



Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
Sunday - January 22, 2023

## MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE LICENSED FOR STREAMING/PODCAST by OneLicense

- PRELUDE: Werde munter, mein Gemute – J. Pachelbel
- OPENING HYMN: What a Covenant\*
- ANTHEM: The Summons – John L Bell
- RESPONSE HYMN: O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright\*
- OFFERTORY: Two Fishermen – Suzanne Toolan
- CLOSING HYMN: Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult
- POSTLUDE: All Creatures of Our God and King – John Leavitt

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***Today's service will be recorded.***



**Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation**

**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.*

**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.*

**Children at Pilgrim**

Children are an important part of our worshipping community. We try to make them feel at home! All are welcome. Professional childcare for infants and toddlers is available in Pilgrim Hall from 10:15 to the end of the service.

**Visual and Hearing Aids**

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex.

**Large Print bulletins** and  
Sermons texts are available.

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PRELUDE

Werde munter, mein Gemute – J. Pachelbel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF 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.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Deven Amaravadi

One: With God on our side,

**All: There is nothing to fear.**

One: When we stay on God's side,

**All: There is nothing to fear.**

One: When we stay on the side of Love,

**All: There is nothing to fear.**

One: God is the stronghold of our life,

**All: There's nothing to fear.**

One: One thing we ask of God:

**All: That we may dwell in God's house, all our days.**

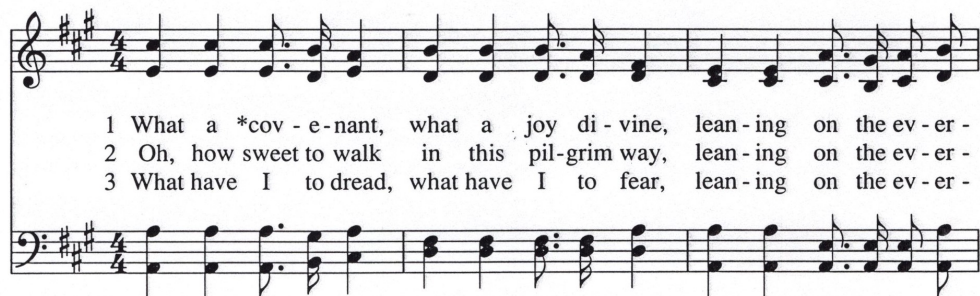
## \*OPENING HYMN

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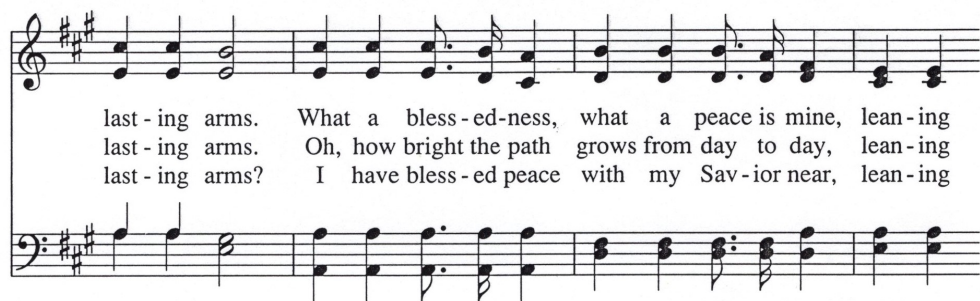
Deut. 33:27

## What a Covenant

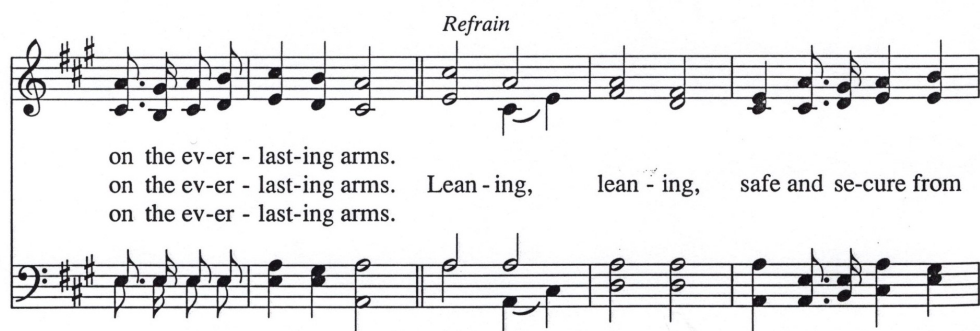
Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.



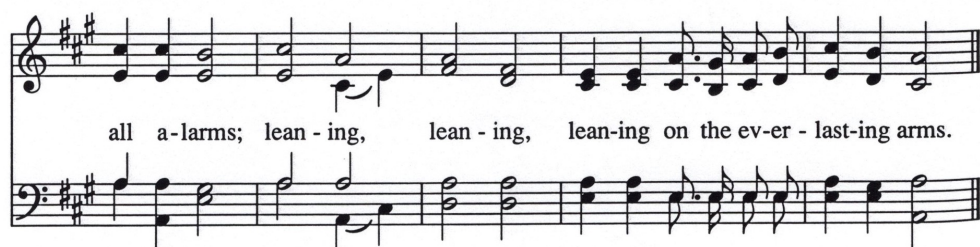
1 What a \*cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



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.

## What a Covenant — Black Hymnal 471

1 What a covenant, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to  
day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

[Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Savior near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

[Refrain]



## OPENING PRAYER

Deven Amaravadi

**Holy God, we come to your house this morning, to dwell for a while in your love. In the sanctuary and far away, we gather this morning to listen to your wisdom. We come to your house this morning to lean on everlasting arms, to gather strength, to find blessed peace. And we come this morning to hear your call on our lives. Meet us here in worship today. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Deven Amaravadi

Matthew 4:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

<sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

<sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles —

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake — for they were fishermen.

<sup>19</sup>And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’

<sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother

John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

ANTHEM

The Summons — John L Bell  
Sung by Mary McDermott and Isabella Stevens

*Children and Youth are invited to Sunday School for a Lunar New Year experience at this time. Please gather at the rear of the Sanctuary with Sarah Jane Fuller.*

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

\*RESPONSE HYMN

O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright — Black Hymnal 158  
(following page)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Two Fishermen — Suzanne Toolan

## O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright

Isa. 60:19-20; Rom. 15:7-13

Philipp Nicolai, 1598  
Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

1 O Morn-ing Star, how clear and bright, your beam shines forth in  
2 Come heav-en-ly Bright-ness, Light di-vine, and deep with-in my

truth and light! My Sov-ereign meek and low-ly! O Root of Jes-se,  
heart now shine, there make your-self an al-tar! Fill me with joy and

Prom-ised One, my God and Rul-er, you have won my heart to serve you  
strength to be your mem-ber, joined e-ter-nal-ly in love that can-not

sole-ly! You are ho-ly, great and glo-rious, all-vic-to-rious,  
fal-ter; Long-ing for you does pos-sess me; turn and bless me;

This German chorale by Lutheran pastor Philipp Nicolai became so popular that its tune was chimed by church bells and its words engraved on pottery. It has been called "the queen of chorales."

Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET 8.8.7.8.8.7.4.8.4.8.  
Philipp Nicolai, 1598  
Harm. J. S. Bach, c. 1731

Rich in bless-ing, rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing.  
Here in sad-ness eye and heart long for your glad-ness.

1 O Morning Star, how clear and bright,  
your beam shines forth in truth and light!  
My Sovereign meek and lowly!  
O Root of Jesse, Promised One,  
my God and Ruler, you have won  
my heart to serve you solely!  
You are holy, great and glorious, all-victorious,  
Rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

2 Come heavenly Brightness, Light divine,  
and deep within my heart now shine,  
there make yourself an altar!  
Fill me with joy and strength to be your member,  
joined eternally in love that cannot falter; Longing  
for you does possess me; turn and bless me;  
Here in sadness eye and heart long for your  
gladness.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Red 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**

**God of Love,  
you call us to leave behind our preoccupations  
and to follow you into the future,  
unafraid.  
Sometimes we find your call challenging.  
We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present.  
May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness  
to follow where you lead.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

A special Thank You to our Liturgist, Deven Amaravadi, and our Zoom host,  
Duncan Todd.



# \*CLOSING HYMN

# Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult—Red Hymnal 322

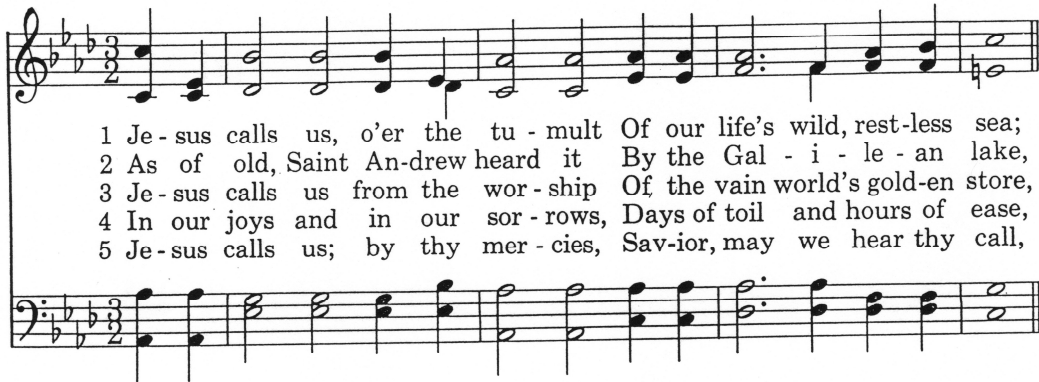
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## Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

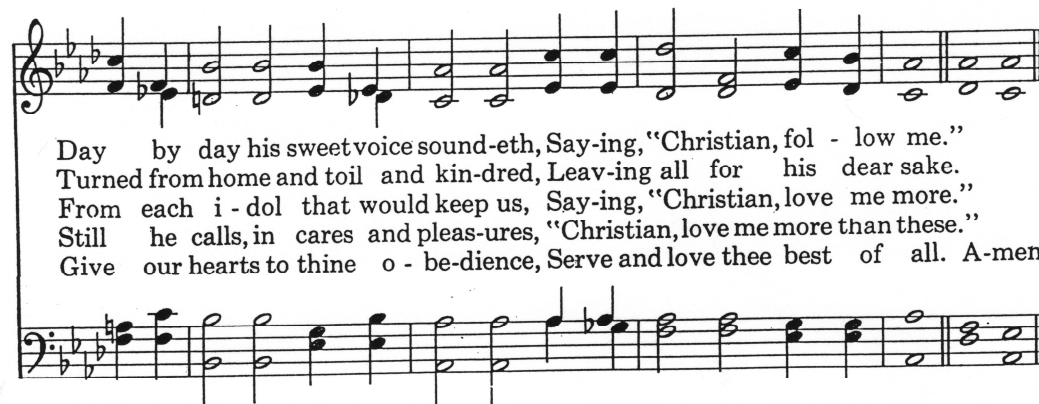
First Tune

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-i-or, 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.

- 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

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King – John Leavitt

SOURCE NOTES

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