

Pilgrim Congregational
Church, UCC



Worship Sunday
September 15, 2024

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arr. Jack Schrader
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Today's service will be recorded.

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PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze — arr. Jack Schrader

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 19

ONE: The heavens tell the glory of God.

ALL: And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

ONE: Day to day pours forth speech.

ALL: And night to night declares knowledge.

ONE: There is no speech, nor are their words - their voice is not heard.

ALL: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

ONE: And their words to the end of the world.

ALL: Heaven and earth tell the glory of God!

*OPENING PRAYER

God, our Creator, help us to love all creatures as our kin, all animals as our partners on Earth, all birds as messengers of praise, all small beings as expressions of your mysterious design and all frogs as voices of hope. Amen

*OPENING HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful — Red Hymnal 478

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All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil F. Alexander, 1823-1895

ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with Refrain
Traditional English Melody
Adapted by Martin Shaw, 1875

In unison
REFRAIN



All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,



All things wise and won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,



He made their glow-ing col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings.
The sun-set, and the morn-ing That bright-ens up the sky,
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, He made them ev - ery one.



CHILDREN

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky, [Refrain]

3 The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:22-32

²²Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek God’s kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Have Felt the Hand of God — Craig Courtney

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Izzy Leginsky

WE PRAY FOR THE ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

*HYMN

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De colores (Sing of Colors)

Mexican folk song
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1995

1 De co - lo - res, de co - lo - res se vis - ten los
1 Sing of col - ors, sing of col - ors that o - ver the
2 Sing, re - joic - ing! Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a

cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra. De co -
hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing; Sing of
song to the God of cre - a - tion. Sing, re -

lo - res, de co - lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a -
col - ors of the birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles
joic - ing! Sing to God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal -

fue - ra. De co - lo - res, de co -
sing - ing; Sing of col - ors, in the
va - tion. Sing the good news! Sing the

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lo - res es el ar - co i - ris que ve - mos sa - lir, Y por
rain - bow's bright col - ors God's prom - ise of hope we re - call; Sing of
love of the Sav - ior re - flect - ing the col - ors of all. Man - y

e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de mu - chos co - lo - res me gus - tan a
col - ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who cre - at - ed us
col - ors that shine from God's face, man - y col - ors that tell us God's love to re -

mí, Y por e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de mu - chos co -
all. Sing of col - ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the
call. Man - y col - ors that shine from God's face, man - y col - ors that

lo - res me gus - tan a mí.
God who cre - at - ed us all.
tell us God's love to re - call.

1 De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera
De colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos lucir
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí

2 Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing;
Sing of colors of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing;
Sing of colors, in the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall;
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.

3 Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of Creation.
Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation.
Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all.
Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.
Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

Children and Youth are invited to participate in a Service Project at this time.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:5b-18

How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell.⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. ¹³Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. ¹⁵This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

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

Peace, Be Not Anxious — Mary Louise Bringle

*DOXOLOGY

Red Hymnal 515

**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**

God, make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Bless these gifts that they may be used to do your will. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King — John Leavitt

Please join us for a Potluck Picnic after the service.

THANK YOU TO OUR GREETER, BOB BECKWITH, AND OUR ZOOM HOST DOUG JOHNSTON.

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

Please note: The video of this service is posted online. If you prefer not to be filmed, please sit near the rear of the sanctuary.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Luke 2:29; Rom. 1:16

Attrib. to John Fawcett, 1773; alt.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 We give thanks and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: Oh, re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er live with you in end - less day.

Influenced by George Whitefield's preaching, John Fawcett joined the Baptist church, and served as minister in Waingate, England, for fifty-four years. Yielding to the persuasion of his parishioners, he declined invitations to move elsewhere. He wrote more than 160 hymns.

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Sicilian melody, 18th century
 The European Magazine and Review, 1792

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
 fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 Let us each, your love possessing,
 triumph in redeeming grace:
 Oh refresh us, Oh refresh us,
 traveling through this wilderness.

2 We give thanks and adoration
 for your gospel's joyful sound;
 May the fruits of your salvation
 in our hearts and lives abound:
 Ever faithful, ever faithful
 to the truth may we be found.

3 So that when your love shall call us,
 Savior, from the world away,
 Fear of death shall not appall us,
 glad your summons to obey:
 May we ever, may we ever
 live with you in endless day. Amen

SOURCE NOTES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

9/20 Crafternoon Fall Start - 3:00 P.M. (In person)

9/22 Worship & Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Guest Preacher Rev. Alex Shea Will

9/29 Pickup Choir 9:45 A.M. in the Sanctuary

9/29 Worship & Sunday School at 10:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting after worship
& a Pilgrim Field Trip to the [Lex250 Countdown Clock!](#)

10/5 The Pumpkins Arrive! 9:00 A.M.

NOTICE of Meeting September 29, 2024

To all Pilgrim Church Members and Friends,

Pursuant to our Bylaws, you are invited to a Special Meeting of the congregation on Sunday, September 29 at 11:30 am or earlier, after the Worship Service.

Agenda:

The following changes to administration of the Beckwith Fund (“Fund”) were requested by the only living children of Ellison F. Beckwith, the original donor of the Fund, to more accurately reflect their father’s intent to support Pilgrim Congregational Church (“Church”). These changes were approved by the Church Council on May 21, 2024, and the Council now seeks Congregational approval.

Specifically, the Fund is proposed to be administered as follows:

1. The principal portion of the Fund, currently named the Beckwith (Principal) Fund, be classified as a Long-Term Investment as that term is defined in the Long-Term Investment Policy of Pilgrim Congregational Church as approved by Church Council on March 21, 2011;
2. All dividends and interest generated by the Beckwith (Principal) Fund shall be transferred to the Beckwith (Income) Fund on a monthly basis;
3. At the end of every calendar year, the current valuation of the Beckwith (Principal) Fund will be compared to a starting balance of \$500,000. If the end-of-year valuation exceeds \$500,000, 25% of the difference is to be transferred to the Beckwith (Income) Fund;
4. The Beckwith (Income) Fund's primary focus is the Church music program. To that end, the priority for spending shall be the music budget as developed by the Worship Committee in consultation with the Director of Music. Said budget would be used to cover items including, but not limited to, guest performers, tuning and repair of the organ and pianos, sheet music, licensing fees, and equipment such as music stands, instruments, and piano benches;
5. At the end of the program year (August 30), if there is money in the Beckwith (Income) Fund after accounting for the music budget, the remaining money could be used for any purpose approved by the Church Council;
6. These administrative processes will take effect retroactive to December 31, 2023; and
7. According to Ellison Beckwith's original request, in the event that the Church should be dissolved or liquidated, or the Church for any reason is unable to make use of the Beckwith Fund, the principal and the unexpended income and interest shall be given to the Andover-Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. If Andover-Newton is not operating as a theological seminary, then all proceeds, income, and interest shall go to a Protestant theological educational institution selected by the Church.

Any other pertinent matters that may arise. Everyone is invited to attend; only members may vote. Council expects this will be a very brief meeting. Childcare will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Moir, Clerk

