



Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
Worship Sunday — October 13, 2024

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***Today's service will be recorded.***

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken arr. Don Michael Dicie  
with Dan and Nancy

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

\*GATHERING SONG

Come All You People (Uyai Mose)

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.

Come all you people, come praise your maker (x3)  
Come now and worship the Lord

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Inspired by Psalm 90)

ONE: Loving and Steadfast God,

**ALL: Teach us this day, that we may gain a wise heart.**

ONE: Giving and blessing God,

**ALL: Teach us this day, that we may gain a wise heart.**

ONE: Challenging and prophetic God,

**ALL: Teach us this day, that we may gain a wise heart.**

ONE: And in all things, may the works of our hands reflect the wisdom of your heart.

# \*OPENING HYMN

# Praise to the Living God — Black Hymnal 8

GOD

8

## Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.



1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose  
2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose  
3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who  
4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -



word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.  
yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.



Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -  
Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till  
God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And  
In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May



vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.  
hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.  
deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.  
we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.



*Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.*

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.  
George J. Elvey, 1868

1 Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,  
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,  
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

2 Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,  
Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal,  
Till human-kind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.

3 Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,  
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.  
God toils wher-e're we toil, in home and mart and mill;  
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

4 Praise to the living God, around, within, above,  
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but who we know as love.  
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,  
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.



## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Eternal One, whose thoughts and ways are not ours,  
you alone are God, awesome, holy, and most high.  
School us in the ways of faith and wisdom,  
that we may truly understand,  
and find blessing in your word. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING      Mark 10: 17-31

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one

another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Let All Things Now Living arr. Stan Pethel  
with John and Zac G.

*Children are invited to participate in a Sunday School hike at this time.*

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

\*RESPONSE HYMN

Jesus, I have Promised — Black Hymnal 493

DISCIPLESHIP

O Jesus, I Have Promised

493

John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!  
 O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.  
A. H. Mann, 1883  
Alternate tune: MUNICH

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend:  
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will!  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!  
O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul!

3 O Jesus, you hast promised to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory you servant shall be, too;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Savior and my Friend!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.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

The Power of Your Love arr. Jane Holstein

\*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**

**Great God of Heaven and Earth,  
you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future.  
Sometimes we find your call challenging.  
We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present.  
May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

Sent Forth By God's Blessing — Black Hymnal 76

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Gigue — Douglas Wagner

**Please join us for social time after worship.**

**THANK YOU TO OUR ZOOM  
HOST, MADELEINE CLARK.**

*\*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.*

**SOURCE NOTES**

The Prayer of dedication is from the **United Methodist Foundation of Michigan**. Cover Art by Barbara Munkres.

## 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 -  
God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -  
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.





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