



**Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC  
Worship Sunday — June 30, 2024**

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***Today's service will be recorded.***

## Worship Sunday, June 30, 2024

PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir — Dietrich Buxtehude

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Boehm

ONE: Let us lift up the name of the Lord;

**ALL: And rejoice for God hears our prayers!**

ONE: Praise the One who brings healing to our pain;

**ALL: And causes joy to follow the long night of sorrow!**

ONE: We will not be silent. We will not still our tongues!

**ALL: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever!**

# \*OPENING HYMN

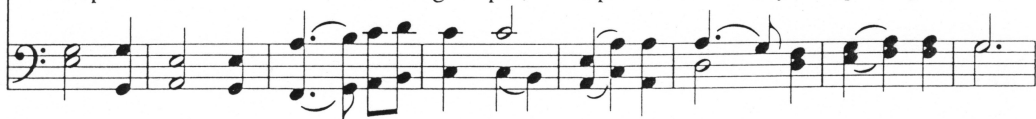
# God is Here! As We Your People Meet — Black Hymnal 70



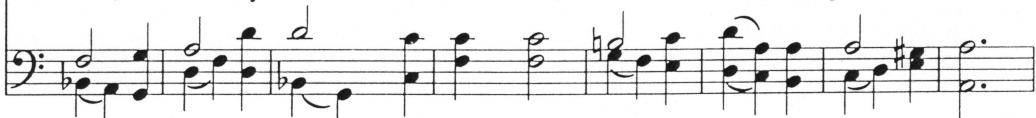
1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,  
2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;  
3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;  
4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt



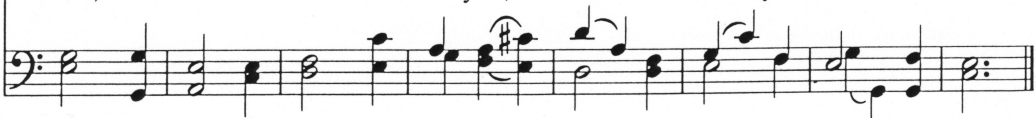
May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.  
Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!



1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it  
is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all  
our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open  
minds and hearts.

4 Sovereign God, of earth and heaven,  
in an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us  
work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication, all we  
have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we  
adore you! We believe!

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' <sup>29</sup>Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' <sup>32</sup>He looked all round to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' <sup>37</sup>He

allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.  
<sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

ONE: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

# \*RESPONSE HYMN

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus — Black Hymnal 506

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.

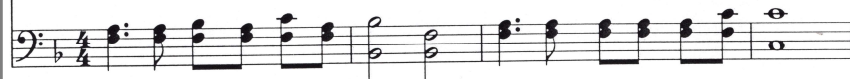
PRAYER

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Phil. 4:6-7



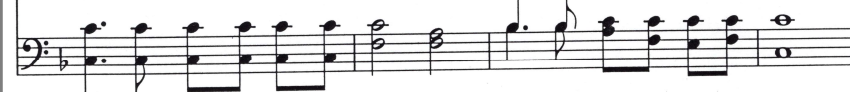
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



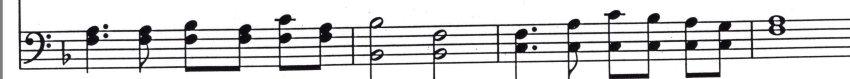
What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.  
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!  
Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.



*No stranger to sorrow himself, Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother in Ireland. Scriven, who moved to Canada as a young man, attempted to follow literally the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.*

Tune: ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.  
Charles C. Converse, 1868

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to our God in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to our God in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to our God in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to our God in prayer!

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

Six Pieces for Children No. 2 — F. Mendelssohn

\*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, we offer these gifts in gratitude for the ways you have blessed our lives. Help us to use all our gifts always according to your purpose. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

God Be With You — Black Hymnal 81

1 God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, up-hold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again; Wings of shelter safely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

3 God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

4 God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.  
[Refrain]



# BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Vater Unser — JS Bach

*\*Please be in a posture of praise.*

**THANK YOU TO OUR ZOOM HOST,  
ZAC GIRASH AND OUR LITURGIST,  
JEFF BOEHM.**

**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.



## God Be with You

*Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,  
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,

With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
Dai - ly man - na still pro-vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain  
William G. Tomer, 1880