



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Summer Worship | August 4, 2024

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- ♪ **PRELUDE:** Fantasy or Caprice Opus 16, No. 2 - F. Mendelssohn
- ♪ **HYMN:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
- ♪ **MUSICAL OFFERTORY:** Let Us Talents and Tongues Emplify - John Carter
- ♪ **COMMUNION HYMN:** Let us Break Bread Together*
- ♪ **HYMN:** When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)*
- ♪ **CLOSING RESPONSE:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Today's service will be recorded.

**Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
An Open and Affirming Congregation**

AUGUST 4, 2024

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

COMMUNION SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Fantasy or Caprice Opus 16, No. 2 - F. Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

ALL: This is the place where the prophets cry out for justice.

ONE: This is the place where God reaches into the corners of our lives to offer us the mystery of holy love.

ALL: This is no ordinary gathering, and this is no ordinary place: this is the house of God. Amen.

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - Black Hymnal 1

GOD

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, your great name
we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above, your clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.

3 Your life if life giving - to both great and small; in all life your living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers, then wither and perish - but naught
dims your powers.

4 So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light, your angels adore you, all veiling their
sight;

All praise we now render, as your angels do: in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we offer up to you the times our hearts were bitter and we refused to
forgive, or when we were sad and refused to be comforted, or when we were dismissive
to others and didn't share love. Forgive us, and renew our lives. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: God brings you new life, forgives you, and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the spirit of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

ALL: Our Father, 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.

SCRIPTURE

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CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Let Us Talents and Tongues Emplify - John Carter

*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

or

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen (New Century Hymnal)

INVITATION AND COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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.
We serve bread and grape juice - with gluten free options available.*

COMMUNION HYMN

330

Let Us Break Bread Together

Acts 2:42

African-American spiritual

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
* 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
My God, have mer - cy on me.

Let us Break Bread Together – Black Hymnal 330

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the
rising sun, My God, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;

[Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;

[Refrain]

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace. Amen.

*HYMN

When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul) – Black Hymnal 438
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*UNISON BENEDICTION

May we go out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill our high calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* Please rise in spirit or body.

STRUGGLE AND CONFLICT

438

When Peace, Like a River
(It Is Well with My Soul)

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

Refrain
taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is
bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.

This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9, with refrain
Philip P. Bliss, 1876

1 When peace like a river, upholds me each day, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain (may be sung after final stanza only):

It is well with my soul;

it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come, let this blest assurance
control,

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has paid life and blood for my soul:

Refrain

3 My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought - my sin -, not in part, but the whole -
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when clouds are rolled back as a
scroll;

the trump shall sound and the Lord shall appear, "even so" - it is well with my soul.

Refrain

