

Welcome to Worship with Church of the Pilgrims

Sunday, May 5, 2024 11:00 a.m.

We are pilgrims, together on a spiritual journey, trusting God to show us the way.

We welcome you to come and seek, to study and question, to pray and sing, and to worship and wonder.

**Please stand, in body or in Spirit, when indicated.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Adagio non troppo in F

Alexandre Guilmant

Gathering Hymn (*We'll sing this paperlessly. Listen in and sing along!*)

***Call to Worship** (*Adapted from Mark 12:28-31*)

One: One day, as folks were listening to Jesus teach, they asked him - which commandment is the most important of all.

Many: Jesus told them - Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

One: Then Jesus continued, saying:

Many: The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.

One: Jesus teaches us to live in love: love for God and love for our neighbor.

Many: Then let us know and share God's love.

One: Let us know and share God's justice.

Many: Let us know and share God's healing.

One: Let us know and share God's peace.

Many: Let us know and share God's hope.

One: Come, dear friends, and let us worship our God, with Love!

***Hymn #619**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer (Unison)

God of Grace, hear our prayer. You watch as our world brims, battles, and breaks. You hear your people crying out for change, protesting for ceasefire, petitioning against budget cuts, demanding climate justice, working together to end racism, and organizing to build and become the communities you've called us to be. These are all acts of our faith, of hope, and of love. By your power, send us the inspiration, endurance, and creativity we need to keep up these actions. Forgive us when we don't do enough, don't say enough, and don't work together enough. And remind us, again and again, of your steadfast love, as you continue to pour it into our hearts, our organizations, our community, and our world. Amen.

Peace

May the peace of God be with you all. And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Anthem #459

O Word of God Incarnate

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon

Hymn #315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Offering and Announcements

You can share with Pilgrims and our community by leaving a donation in the basket on the communion table or give online either by scanning the QR code, visiting our website at www.churchofthepilgrims.org or texting "PILGRIMS" to 73256.



***The Communion Feast**

All are invited to gather around the table and share in the meal God has provided. We use bread and grape juice, and we have gluten-free crackers available.

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Meal

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

O God, help us to know your love. Help us to share your love. Always. Amen.

***Closing Song #608**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Benediction**

Postlude

Largo from Voluntary in G Major

John Garth

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

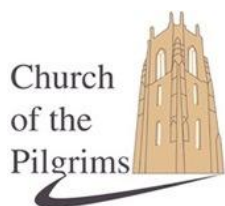
You are invited to stay after worship for a time of fellowship in the sanctuary.

Participating in today's worship service: Flanny Flanigan, Liturgist;

Nancy Daugherty, tech volunteer; Dan Shore, music; Erin Counihan, preaching

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If you're looking for more information on our ministry and how to get involved, please visit us online at www.churchofthepilgrims.org or contact Pastor Erin at erin@churchofthepilgrims.org.



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Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

459 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

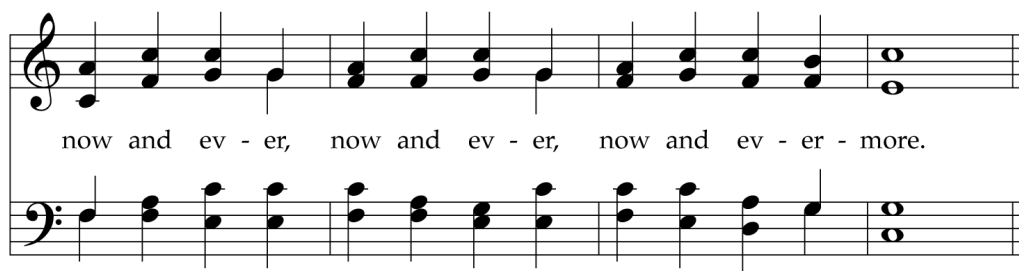
chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung,
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

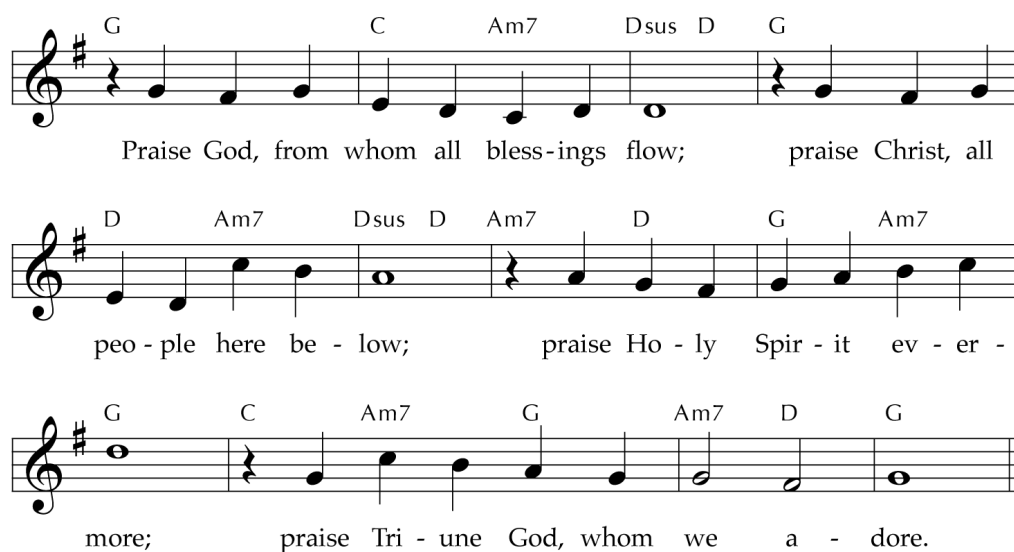
lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Praise God, from Whom 608 All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
 more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

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