



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
January 28, 2023**

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Today's service will be recorded.

Worship Sunday, January 28, 2024

PRELUDE

Praeludium and Fughetta in B Minor — J.K.F. Fischer

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING THE PEACE

David McClave

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 89:1-4)

David McClave

ONE: We will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, for ever; with our mouths, we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

ALL: We declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

ONE: You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:'

ALL: You said, 'I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations.'

ONE: Let us praise our God, whose love is steadfast.

*OPENING HYMN

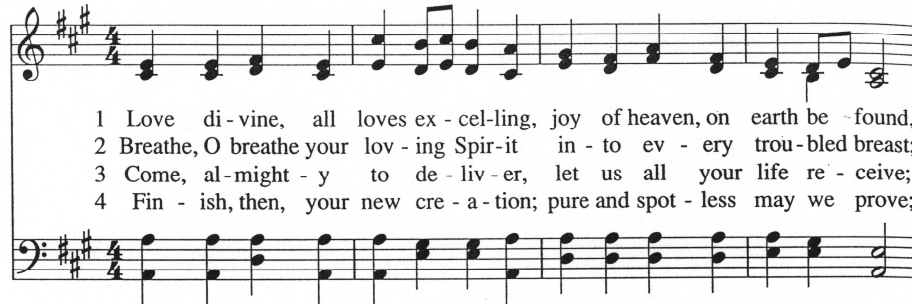
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — Black Hymnal 43

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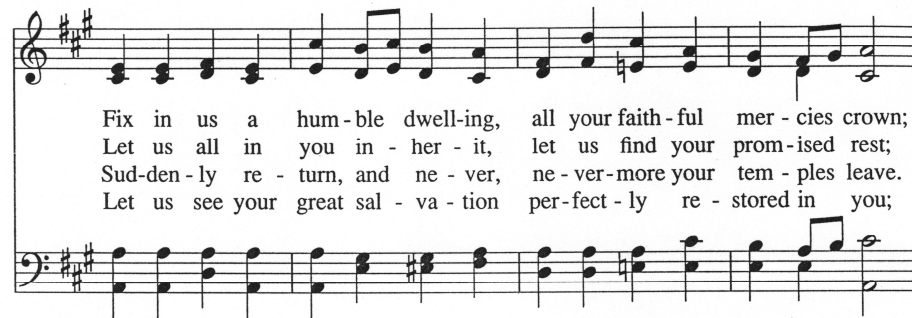
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

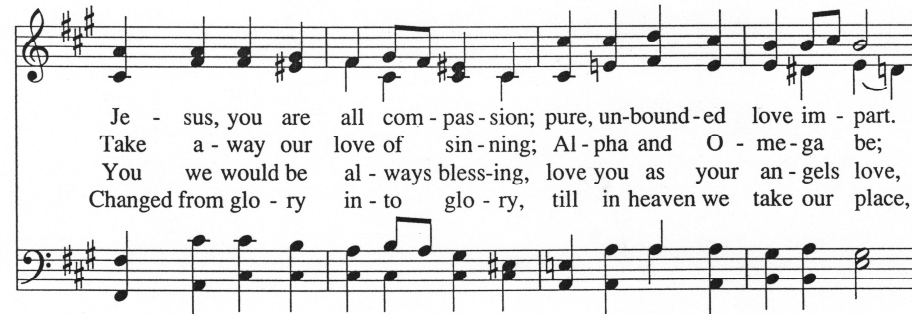
Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.



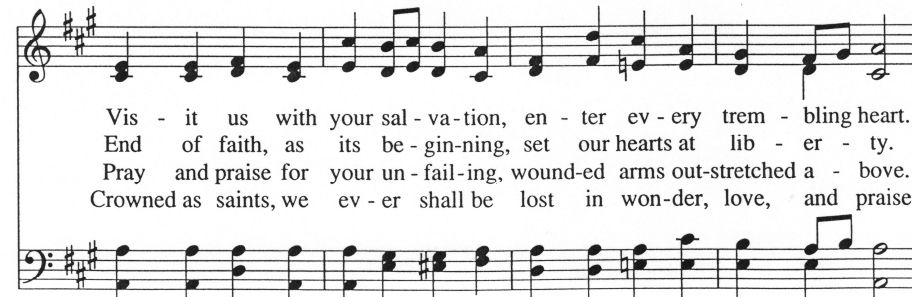
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be-found,
2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion;
pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit,
let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
love you as your angels love,
Pray, and praise for your unfailing,
wounded arms outstretched above.

4 Finish, then, your new creation;
pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation
perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be
lost in wonder, love and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

David McClave

Holy One, be with us in this sacred space. Stir your Spirit in and among us as we offer our prayers and praises. We long to hear more than the groaning of Creation around us, more than our own fearful groaning. From the places deep within us, that we mistakenly believe are hidden from you, may your Spirit intercede for us. Draw us into your presence. May we recognize you in ourselves and in our neighbors. Let us see you through all brokenness that we may find wholeness in being your body here and now. In the name of the One who fills the world with Hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:1-20

David McClave

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sing Unto The Lord by Charles Yannarella arr. Craig Courtney

Children are invited to participate in Sunday School at this time. Please gather at the rear of the Sanctuary with Sarah Jane Fuller and Izzy Leginsky.

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*RESPONSE HYMN

Called As Partners in Christ's Service — Black Hymnal 495

DISCIPLESHIP

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



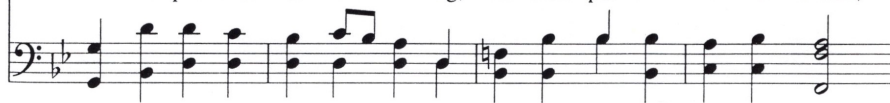
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



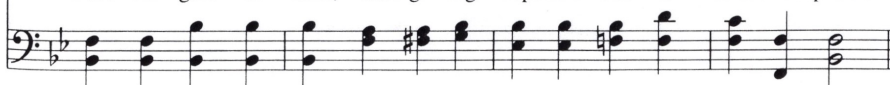
We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



1 Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end

2 Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair

4 So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Forever Love — 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

*CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace — Black Hymnal 547

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

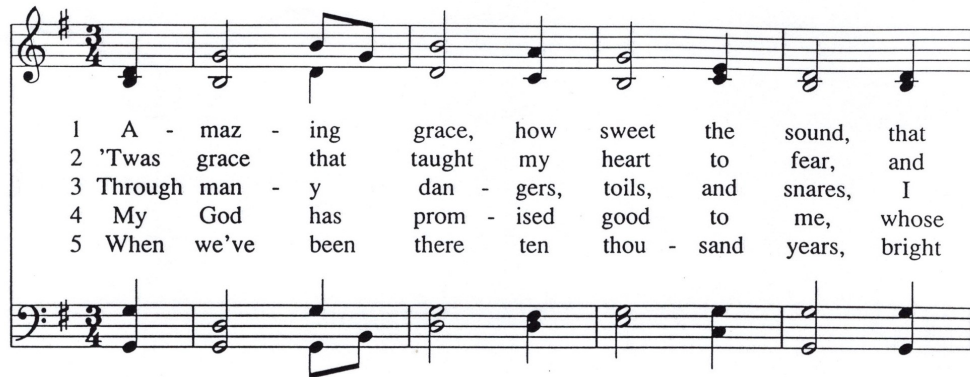
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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

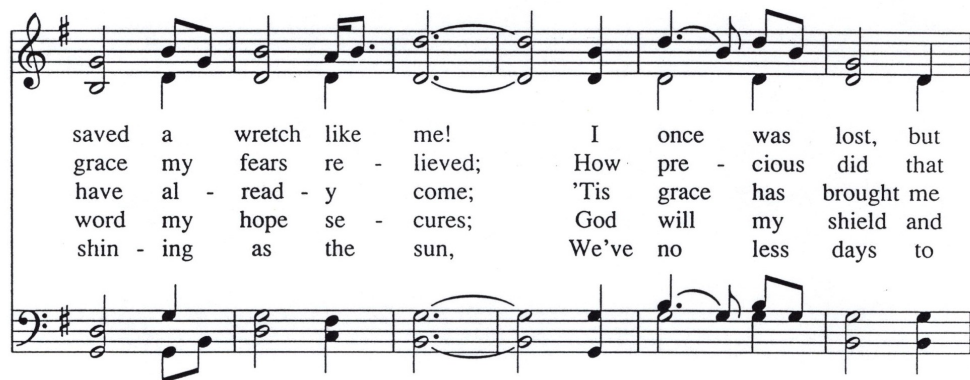
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St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.

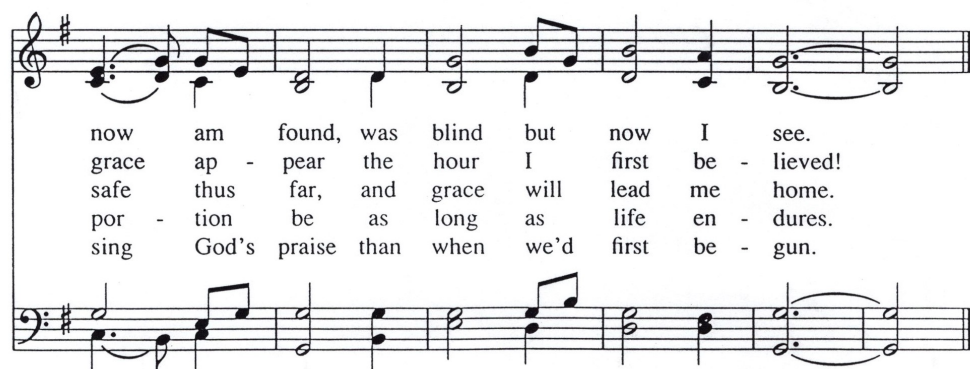
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
 I have already come:
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

4 My God has promised good to me,
 whose word my hope secures;
 God will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there then thousand
 years, bright shining in the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

Thank you to our Liturgist, David McClave, our Zoom host,
Duncan Todd and our coffee hour host, Sadhna Vora.

SOURCE NOTES *The Opening Prayer is by Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe, based on Romans 8, from the UCC's Mental Health Awareness Sunday resources.*

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