



*Christ Before Pilate Again, 1308*  
– Duccio di Buoninsegna



PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reign of Christ Sunday  
November 26, 2023

**Prelude** *A Mighty Fortress* J.G. Walther

**Greetings** Jeff Petertil

**Introit** *To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King* Noel Goemanne

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Colin Knapp

God established the world from of old.  
**God's reign shall never end.**

God delivered us in freedom and truth.  
**God's love is everlasting.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress (stzs. 1,2,4)* p. 3 & 4

**\*Opening Prayer** Jeff Petertil

**Confession** Rev. Colin Knapp

Holy One,  
we dare to call You Lord,  
but yield to You only in fragments of our lives.  
You had nowhere to lay your head;  
we surround ourselves with comfort.  
We expect to serve You with what remains  
after we have indulged our desires.  
Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,  
our desire to pick the times and places  
we will respond to Your call.  
In Your abundant mercy, teach us what it means to follow,  
even at the cost of our very lives. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to  
everlasting — it cannot be contained, but must be poured out.

Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.

Now, live as a people set free.

## 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

EIN' FESTE BURG  
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Response

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

# Come and Fill Our Hearts 466 *Confitemini Domino*

D Bm D A

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.  
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Em C Em A D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

This prayer chant—intended for repeated singing—was originally created for a Latin text (Psalm 106:1a and Psalm 118:1a, 29a) on which the present English text is loosely based. Chants at Taizé often use Latin because it is a language free of political overtones.

TEXT and MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982  
 Text and Music © 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

CONFITEMINI DOMINO  
 Irregular

*One: This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. All: Thanks be to God*

**Children's Message**

Maureen Deahl

**Sermon***How is Christ King?*

Rev. Colin Knapp

**Anthem***I Was Hungry*

Ken Medema

**Prayer for the Offering**

Jeff Petertil

**\*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, for ever and ever. Amen*

**Organ Interlude***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

James Biery

**Announcements****Closing Hymn***You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

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**\*Benediction**

Rev. Colin Knapp

**Nursery Care** during worship is available for children ages 5 and under. Please see an usher for location. Today's Nursery Attendants are Katherine Obed & Otto Huber.

Today's Liturgist is Jeff Petertil. Connect Leaders are Maureen Deahl and Cheri Houha. Ushers are James Jones and Mark Pedigo. Our Online Worship Coordinators are Delena Wilkerson, Chuck Behensky, and David Taylor-Glass. Our Sextons are Claudia Divis and Leslie Lauderdale. **We give our thanks** for their important contributions to our worship gathering. Our guest pianist today is Rob Clearfield. Today's prelude and postlude will be improvisations.

A deacon will be available for **healing prayer** every Sunday, after worship, in the front pew.

# You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: (Am)  
Dm

(F) (C) (Em) (Am) (A7)  
B<sup>b</sup> F Am Dm D7



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both  
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -  
3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er  
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)  
Gm C F B<sup>b</sup> Am Gm Dm



prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er  
on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B<sup>b</sup>) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)  
E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> A D/F# Gm



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing  
have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)  
Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm



in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.  
in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

## Announcements

### **Holiday Artisan Market and Cookie Walk!**

**Saturday, December 2, 2023, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Save the date! Pilgrim Community Nursery School's Annual Holiday Artisan Market and Cookie Walk is Saturday December 2nd, 10 am - 2 pm in Fellowship Hall. Calling all Pilgrim crafters and artisans! If you would like to set up a table to sell your creations for the event, please scan the QR code on the PCNS door for more information. As a Pilgrim congregant, your registration fee for a table will be waived.

We are also welcoming handmade raffle item donations and cookie walk bakers! Contact Emily for more information [emily.norman@pilgrimschool.net](mailto:emily.norman@pilgrimschool.net)

**Housing Forward** is once again looking for people to sponsor families and individuals so that they might receive gifts this Christmas and more importantly, know that they are loved and cared for. The forms to sign up can be found at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to sponsor an individual or family and don't have time to shop and wrap, Kathleen would be happy to do so. Talk with her or email at [klojas38@gmail.com](mailto:klojas38@gmail.com).

### **MultiGenerational Christmas Pageant**

**Sunday, December 17, 10:30 AM**

Come join us as we experience the joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus. We will hear the story through Scripture, instrumental and vocal music, and congregation participation. And of course, we will see the story through shepherds, angels, a band of kings, animals of all sorts, Mary and Joseph, and the baby Jesus.

### **Adult Christian Education**

**Sunday, December 10, 2023, 9:30 AM**

Plan to attend Adult C.E. hour on December 10th when Pilgrim welcomes Dr. Arie Zmora who will share some of his extensive knowledge about the history and complexities of the Israel/Hamas war. Dr. Zmora has been a college and secondary educator in both Israel and the United States, as well as worked on cross-cultural / educational exchanges between Israel, Syria and Palestine. Watch for more information in December's Tidings.

### **MIGRANT ASSISTANCE**

Community of Congregations has established a Migrant Response Portal through which community members can volunteer their time, expertise and donate money and supplies to support our new neighbors. To volunteer time and talent; or donate, click here:

<https://www.communityofcongregations.org/migrant-crisis/>

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