



Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 2024

Prelude	<i>Somos del Señor</i>	Emma Lou Diemer
Greeting		Rev. Colin Knapp
Introit	Sanctify Me	V. Michael McKay
*Call to Worship		Sally Olson

We have come to worship! We have come to praise!  
**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**  
We have come to lament. We have come to pray.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**  
We have come to honor all those who are strangers, sojourners, immigrants,  
refugees, exiles, all those who are “other,” who are “different.”  
**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**  
Come, Holy Spirit, come and be with us in this time and space. Amen.

*Opening Hymn	<i>Come! Live in the Light!</i>	p. 3
Opening Prayer		Sally Olson
Confession		Rev. Colin Knapp

Hear our cries to You, O Lord:  
for our lack of compassion toward the poor,  
have mercy on us;  
for our failure to end the destruction of the air, water,  
soil, and creatures on Earth,  
have mercy on us;  
for making war,  
have mercy on us;  
for mistrusting Your Word,  
have mercy on us;  
for all that we have done and not done  
out of hardened hearts,  
have mercy on us.

(time for silent confession)

Forgive us and renew us.  
Guide us into ways that do not deny You  
but lead to peace. Amen.

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Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Do not be afraid.  
The One who was and is and is to come  
knows you through and through  
and has overcome death and sin to forgive you,  
so that you might be delivered into joy that  
has no end.  
Your sins are forgiven.  
You are alive in God in Christ Jesus.

<b>Response</b>	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	p. 5
<b>Children's Message</b>		Maureen Deahl
<b>Scripture Reading</b>		Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
<i>One: This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. All: Thanks be to God</i>		
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Queer Faith</i>	Rev. Marilyn Pagán-Banks
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>I Will Rise</i>	Tomlin/Larson
<b>Prayer for the Offering</b>		Sally Olson

### \*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!*

### Prayers of the People Loving God, Hear our Prayer

**Lord's Prayer** All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the manner of their choosing, included below is one version:

*Our Father (Mother, 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  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.*



# 740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D) Refrain (A7) (Em)  
 Eb- Bb7 Fm 3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you  
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
 day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Fine*  
 I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me  
 o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your  
 face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *to Refrain*

**Announcements**

Rev. Henrietta Brown

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

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**\*Benediction**

Rev. Marilyn Pagán-Banks

**Postlude**

Postlude on "Vida e Luz"

João W. Faustini

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
2 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
3 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
4 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
5 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
2 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
3 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
4 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
5 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
(repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to “wash one another’s feet” (John 13:14).

## **Pilgrim History**

**In the 1920s and '30s, a prominent Pilgrim couple, the Firmans, helped to start Ewing Street Church in the area around Jane Addams' Hull House. In 1938, the Firman House, a settlement house serving immigrants from Europe and migrating African-Americans from the South, was opened.**

Today's Liturgist is Sally Olson. Connect Leaders are Bruce Cox and Kyle Kent. Ushers are Mark Pedigo and Jeff Petertil. Our Online Worship Coordinators are Delena Wilkerson, Chuck Behensky, David Taylor-Glass, and Carol Bustamante. Our Sextons are Claudia Divis and Leslie Lauderdale. We give our thanks for their important contributions to our worship gathering. Pilgrim seeks to be accessible to all. Please ask an usher for assistance you may need to worship with us.

## **Announcements**

### **Strengthen The Church Special Offering**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

Pilgrim Congregational Church will take a special collection for the United Church of Christ's Strengthen The Church offering. This offering helps to plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life of youth and young adults. Your contribution will support our denomination's local ministries in important ways. Please be generous!

### **Pilgrim Celebrating Graduates of all ages, Connect Leaders and Youths**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

In our 10:30 AM worship the Ministry of Christian Education and the Ministry of Christian Community will honor and Celebrate our Connect Leaders, Youths and 2024 graduates of all ages so **Mark your Calendars** and join us in worship that Sunday! Kindergarten thru PHD and anything in between. Please let me know by May 10th if you or someone in your family is graduating so we can recognize these accomplishments.

Maureen.deahl@pilgrimoakpark.org or at (708) 207-2208.

### **Movie "The Swimmers"**

**Thursday, May 23, 2024, 6:30 PM**

The Immigration Group will show The Swimmers, an inspiring film about Syrian sisters forced to flee their home and their lives as refugees and Olympic swimmers. This showing is free and we think it will speak to everyone, including older children and youth. If you'd like free childcare for children under 10, please RSVP to the church office by May 20.

### **Saturday Morning Power Hours**

**Saturdays, June, August & October, 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM**

Return this Summer with free Secular programming for ages 2-10 during Farmers Market. No pre-registration required. Just drop in. Power Hours will take place on all Saturday

mornings in June, August and October.

Youth ages 12 years old and up who are interested in leading with me on any of these Saturdays, please reach out to me at [maureen.deahl@pilgrimoakpark.org](mailto:maureen.deahl@pilgrimoakpark.org).

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