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Summer Worship | August 11, 2024

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- **PRELUDE:** Prelude and Fugue in F# BWV 858
- **OPENING HYMN:** When Morning Gilds the Skies*
- **MUSICAL OFFERTORY:** Come Christians, Join to Sing - Becki Slagle Mayo
- **CLOSING HYMN:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing*
- **POSTLUDE:** 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 11, 2024 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F# BWV 858

WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

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One: Jesus said: Love one another.

All: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants, now I call you my friends.

All: We come to worship God, whose friend we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praises to God,

All: And live in love and friendship, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies - Black Hymnal 86

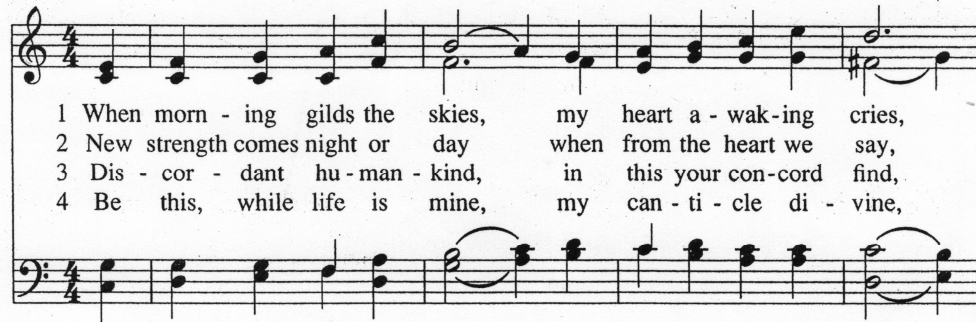
CALL TO PRAYER

One: Christ is with us.

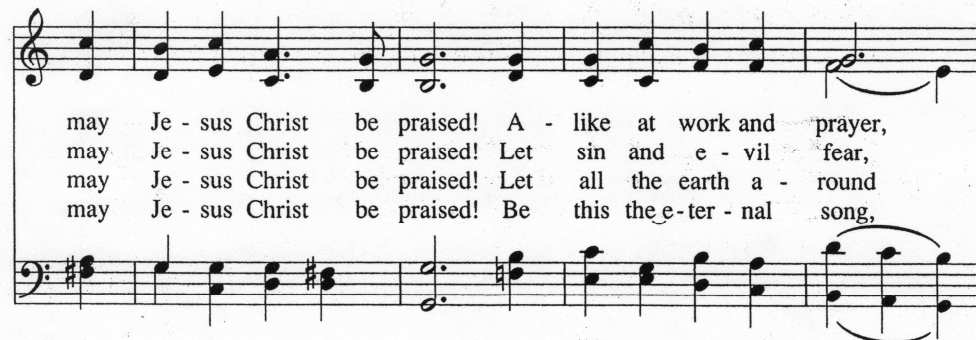
All: Christ is in our midst.

One: Let us pray.

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Ps. 5:3; 59:16-17*Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828
Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.


1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,



one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated to English by Edward Caswall, an Anglican—and later, Roman Catholic—priest. Among the scripture references is Psalm 5:3, "O God, in the morning you hear my voice. . . ."

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868

1 When morning gilds the skies, my hearts awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
one purpose I declare: may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 New strength comes night or day, when from the heart we say,
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let sin and evil fear,
when this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Discordant human-kind, in this your concord find,
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song,
through all the ages long:, may Jesus Christ be praised!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Wondrous God, you touch our lives with healing and justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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MEDITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Come Christians, Join to Sing - Becki Slagle Mayo

***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**

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We are on a journey, God.

A journey toward you.

A journey alongside you.

These offerings are landmarks on the road, arrows pointing toward your kingdom,
signs that we will keep moving closer to your heart.

Bless these gifts, and our pilgrimage toward you. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

***UNISON BENEDICTION**

**Go forth, for the love of God is ours to share,
The peace of Christ is ours to extend,
And the power of the Holy Spirit is ours to offer. Amen.**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

Descant

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

Unison

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

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life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

*CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Please rise in spirit or body.

**Thank you to our speaker, jessica young chang,
and our musician, Dot Bowe.**

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