



**Pilgrim Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday Worship  
March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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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.

## Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC | March 19, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

Have Thine own Way, Lord — James Southbridge

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May you be at peace in mind, peace in body, and peace with your neighbors, family and friends. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Draw as close as you dare, children of God. Press into community and fellowship.

**All: For Christ is found, not only in solitude but in the noise and chaos of the crowd.**

One: Draw close and press in, for together in worship, we truly become the body of Christ.

**All: Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.**

One: There is a time to find God by ourselves and a time to find God together.

**All: We gather as a community of saints to praise and worship our God in unity.**

**Come, let us worship!**

# \*OPENING HYMN

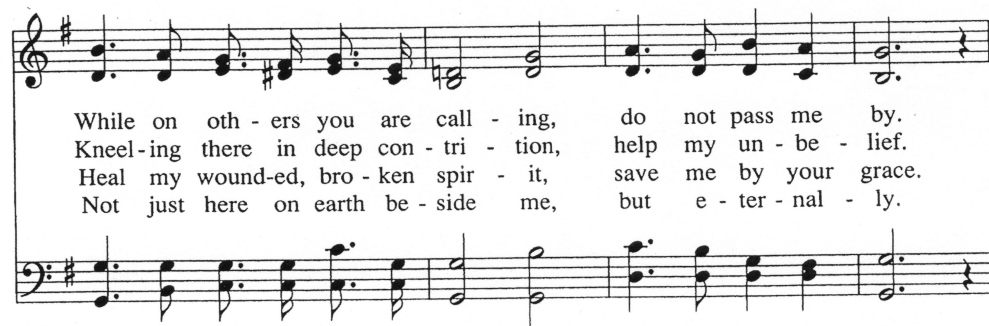
## Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior – Black Hymnal 551

Luke 18:35–43

Fanny Crosby (1820–1915); alt.

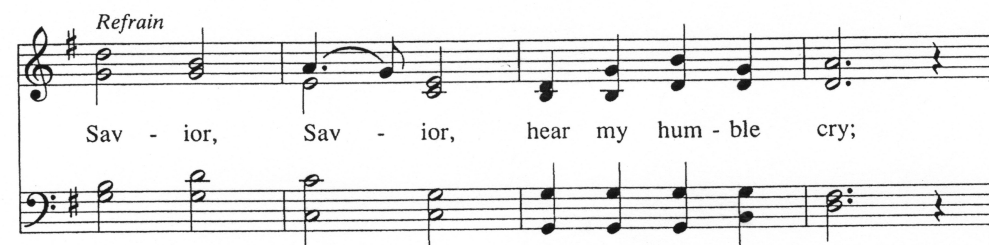


1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;  
 2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;  
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;  
 4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me;

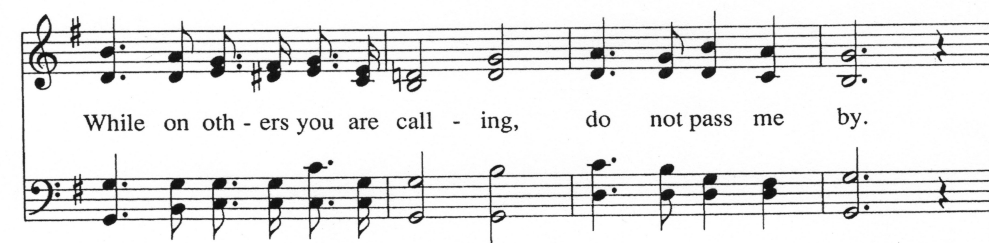


While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.  
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.  
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.  
 Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;



While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.

Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.

Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5. with refrain  
 William H. Doane (1832–1915)

1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
 hear my humble cry,  
 While on others you are calling,  
 do not pass me by.

Refrain:

Savior, Savior,  
 Hear my humble cry;  
 While on others you are calling,  
 Do not pass me by.

2 Let me at your throne of mercy  
 find a sweet relief;  
 Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
 Help my unbelief. [Refrain]

3 Trusting only in your merit,  
 would I seek you face;  
 Heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
 save me by your grace. [Refrain]

4 Be the Spring of all my comfort,  
 more than life to me,



## OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you sent Jesus to walk among the crowds, to experience the dust and sweat of humanity, and to witness human life on earth.

And even though he took time for himself to be alone, Jesus met us wherever we gathered.

Even now, you are faithful to meet us when we gather in community, whether virtually or in person, in quiet prayer or in loud laughter.

When we combine our gifts, personalities, and quirks, we can see a fuller picture of who you are.

So open our eyes to seeing you in one another today as we worship. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, 'I do choose. Be made clean.' Immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup>And he ordered him to tell no one. 'Go', he said, 'and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them.' <sup>15</sup>But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. <sup>16</sup>But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

Luke 8:42b-56

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. <sup>43</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. <sup>44</sup>She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her haemorrhage stopped. <sup>45</sup>Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' <sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' <sup>47</sup>When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup>He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

<sup>49</sup>While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' <sup>50</sup>When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' <sup>51</sup>When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. <sup>52</sup>They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' <sup>53</sup>And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup>But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' <sup>55</sup>Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. <sup>56</sup>Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

One: Here end the readings. Hear what the Spirit of God is  
saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Children are invited to Sunday School at this time.  
Please gather at the rear of the Sanctuary with Sarah Jane Fuller.*

## SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us confess our sins of trespassing boundaries together.

**All: Holy and righteous God, you taught us to treat one another as we would like to be treated and to honor one another. Therefore, we believe in bodily autonomy, consent, and privacy, because we know you have endowed each person with the right to decide how close or how known they want to be. But we have not always respected bodily autonomy, consent, and privacy.**

**We listened in when we should have walked away.**

**We hugged or kissed when we should have asked for permission.**

**We gave gifts when we were asked to refrain.**

**We stayed late when we should have left on time.**

**We gave advice when we were not asked.**

**We spoke words of judgment about someone else's situation.**

**We shared secrets that were not ours to share.**

**We embarrassed someone for a laugh.**

**We shamed someone for a few more clicks.  
We posted or commented when we should have been silent.  
God, we have trespassed boundaries. Please forgive our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
May we learn to love each other better and more carefully. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**Rev. Reebee Girash**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN**

**Jesus, Lover of My Soul – Black Hymnal 546  
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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Rev. Reebee Girash**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Rev. Reebee Girash**

**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.**

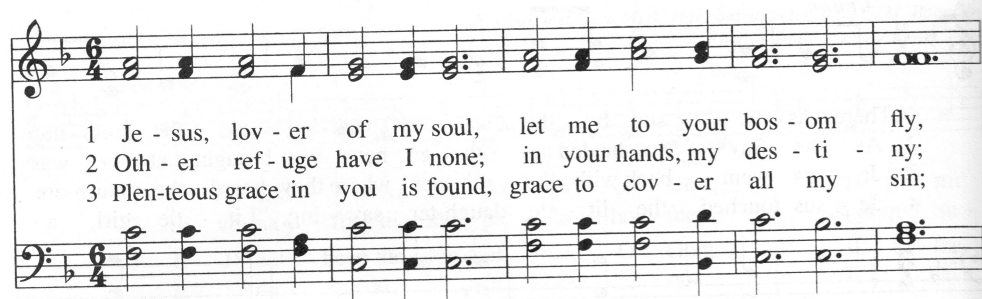
**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**Rev. Reebee Girash**

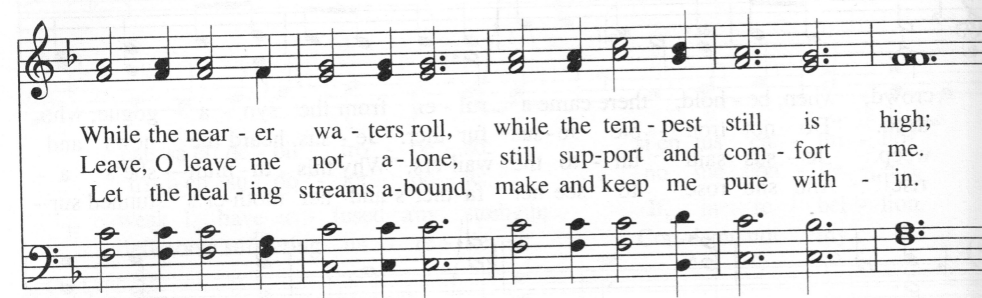


## Jesus, Lover of My Soul

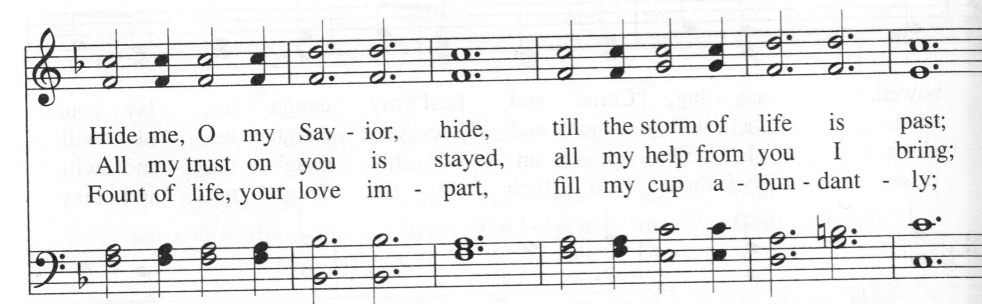
Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



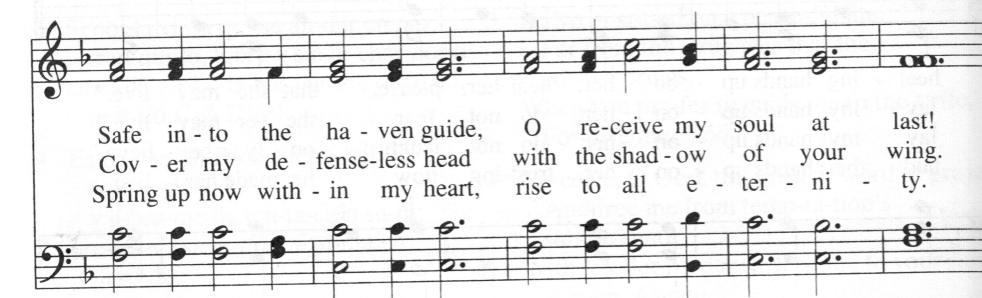
1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to your bos - om fly,  
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; in your hands, my des - ti - ny;  
 3 Plen-teous grace in you is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



While the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;  
 Leave, O leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
 All my trust on you is stayed, all my help from you I bring;  
 Fount of life, your love im - part, fill my cup a - bun - dant - ly;



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of your wing.  
 Spring up now with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn soon after his 1738 conversion and titled it "In Temptation." Once considered so intimate that it was omitted from many eighteenth-century hymnals, it is

Tune: MARTYN 7.7.7.D.

Simeon B. Marsh, 1834

Alternate tune: ABERYSTWYTH

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,  
 let me to thy bosom fly,  
 While the nearer waters roll,  
 while the tempest still is high;  
 Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
 till the storm of life is past;  
 Safe into the haven guide,  
 O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;  
 in your hands, my destiny;  
 Leave, oh! leave me not alone,  
 still support and comfort me.  
 All my trust on you is stayed,  
 all my help from you I bring;  
 Cover my defenseless head  
 with the shadow of your wing.

3 Plenteous grace with you is found,  
 grace to cover all my sin;  
 Let the healing streams abound;  
 make and keep me pure within.  
 Fount of life, your love impart,  
 fill my cup abundantly;  
 Spring up now within my heart,  
 rise to all eternity.

OFFERTORY

We Wait in Hope — Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

\*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

Rev. Reebee Girash

**Generous life-giver, thank you for the opportunity to bring our offerings together.  
This is one way we can participate in community restoration and healing, for when  
we combine our gifts, we can serve you more effectively than if we act alone.  
Take these gifts as offerings of love and dedication.  
Help us steward them responsibly so the crowds of our community may be blessed  
by our ministries. Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN

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\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

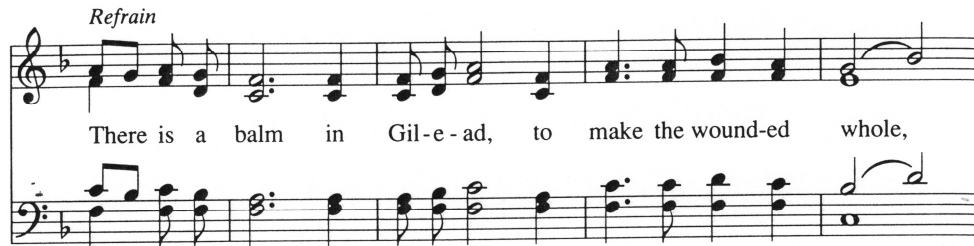
Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All (Vater Unser) — Max Reger

## There Is a Balm in Gilead

Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43

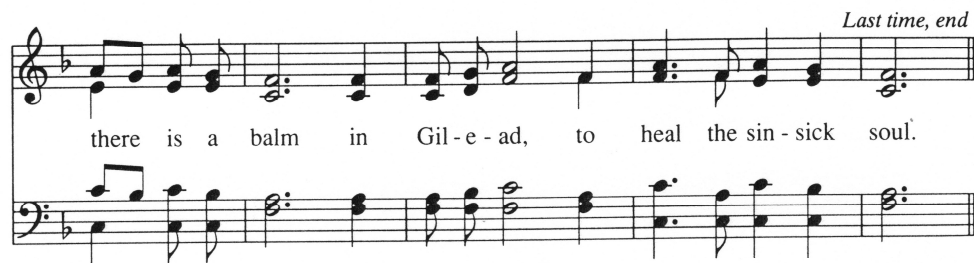
*African-American spiritual; alt.*

*Refrain*

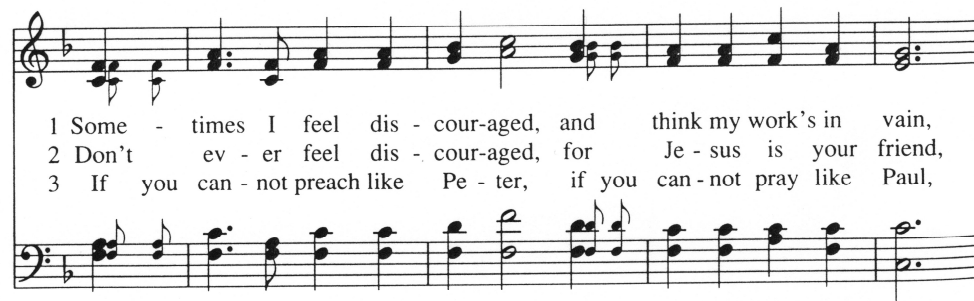


There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

*Last time, end*

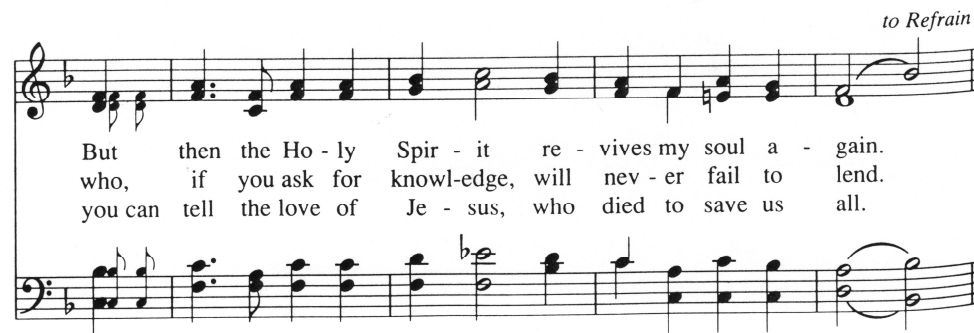


there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,  
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,  
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

*to Refrain*



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

## Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead  
 to make the wounded whole,  
 there is a balm in Gilead  
 to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged  
 and think my work's in vain,  
 but then the Holy Spirit  
 revives my soul again. [Refrain]

2 Don't ever feel discouraged,  
 for Jesus is your friend,  
 who, if you ask for knowledge,  
 will never fail to lend.

3 If you cannot preach like Peter,  
 if you cannot pray like Paul,  
 you can tell the love of Jesus  
 and say, "He died for all." [Refrain]

## SOURCE NOTES

Our Theme for Lent 2023 is based on *An Illustrated Lent for Families: This is My Body* which explores how Jesus lived in his body on earth and invites us to take care of – and embrace the goodness of – our own bodies. The liturgy and devotional materials from *Illustrated Ministry* are used with license permission through purchase from *Illustrated Ministry*. Cover image: Painting by Son-Mey Chiu.

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