

Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Solar Dedication Sunday — June 16, 2024

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- ❖ **PRELUDE:** This is My Father's World
— Van Denman Thompson
- ❖ **OPENING HYMN:** All Creatures of
Our God and King
- ❖ **ANTHEM:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore
Thee arr. Stan Pethel
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the Earth
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Skies — Marty Haugen
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Power of God
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major — JS Bach

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Today's service will be recorded.

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World — Van Denman Thompson

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: Listen to the voice of Creation

ALL: The voice of God, who dreamed up day and night

ONE: who painted the sky in all its beauty,

ALL: Who called forth the sun and stars.

ONE: Listen to the voice of Creation

ALL: The voice of the God, calling forth abundance.

ONE: Listen to the voice of Creation

ALL: The voice of the God, calling us forth.

ONE: Listen to the voice of Creation

ALL: The voice of the God, calling us to care for Creation.

ONE: Listen to the voice of Creation

ALL: We are listening. We are ready to serve.

*OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King — Red Hymnal 64

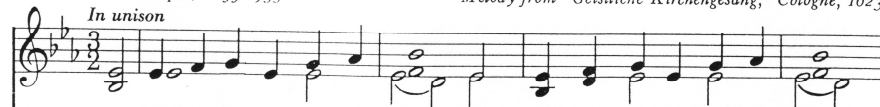
All Creatures of Our God and King

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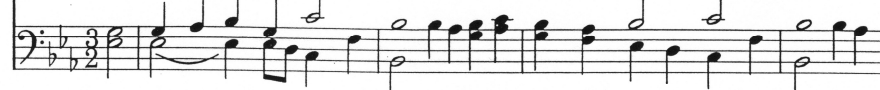
St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226
Tr. William H. Draper, 1855-1933

LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.4.4.8.8. with Alleluias
 Melody from "Geistliche Kirchengesäng," Cologne, 1623

In unison



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
 2 Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven a - long,
 3 Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for thy Lord to hear,
 4 And all ye men of ten-der heart, For - giv-ing oth-ers, take your part,
 5 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, And wor-ship him in hum-ble-ness,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold - en
 O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re -
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
 O sing ye, Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
 O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



beam, Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise him, O
 joice, Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
 bright, That giv - est man both warmth and light, O praise him, O
 bear, Praise God and on him cast your care. O praise him, O
 Son, And praise the Spir - it, three in One. O praise him, O



praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.



1 All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia,

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SOLAR PANEL DEDICATION

ONE: We call upon the moon and the stars and the sun, which govern the rhythms and seasons of our lives and remind us that we are part of a great and wondrous universe, and we ask:

ALL: Teach us O God, and show us the way.

ONE: We acknowledge the current of electricity binding us to a grid of energy flowing above our heads, through our walls, and weaving throughout our lives.

ALL: Connect us O God, and show us the way.

ONE: We are part of the cosmos, within us, around us, God's prevailing love shines in all people. Help us to serve one another with compassion and humility.

ALL: Heal us O God, and show us the way.

ONE: We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have brought us to this day. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly;

ALL: Bless us God, and show us the way.

ONE: We live by the sun, We move with the stars. Bless these Panels as they provide energy for the church and inspiration in the community. In the name of God who created and continues to create, God who redeemed and continues to redeem, God who sustained and continues to sustain.

ALL: Bless this church and this neighborhood now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-8, 14-19

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so.

¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

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

ANTHEM

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee arr. Stan Pethel

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*RESPONSE HYMN

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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.

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
Abridged from a chorale by
Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,

Lord of all, to thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A - men.

5 For each perfect gift of thine
Unto us so freely given,
Graces, human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

6 For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,

1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise. Amen

2 For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and light, [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Sing Out, Earth and Skies — Marty Haugen

*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

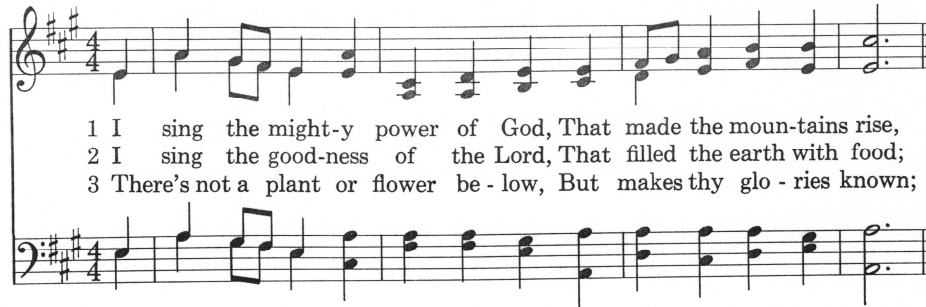
Generous God, you have blessed us with the resources to share the good news of your love for all creation. We dedicate these gifts and pray that they may bring healing, wholeness, and hope to the world, that future generations may also know your graciousness and love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

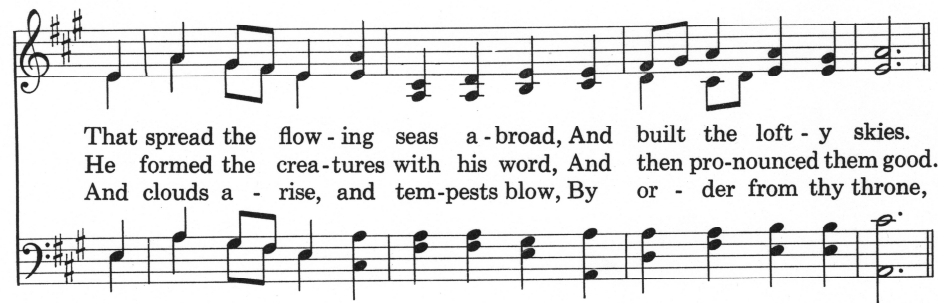
I Sing the Mighty Power of God — Red Hymnal 68

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

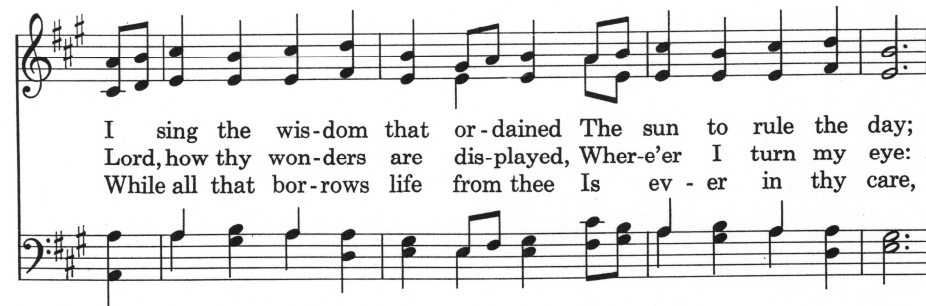
ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
"Gesangbuch," Wirttemberg, 1784



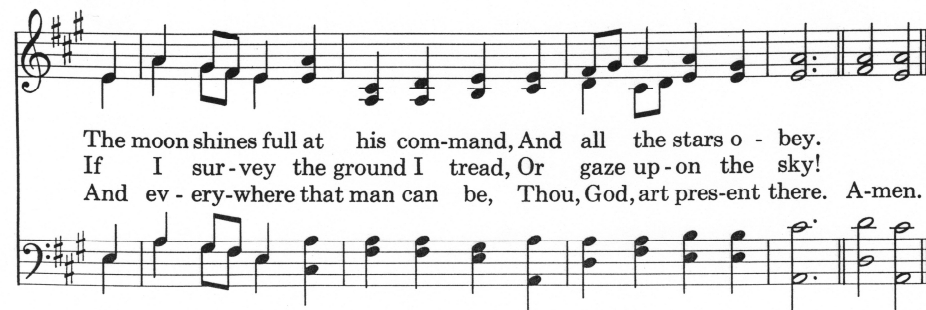
1 I sing the might-y power of God, That made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;



That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from thy throne,



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor-rows life from thee Is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!
And ev - ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A-men.

1 I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command,
And all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below,
But makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow,
By order from your throne,
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there. A-men

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude & Fugue in F major — JS Bach

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

Thank you to our Zoom
hosts, Madeleine Clark and
Sydney Stevens.

SOURCE NOTES

The Prayer of Dedication is from the National Council of Churches. The Solar Panel Litany is adapted from St. Andrew's Lutheran

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