
Tr. Francis Potl, 1832-1909

VICTORY 8.8.8. with Alleluias  
Arr. from G. P. Sante da Palestrina, 1525-1594  
William H. Monk, 1823-1889

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; The vic - to - ry of  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their le - gions  
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, He ris - es glo - rious  
4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, From death's dread sting thy

life is won; The song of tri - umph has be - gun:  
hath dis - persed; Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst:  
from the dead; All glo - ry to our ris - en Head!  
serv - ants free, That we may live and sing to thee:

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;

The victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their  
worst,

But Christ their legions hath dispersed;

Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped,

He rises glorious from the dead;

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,

From death's dread sting thy servants free,

That we may live and sing to thee: Alleluia!

Amen



## SCRIPTURE READING

Jeff Boehm

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

ANTHEM

Sing Unto The Lord — Craig Courtney

SERMON

\*RESPONSE HYMN

The Gift of Love — United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

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OFFERTORY

Sing of the Lord's Goodness — Ernest Sands

\*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**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Love, guide us to use these gifts that your Love may blossom in our world. Amen.**

The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
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 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

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2 Though I may give all I possess,  
 and striving so my love profess,  
 but not be given by love within,  
 the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
 our spirits long to be made whole.  
 Let inward love guide every deed;  
 by this we worship, and are freed.

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## \*COMMUNION HYMN

## Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life — Black Hymnal 331

### Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

331

*George Herbert, 1633; alt.*

*John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11*

Unison

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can

breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;  
feast; Such a feast as mends in length;  
move; Such a love as none can part;

such a life as con - - - quers death.  
such a strength as makes . . . a guest.  
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*Shortly before his death, the poet George Herbert entrusted his manuscript of The Temple (including this hymn) to a friend for publication. The musical setting by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams is from Five Mystical Songs from George Herbert.*

Tune: THE CALL 7.7.7.7.  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911

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## 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.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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.**

## THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

## COMMUNION MUSIC

## UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of 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. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

Sheltered By God's Loving Spirit — Black Hymnal 368

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G — JS Bach



## Sheltered by God's Loving Spirit

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Deborah Patterson, 1993

1 Cor. 13:4-13; Rom. 5:8



1 Shel-tered by God's lov - ing Spir - it, gath-ered here we share our grief:  
2 Giv - en breath by God's own pur-pose, back to God our breath does go.



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