



Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
Special Music Sunday — June 9, 2024

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

## Worship Sunday, June 9, 2024

PRELUDE

I'm Gonna Sing/Ain't a That Good News? — Larry Shackley

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Steve Van Evera

ONE: Peace be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67 — The Inclusive Bible

Steve Van Evera

ONE: O God, show us kindness and bless us,

**ALL: and make your face smile on us!**

ONE: For then the earth will acknowledge your ways, and all the nations will know of your power to save.

**ALL: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you!**

ONE: Let the nations shout and sing for joy, for you dispense true justice to the world— you guide the nations of the earth!

**ALL: Let the peoples shout and sing for joy; let all the peoples praise you!**

ONE: The land has given its harvest: God, our God, has blessed us.

**ALL: May God bless us, and may God be revered even to the ends of the earth!**

# \*OPENING HYMN

## Bring Many Names

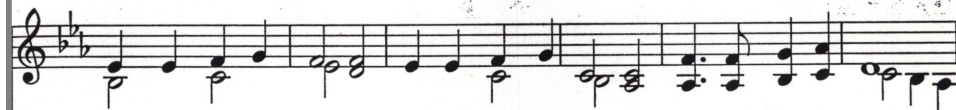
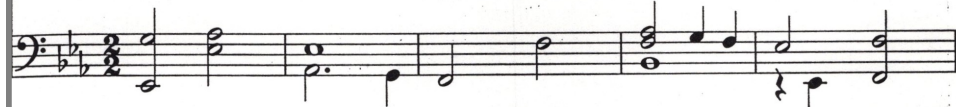
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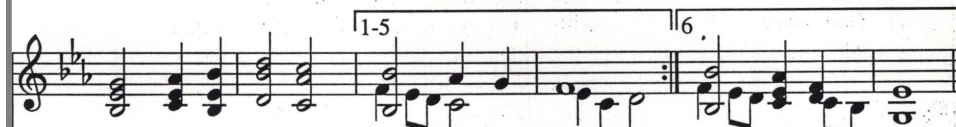
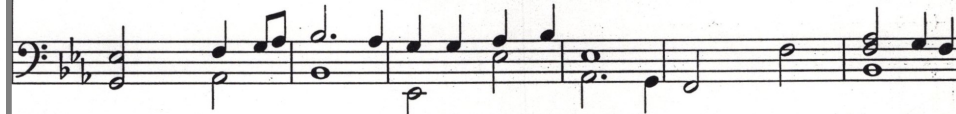
Gen. 1:27



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the  
3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the  
4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing



par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:  
strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:  
e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:



Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!



5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,  
on the move,  
say - ing no to false - hood and  
un - kind - ness,  
cry - ing out for jus - tice,  
giv - ing all you have:  
Hail and Ho - san - na,  
young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,  
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,  
clos - er yet than breath - ing,  
ev - er - last - ing home:  
Hail and Ho - san - na,  
great, liv - ing God!

## Bring Many Names — Black Hymnal 11

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God.  
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!  
great, living God!

2 Strong mother God, working night and  
day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation genius at play:  
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

3 Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

4 Old, aching God, gray with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:  
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

OPENING PRAYER

Steve Van Evera

**Holy One, God of many names, be in our midst this day. May the love we embody in this gathering reflect your will for this whole hurting world. Let our singing echo your beautiful Voice, our learning reflect your Wisdom, and our praying imagine your great Compassion. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS      Genesis 1:26-27 — *The Inclusive Bible*      Steve Van Evera

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground." <sup>27</sup>Humankind was created as God's reflection: in the divine image God created them; female and male, God made them.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Down By The Riverside — Arr. John Rutter

SERMON

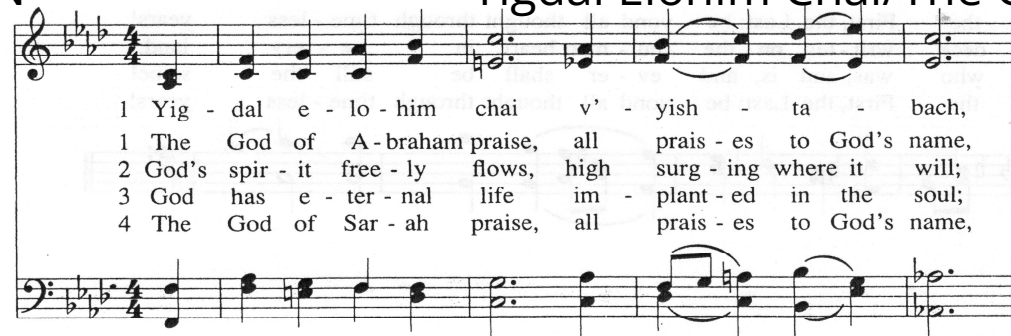
Rabbi Jordi Battis and Rev. Reebee Girash



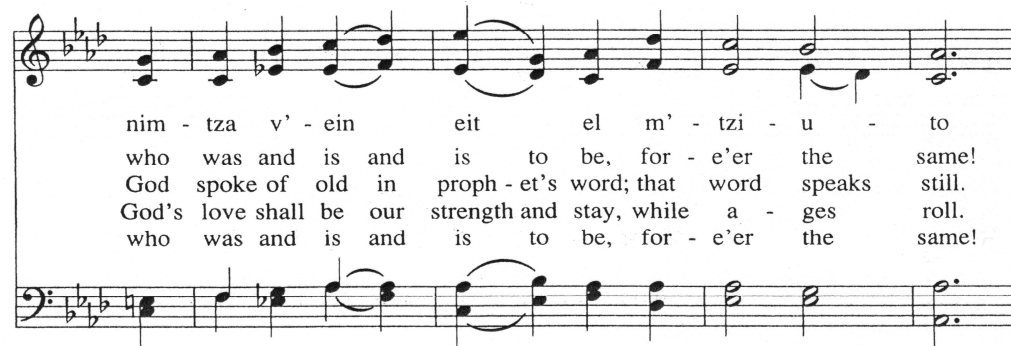
\*RESPONSE HYMN

Yigdal Elohim Chai/The God of Abraham Praise

Black Hymnal 24



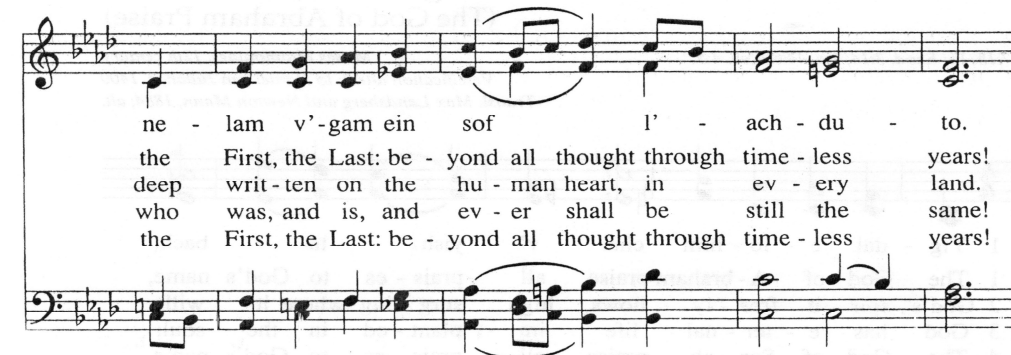
1 Yig - dal e - lo - him chai v' - yish - ta - bach,  
1 The God of A - braham praise, all prais - es to God's name,  
2 God's spir - it free - ly flows, high surg - ing where it will;  
3 God has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;  
4 The God of Sar - ah praise, all prais - es to God's name,



nim - tza v' - ein eit el m' - tzi - u - to  
who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!  
God spoke of old in proph - et's word; that word speaks still.  
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.  
who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!



E - chad v' - ein ya - chid k' - yi - chu - do,  
The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;  
Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change - less it shall stand,  
All praise the liv - ing God! Ex - tol that hal - lowed name,  
The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;



ne - lam v' - gam ein sof l' - ach - du - to.  
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!  
deep writ - ten on the hu - man heart, in ev - ery land.  
who was, and is, and ev - er shall be still the same!  
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!

1 The God of Abraham praise, all praises to God's name,  
who was and is and is to be, fore'er the same!  
The one eternal God, before what now appears;  
the First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years!

2 God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;  
God spoke of old in prophet's word; that word speaks still.  
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep written on the human heart, in every land.

3 God has eternal life implanted in the soul;  
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
All praise the living God! Extol that hallowed name,  
who was, and is, and ever shall be, still the same!

4 The God of Sarah praise, all praises to God's name,  
who was and is and is to be, fore'er the same!  
The one eternal God, before what now appears;  
the First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years!

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

We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light arr. Hal H. Hopson

\*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

**Source of All Abundance, the blessings of our lives far exceed our expectations. We are bold to expect that these small offerings might become part of a larger ministry, giving glory to you. Guide us, O Wisdom, that this might be true. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

When In Our Music God is Glorified — Black Hymnal 561

BENEDICTION

Rabbi Jordi Battis

The Priestly Benediction, Numbers 6:22-26, NRSV

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying: Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Gigue — Douglas Wagner

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



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
 4 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re -

ra - tion leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole cre -  
 men - sion in the world of sound, As wor - ship moved us to a  
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, Borne wit - ness to the truth in  
 joyce who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to

a - tion cried: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 more pro - found Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - ery tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing al - ways: Al - le - lu - ia!

1 When in our music God is glorified,  
 and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
 It is as though the whole creation cried:  
 Alleluia!

2 How often, making music, we have  
 found a new dimension in the world of  
 sound, As worship moved us to a more  
 profound Alleluia!

3 So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
 in faith and love, through centuries of  
 wrong, Borne witness to the truth in  
 every tongue, Alleluia!

4 Let every instrument be tuned for  
 praise, let all rejoice who have a voice to  
 raise, And may God give us faith to sing  
 always: Alleluia!

Thank you to our Zoom hosts, Madeleine Clark and Sydney Stevens , our Liturgist, Steve Van Evera and our coffee hour hosts, Elizabeth Chen and Rich Edmiston

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Rabbi Battis believes that Judaism is a vocabulary that we can use to bring meaning and purpose to the everyday actions of our lives. She is deeply invested in creating community rooted in values of inclusion, learning, and social justice, in which each person is welcomed, honored, and supported for who they are.

