



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday — November 16, 2025**

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Today's service will be recorded.

WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 16, 2025

PRELUDE

Meditation — Douglas Wagner

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*GATHERING SONG

Come Ye Thankful People Come — (Pilgrim Hymnal 461 verse 1)
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 98)

ONE: Let us raise our voices in joyful song for the Lord has done wonders for us
and for all creation.

**ALL: Let us make a different song, one that has not been sung before,
one with words that no one has ever heard.**

ONE: Let us shout out in praise for the one who has saved us and loved us
more than we deserve.

**ALL: Let us gather together with our instruments and play them with joy
for the Lord has done great things.**

ONE: Let us join with all creation in praising the One who will render judgement,
who will make all things right.

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Dev A.

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.

George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home;

All is safe-ly gath-ered in, Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;

God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied;

Come to God's own tem-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat signs in both staves of the final system.

OFFERTORY

With Joy You Shall Draw Water — Marty Haugen

*DOXOLOGY

Pilgrim 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

We bring these gifts to you, O God, because we love you and love our neighbors. We trust that you will multiply them as with the loaves and fishes. In this giving, renew our commitment to your vision of a renewed world, where not a single one of your beloved children goes hungry. May it be so. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise — New Century Hymnal 1
(pages 6-7)

*At this time, children and youth are invited to participate
in Service Project Sunday in Pilgrim Hall.*

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 kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN

What a Covenant — New Century Hymnal 471 (pages 7-8)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well.

²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

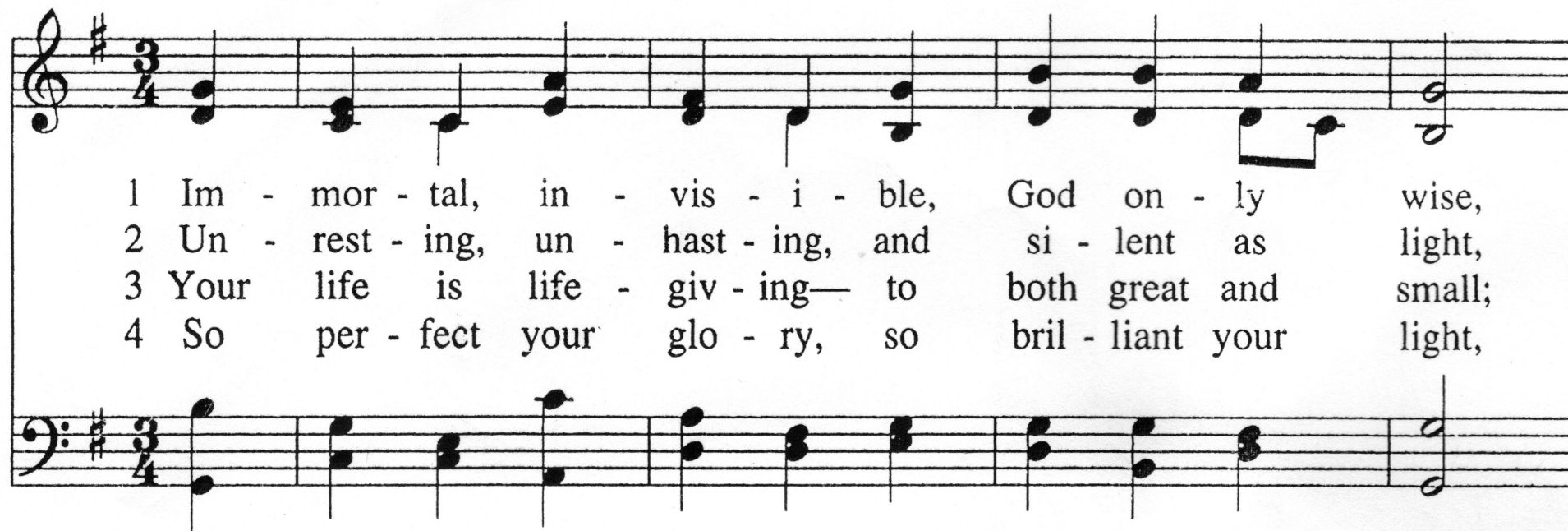
²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

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What a Covenant

*Deut. 33:27**Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.*

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing



Refrain



on the ev-er - last-ing arms.

on the ev-er - last-ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from

on the ev-er - last-ing arms.



all a-larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms.



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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Like as the Hart — Herbert Howells

SERMON

Rev. Katie Omberg

*CLOSING HYMN

Take My Gifts — New Century Hymnal 562 (pages 12-13)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Katie Omberg

POSTLUDE

A Pleasant Thought — Florence D. Price

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

ABOUT REV. KATIE OMBERG

Rev. Katie Omberg currently serves as the Area Conference Minister (ACM) for the Northeast Region of the Southern New England Conference of the UCC. That is a lot of words to say that they are responsible for care and connection with the churches in the Metro Boston and Northeast Associations. Prior to this role, they served as an intentional interim pastor at multiple churches in the area. Katie lives in Medford with their partner and cat, and enjoys hiking in the White Mountains.

Thank you the Moffitt and Clark Family for volunteering for worship leadership and coffee hour today, and for our additional music leadership by Ogechi Okoye and Elena Snow.

SOURCE NOTES

The Call to Worship is by Katherine Burgess, adapting Psalm 98 for the UCC's Living Psalms. Cover drawing by Dev A.

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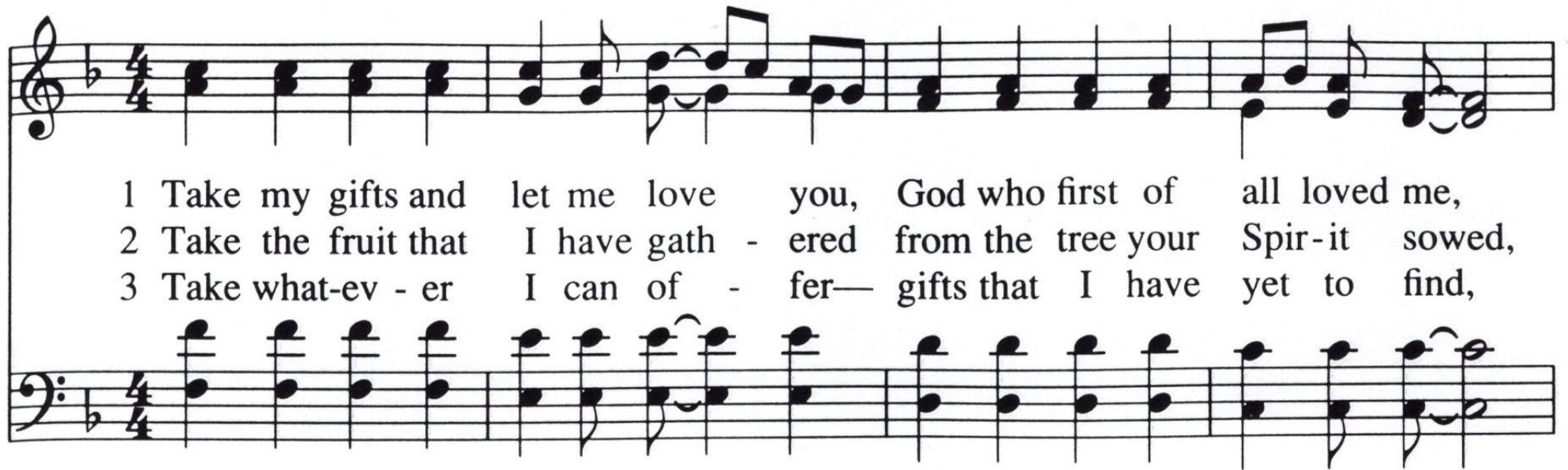
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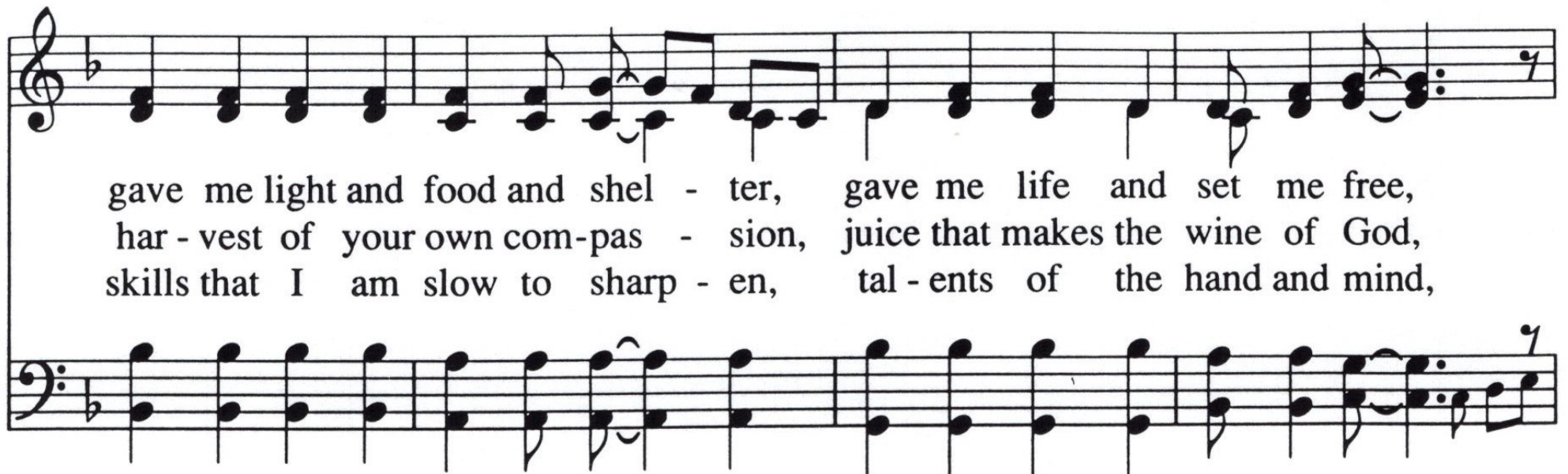
Take My Gifts

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1991



1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
3 Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,



gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,



now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.



STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We honor the Biblical call to love one another as God first loved us.
We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people of any race,
nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity,
age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status,
and physical, mental, and emotional abilities.



MISSION STATEMENT

*A welcoming home to all spiritual seekers Making a difference in our world,
By fusing our Christian faith with everyday life and Serving God by serving others.*



CHILDREN AT PILGRIM

Children are a beloved part of our worshiping community,
and we welcome them as full participants in God's presence,
helping them feel at home at Pilgrim.
Professional childcare for infants and toddlers
is available in the nursery from 10:15 to the end of the service.

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



VISUAL AND HEARING AIDS

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