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Congregational Church



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- ♪ **PRELUDE:** Gymnopédie No 1, from
Trois Gymnopédies, Satie
- ♪ **OPENING HYMN:** For The Beauty
of the Earth*
- ♪ **OFFERTORY:** Prelude in E Minor,
Op 28, No 4, Chopin
- ♪ **COMMUNION HYMN:** Let us
Break Bread Together*
- ♪ **CLOSING HYMN:** Great Is Your
Faithfulness*
- ♪ **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**

JULY WEEK 1

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

COMMUNION SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Gymnopédie No 1, from Trois Gymnopédies, Satie

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

ALL: To the rising of this life itself.

ONE: Welcome to this gathering place:

ALL: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.

ONE: Come with hope or hesitation, come with joy or yearning; come all who
hunger and thirst for life in all its fullness.

**ALL: Generous God, touch us through your spirit and bring us to the bright
light of this new day. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

For The Beauty of the Earth - Black Hymnal 28

GOD

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For the Beauty of the Earth

*St. 1-3, Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



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,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,



Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.



Folliot S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

*Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861*

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

Refrain:

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder 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 human love, brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

4 For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude, For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed. [Refrain]

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Holy Spirit enable us to grow in love.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: God always 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

MEDITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Prelude in E Minor, Op 28, No 4, Chopin

*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

INVITATION AND COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We gather at the table today as Christ did with his disciples. Please come forward, 12-15 people at a time, circling the Communion table. We will pass the bread and cup. Please hold the bread and dip it into the cup when it's passed. Remain at the table until all have been served. There is no age or membership requirement, for this sacrament is a gift from God-we need only receive it.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let us Break Bread Together – Black Hymnal 330

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Let Us Break Bread Together

Acts 2:42

African-American spiritual

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.

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

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 piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a key signature change to one flat (F major) for the final section. The score includes first, second, and third endings for the final phrase.

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

*CLOSING HYMN

Great Is Your Faithfulness - Black Hymnal 423
(next pages)

*UNISON BENEDICTION

May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest, be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing, and lead you in the way that is everlasting. Amen.

*CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* Please rise in spirit or body.

A special Thank You to our
musician, Ana Morel.

1 Great is your faith-ful-ness, O God, Cre-a-tor,*
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace so en-dur-ing,

with you no shad-ow of turn-ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove,
 your own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com-pas-sions they fail not;
 Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
 Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

all of your good-ness for-ev-er will be.
 to your great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 bless-ings all mine with ten thou-sand be-side.

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

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Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain
 William M. Runyan, 1923

1 Great is your faithfulness, O God Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.

You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
All of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed your hand has provided:

Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,

Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

