



PILGRIM
Congregational Church



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday — September 1, 2024**

**MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED
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- **PRELUDE:** Sonata Opus 10 Nr 1:
Allegro molto e con brio - L Beethoven
- **HYMN:** O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*
- **MUSICAL OFFERTORY:** Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart - Lloyd Larson
- **COMMUNION HYMN:** Let us Break Bread Together*
- **HYMN:** Go, My Children, With My Blessing*
- **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**

PRELUDE

Sonata Opus 10 Nr 1: Allegro molto e con brio - L Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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.

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. Amen.

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 (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.

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SCRIPTURE

MEDITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given

The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERTORY Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart - Lloyd Larson

*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

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

COMMUNION HYMN Let us Break Bread Together - Black Hymnal 330

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.

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*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.

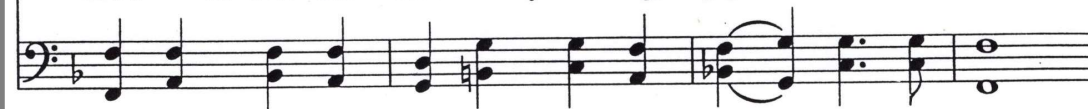
Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
 2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;



Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here with ten - der com - fort stilled you;



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.



1. Go, my children with my blessing,
 never alone;

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
 you are my own;

In my love's baptismal river I have
 made you mine forever,

Go, my children with my blessing,
 you are my own.

2. Go, my children fed and
 nourished, closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving,
 joyful and free.

Here my spirit's power filled you,
 here with tender comfort stilled you;

Go, my children fed and nourished,
 joyful and free.

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