



Pilgrim Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
October 24, 2021

Music streamed in today's service

Andante in D Major - Johann Ludwig Krebs and  
Fantasie in F minor - W.A. Mozart  
Turn Your Hearts - Gaylen A. Hatton  
Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult - PH#322  
Prelude in C minor - JS Bach

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Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Reebee Girash

A Word from Out MetroWest - Whitney Retallic, Executive Director

introduced by Mona Roy

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship our God,  
to listen to the One who calls us here.

**All: We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days,  
as surely as were our grandparents in the faith.**

One: We come to worship our God,  
to shout with joy to the God of all people.

**All: We come to the Creator of all things,  
to be bathed in the waters of life.**

One: We come to the Feast of God's faithful,  
to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

**All: We come to worship our God,  
to sing aloud to the One who saves us.**

## Opening Prayer

**Yesterday, God of our days, when our hunger for hope  
had so weakened us we could barely speak,  
you fed us with the Bread of life,  
spread with the sweet honey of your grace.**

**Today, Host to the poor, when we look for you  
in the powerful and the rich, among the superstar and celebrity,  
we will find you seated with the children,  
your knees squeezed painfully  
under the table, entertaining them with your stories.**

**Tomorrow, Spirit of Service, when we will be scrambling  
For the seats of honor, you will be in the kitchen  
cooking dinner for the homeless; making up the guest room  
for the immigrants; singing lullabies of love  
to the lost children of our world.**

**God in Community, Holy in One: yesterday, today, tomorrow, always,  
we will pray as Jesus has taught us, saying,**

## 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. 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.**

## The Peace

Sarah Jane Fuller

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

## Rhythm Moment

Dot Bowe

*Children and Youth are invited to Sunday School at this time - please meet Sarah and the teachers at the rear of the sanctuary.*

## Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-15

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 “When you are 4

invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

<sup>15</sup> One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Testimony

Rich Edmiston

Stewardship Prayer

**God of the journey,**

**Over and over, we become scattered and separated. Over and over, like a good shepherd, you find us and bring us home. For all the togetherness you've granted us at Pilgrim Church, thank you. For the gift of faith that gets us through times of separation, thank you. For music and prayer, for technology that bridges distance, for care packages and the pumpkin patch, for daily prayers, Sunday School and Bible Study, for mission partnerships and for the voices of friends, for all this and more, thank you. In your generosity and grace, O God, grant us the wisdom to see that our giving can help to make our separations easier, and our homecomings even more joyful.**

**Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Reebee Girash

Offertory

Turn Your Hearts - Gaylen A. Hatton

Pilgrim Church Choir

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Reebee Girash

**God of Hope, bless these gifts, that they may make a future filled with hope for our neighbors, our community, and our congregation. Amen.**

\*Hymn

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Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

Prelude in C minor - JS Bach

Dot Bowe

# \*Hymn Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult- PH#322

1 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

2 As of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
Leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us; by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love thee best of all. Amen.

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## Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

First Tune

*Cecil F. Alexander, 1823-1895*

GALILEE 8.7.8.7.

*William H. Jude, 1851-1922*



1 Je - sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea;  
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it By the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold-en store,  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,  
5 Je - sus calls us; by thy mer - cies, Sav-ior, may we hear thy call,



Day by day his sweet voice sound-eth, Say-ing, "Christian, fol - low me."  
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, Leav-ing all for his dear sake.  
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say-ing, "Christian, love me more."  
Still he calls, in cares and pleas-ures, "Christian, love me more than these."  
Give our hearts to thine o - be-dience, Serve and love thee best of all. A-men.





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Thank you to **Duncan Todd**, today's Zoom host.

*Source Notes:* The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are by Thom Schuman.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am