



Pilgrim's Progress

March 2021

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Mark Your Calendar!

- 3/1 Easter Basket Sale Begins
- 3/3 Church Council Meeting
- 3/10 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 3/17 Newsletter Articles Due
- 3/14 Sunday School in the Park
- 3/27 Drive Thru Communion Pick-up
- 3/28 Palm Sunday & Sunday School in the Park

I TELL YOU ^{THE} TRUTH,
UNLESS A
KERNEL OF WHEAT
FALLS TO ^{THE} GROUND
AND DIES, IT REMAINS
ONLY A SINGLE SEED.
BUT IF IT DIES,
IT PRODUCES MANY
SEEDS.

JOHN 12:24

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

The Gift of Death

“Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” ~ John 12:24



Dr. Patrick Horn

When difficult times weigh us down, we are often told to “hang in there, better days are on the way.” This can be a beautiful and romantic thought, that our fortunes and destinies will improve if we will just keep going. And who can argue with the inspiration of poets like Percy Bysshe Shelley: “If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?” Better days are on their way. The snow will melt, and warm days will return. Often they do.

But what about death? The days come to an end, so they certainly can’t get better. Jesus seemed to understand and identify most closely with those who didn’t have very much to look forward to. He seemed to understand that some people die before they’ve had much of a chance to live; their days come to an end before they’ve had a chance for better days.

The most miraculous feature of the gospel message is that death itself is transformed into a gift. We know this is true of seeds, as Jesus said in the scripture quoted above. The seed dies in the earth and produces a lot of fruit. But how can it be true of people? When people die, do they produce a lot fruit? Is death a gift?

In this passage from the Gospel of John, Jesus is speaking about his own death. It is clear from several passages in the gospels that Jesus expected to die at a young age. But he never looked upon his own death as a defeat or a loss. On the contrary, he often spoke of his own death in terms of God’s will and as a part of the larger purposes of God.

But what is amazing about Jesus’ message here is that he does not diminish or eliminate death. Death still comes for all of us and sometimes, just as for Jesus himself, in very horrific ways and with great suffering. But all of this death is transfigured and transformed into something that God exalts and glorifies. So death is not eliminated; it is transformed into a gift.

This transformation of death lies at the heart of the Christian message. It offers hope to those who lack hope. And it deeply challenges those of us who have the resources to distract ourselves from thoughts about death, those of us who are very likely to see the spring follow the winter.

Christ asks us to sacrifice what we love, to give it up to death what we most treasure, allowing the grace of God to transform what we love. For many of us this is our families. For others it is friends. We worry way more than we should about family and friends and things. But Jesus says that it starts with the self. If we can learn what it means to give ourselves up, even unto death, we may be able to begin the process of transformation. If we can follow Christ and put ourselves to death in Christ, we might be able to experience a transformation that makes even death into a gift.

Patrick Horn
Senior Minister

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

***How far that little candle throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a weary world.***

~ William Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice



William (Tom) Gray

As we enter the Lenten season, we have yet to return to in person church services. The return to church is being discussed by several boards including the Church Council. The Council was not ready to decide regarding the return at the last Council meeting. We will be discussing it further at our March meeting. It is my opinion that we should open the church to those who wish to attend in person. Our sanctuary is large enough to accommodate many Pilgrims while maintaining the 25% capacity restriction as recommended by Los Angeles County. Our average weekly attendance constitutes about 10% of our church capacity of 750. I believe that we can easily maintain social distancing while attending church. I respect the decisions of those who wish to continue attending church via Zoom, Facebook, or YouTube.

Our beloved friend and fellow Pilgrim Roberta Fisher celebrated her 93rd birthday last month. I spoke with her and she said she had a wonderful day.

Our phone tree continues to reach out to our church members and friends. If you find some spare time, consider picking up your telephone and calling someone in the directory to say hello. I am sure your call would be welcomed. As part of the phone tree, I enjoy talking with our fellow Pilgrims. I sometimes call a few additional people from the list. I encourage everyone involved to keep up the good work.

Dr. Lowell Linden will be preaching on March 14th. We look forward to seeing him and hearing his sermon.

“It may be that you are not yourself luminous, but that you are a conductor of light. Some people without possessing genius have a remarkable power of stimulating it.”

~ Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Please call the church or me if you have any concerns or issues.

In the meantime,

let there be light

William (Tom) Gray

Moderator, Pilgrim Congregational Church



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



Although Women's Auxiliary has not been meeting due to the pandemic, the women have been working behind the scenes. Our dedicated women continue to prepare rummage for our future rummage sales. We are very thankful for their hard work.

I spoke with our flower chairperson, Bonnie, regarding floral dedications. Thankfully, all March and April dates have been filled with dedications. In May there are two weeks that have not yet been reserved, May 9 and May 30. Please contact the church office or Bonnie if you wish to reserve one or both dates.

Easter is April 4th, and we are excited to offer Easter lilies and azaleas once again for dedication to loved ones, friends or simply in honor of this meaningful season. There is still time to order your Easter lilies and/or azaleas. Please find the order form on page 5 and contact Bonnie if you have any questions or special requests.

I have appointed an auxiliary member to work on auxiliary officer nominations for the coming year. We are looking forward to meeting together and resuming our charitable activities. Our spring rummage sale is unlikely however we are very hopeful for a successful fall rummage sale.

Until we meet again,

Andrea Gray

President, Women's Auxiliary

"Building Bridges with Friendship in our Church and in our Community."



Rummage Sale is coming soon - in a catalog!

Since a catalog seemed to work for the Harvest Festival, we are going to try a Rummage Sale Catalog by Department. The first issue will be Furniture so keep your eye out for the catalog, due to be published by April 5th. If this works out well we may be adding additional departments in the future. This will be a fun experiment, but this will not replace our beloved rummage sale and look forward to the day we can safely hold one.

~ Sarah Campbell



Easter Lily/Azalea Dedications



Dear Pilgrims and Friends,

Easter is coming! As is our tradition, and whether we have in-church or online services, we will decorate our sanctuary with lilies and azaleas dedicated by you to your loved ones or memorable events. I invite you to join us in beautifying our sanctuary with these wonderful symbols of Easter. Your name and dedication will be printed in an Easter dedication booklet which will be mailed to you before the Easter service. Lilies are \$10 each, and azaleas are \$17 each. Choose either or both! Please fill out your order and drop it off at the church office, or mail it if you wish. Please have your order in by **March 22nd**. Make checks payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church, and add "Easter Flowers" to the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact me at 909-953-2577 or email Bonniehbd@verizon.net.

Continued Blessings,

Bonnie Seath, *Flower Chairperson*



Easter Lily/Azalea Order Form 2021



You are invited to join us in enhancing the beauty of Pilgrim's sanctuary as we celebrate Easter by dedicating one or more lilies and/or azaleas given in memory of a departed loved one, or in thanksgiving for a person or event. The names and dedications will appear in a Easter dedication booklet. Your gift will grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Please have your order in by **March 22nd**. ***Make checks payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church***, and add the words "Easter Flowers" to the memo line. Thank you!

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of lilies at \$10 each. _____

Will you pick up your lily(s)? Yes No

Number of azaleas at \$17 each. _____

Will you pick up your azalea(s)? Yes No

Check enclosed for a total of \$ _____

Dedication (please print): _____



LOOKING FORWARD

Music continues to fill the sanctuary each Sunday and during special services. Thank you Nancy Rodewald for your beautiful and moving vocals during Ash Wednesday Services.

Moving forward, we are eagerly awaiting the day we can join together in song and prayer. We are looking forward to Easter Sunday as all four of our soloists, **Dale GrosJean-Sandfrey, LizBeth Lucca, Steve O'Donnell and Leeza Yorke** will be filling the sanctuary with music.

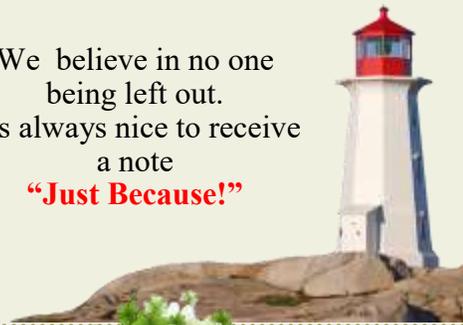
Susan Winckler
Director of Music



Spark Of Love

If you know someone who would love to receive a card or note from the Women's Auxiliary, please submit their name, address and phone number via email to sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com or call 909-622-1373 and ask for Sarah.

We believe in no one being left out.
It's always nice to receive a note
"Just Because!"



St. Patrick's Day



BAND OF PRAYER

A church that prays together, stays together, especially during these challenging and uncertain times when we are separated by the need for social distancing and don't know what happens next.

What is certain is that God is with us, filling in the spaces between us and He hears our prayers.

Band of Prayer requests may be sent to Sue Shedd via email at saintshedd@roadrunner.com

LIBRARY NEWS



The library committee is pleased to announce that **Karen Loehr** has joined us. She is filling the vacancy left by our dear Bob Smith who served many years on the committee. We are happy to welcome **Karen!**

Popular authors at Pilgrim have released new books. Look for: **Tracy Chevalier** *A Single Thread*, **Kristin Hannah** *The Four Winds*, **Jonathan Kellerman** *Serpentine*, **Robert B. Parker** *Someone to Watch Over Me*, **James Patterson** *The Russian*.

Call **Megan** for book delivery or to arrange to come by the library and check out in person.

~ Megan Parnell
Church Librarian

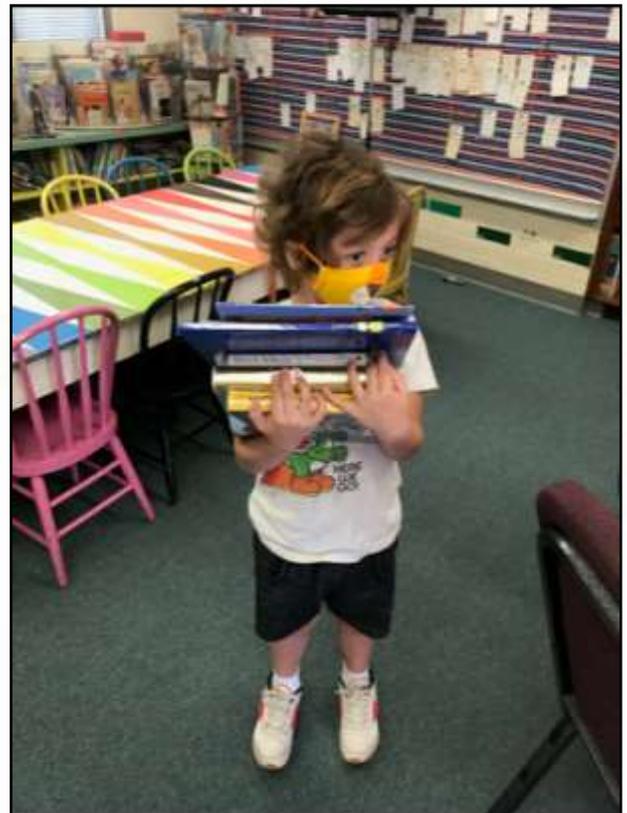
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



The Children's Library is available for check-out by appointment. If you are interested call the church office at 909-622-1373.



Elizabeth Selters and nephew, David Soria visited the Children's Library on 2/24/21. David loves books, as you can see!



DIACONATE

Our next Communion Service will be on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021.

We are continuing to be guided by the opinions of medical and public health professionals on the questions of when and how we will return to worshipping together in our sanctuary. We want to provide a caring and positive witness to our community. Even after we return to the sanctuary, plans are to continue to make our services available to those who choose to participate from home, so as we have been doing recently, members of the Diaconate will be distributing communion elements in the church parking lot between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon on Saturday, March 27.

When you pick up communion elements for yourself and your family, you may also wish to drop off donations of non-perishable food items for the Beta Center and/or a donation for the Diaconate offering. The Diaconate does not receive money through the church budget. The communion offerings are used at times to meet urgent needs of members of our church and community. They are also used to purchase supplies for communion or other items to enhance the worship experience of the church.



Diaconate Members will meet either on Zoom or a combination of in person (10 or fewer) and on Zoom in March. I will be reaching out to Diaconate members when a day and time is set.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued prayers, generosity, and support for our church and its ministries!

Keith Eades
Chair, Diaconate Board



OUTREACH



Outreach Board has designated our Easter Offering to be divided between **Project Horseshoe Farm (Pomona)** and **Love Worth Sharing (Haiti)**

We are well associated with Project Horseshoe Farm from the work they have done since mid-year last year. Our kitchen has been used to prepare meals for people in need from local groups - TriCity Mental Health and ParkTree

Community Center. The kitchen workers have been welcoming and positive! You can learn more by visiting their Facebook Page: Project Horseshoe Farm Pomona.

Our other designation will go to a feeding program in Haiti. Love Worth Sharing has worked in humanitarian projects through the National Association for most of their 23 years - amazing work! You can learn more about Love Worth Sharing, Haiti at <https://www.jesusloveshaiti.org/>.

More on the Easter Offering coming soon in the pastoral letter. If you have any questions contact a member of the Outreach Board!



Marria Casner
Chairperson, Outreach Board

P.S. **Through the Christmas offering we raised \$3,062.** Half went to the NACCC mission, Jardin America in Argentina and the other half to Inland Valley HOPE Partners to help those in need here in our community.

Thank You from Project Horseshoe Farm

"Thank you Pilgrim Congregational Church! Project Horseshoe Farm is so blessed to utilize Pilgrim Church's kitchen for our Meals Out Program. Pilgrim's generosity has allowed us to cook more than 200 nutritious meals for community members in the Pomona area over the past 5 months. The kitchen has served as a fantastic space for us to come together each week and show our love for the community through cooking. We cannot thank the wonderful people at Pilgrim enough for making it possible!"

~ *Olivia Gevedon, Project Horseshoe Farm Fellow, 2020-2021*

Founded in 2007, Project Horseshoe Farm is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with sites in Pomona, California and in Greensboro and Marion, Alabama. Their mission is to work with and build on the strengths of local communities, improve the health and quality of life of our vulnerable neighbors, and prepare citizen service leaders for tomorrow's communities.



Learn more about Project Horseshoe Farm by visiting their website at <https://www.projecthsf.org/>.

SPARKING LEGACIES

Heifer Project February 17th - March 28th



The Sparking Legacies host a service project to help communities around the world. Through out Lent you will be able to visit Pilgrim's Facebook page to learn how your donation helps Heifer International help others in need around the world. You will also see the progress towards reaching Pilgrim's Sparking Legacies goal of raising \$1,000 to help other children like them go to school and their parents provide food and income for their family and so much more.

For your convenience you can donate a couple of ways:

1. You can donate through Push Pay by using the app or visiting our website.
Be sure you select Heifer Project under "Fund"
 2. Make a check out to Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona and write Heifer Project in the memo
Mail to: Pilgrim Congregational Church, 600 N. Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA. 91767
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C.E. Board & Sparking Legacies' Spring Fundraiser

The Sparking Legacies with the support of the Board of Christian Education is hosting an Easter Sale. The Easter Basket Catalog will be published March 1st with the beautiful Baskets, prepared by our wonderfully talented volunteers on display. **Thank you Deborah Walden, Judy Sanders, Diana Smith, Patty Schelling and Janet Manildi for arranging, pricing, cataloging and wrapping all the baskets.** You will be able to purchase items from a catalog to be published March 1st. So keep a look out in your email, Facebook and website for the catalog beginning March 1st. You can order by phone or email which will be posted in the catalog. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Easter Basket "Warehouse" by appointment only on Thursdays and Saturdays beginning March 11th. Also open is the Sparking Legacies Easter See's Online Shop where you can order your favorite Easter treats to add to your basket. You can visit the online store by visiting the link below or check your email for "40 Days of Lent" from Pilgrim Congregational Church, <https://conta.cc/3ulvkwm> and scroll down to the "Sparking Legacies' Easter See's Sweet Shop" button.

C.E. Easter Basket Catalog March 1st - March 28th

Catalog will be available through Email,
Facebook & Website.

Car Side Pick ups & Warehouse Walk-thru
Thursdays & Saturdays beginning March 11th.

Sparking Legacies' See's Easter Sweets Shop Open Now - March 19th

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/pilgrimcc_pilgrims_sparking_legacyes_easter_s83/candy?h=SarCam5183&c=ot5328



SPARKING LEGACIES

Walk with Jesus

April 3rd, 2021

10am—Noon

Drive-Thru Event

Pilgrim Congregational Church

600 N. Garey Avenue

Pomona, CA. 91767

If you have any questions or would like to register to attend the event call (909) 622-1373 or email: christianed@pilgrimchurchpomona.com This is an intergenerational event for all ages.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

As we are preparing to return to campus as soon as we can, we are planning for a couple in-person Special Sunday School Family Days in March. All social distancing protocols will be in place including wearing a mask and staying 6 feet apart. Parents are strongly encouraged to stay and join in the fun.

March 14th @ 12:30pm
Red Hill Park, Rancho Cucamonga
Grades: 1st - 6th only

March 28th @ 12:30pm
Sycamore Canyon Park, Diamond Bar
Grades: 1st - 12th

Bring your bible, a sack lunch, bottle of water, picnic chairs & walking shoes.

Please RSVP to Sarah Campbell (contact info below) by Friday before the event so we can ensure we pack enough supplies for all to enjoy in the fun activities.

High School Bible & Breakfast Club continues to meet online via Zoom each Sunday at 9am.
Lunch Bunch is meeting March 7th and March 21st on Zoom at 11:30am.

To join in the fun contact Youth Director, Sarah Campbell at 909-305-3155 or email ChristianEd@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Side-by-Side is traditionally a couples group, however sometimes our partners through difficult times or even joyous times include a special friend, a sibling, or someone from our church family. When we are having to social distance it is probably safe to say we all long for the time we can be side-by-side again with our church family. Though it looks like that day may be soon. I don't want to wait any longer. And, though it will not be the same **All of Pilgrim Church** is invited to join us for a virtual Fellowship Hour on Zoom. Though we can't join together hand in hand or share much missed hugs we can enjoy fellowship and fun. So grab your cup of coffee, and a plate of snacks and join us for:

Virtual Fellowship Hour

On Zoom

Sunday, March 7th at 1:30pm



Please register by March 6th to get the Zoom login information.

To register call 909-622-1373 or email: sarah@pilgrimchurchpomona.com

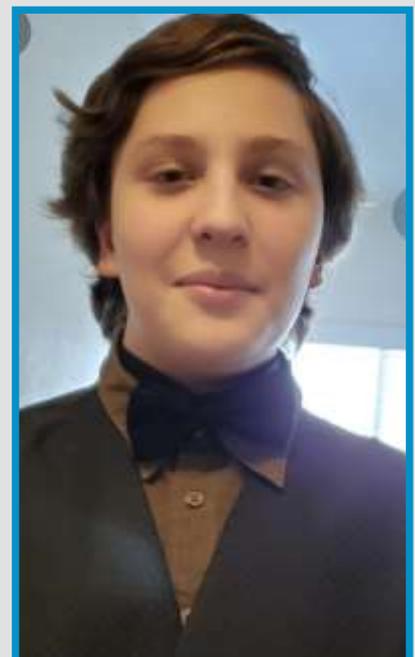
**Happy
birthday!**

Happy 14th Birthday to Emmanuel Rickards Ruiz!

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

May you use the many gifts you have been blessed with.

May you pass on the love that you have received.



Spring into life.

Give blood.



Blood Drive

Location: Pilgrim Congregational Church Gym
600 N. Garey Ave | Pomona, CA 91767

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021
10am-4pm**

Red Cross is testing all blood donations for COVID-19 ANTIBODIES. COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within 7-10 days in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Please schedule an appointment online by visiting www.redcrossblood.org or on our BloodDonor App and enter sponsor code: **PilgrimChPom** or call **1-800-RED-CROSS**.

ALL DONORS AND STAFF WILL BE SCREENED BEFORE ENTERING THE DRIVE.
Only healthy donors will be allowed inside. Picture ID Required.

The Cal Poly Pomona Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity invites you to donate blood and support their cancer awareness fundraiser. Hosted by Cedars-Sinai Blood Donor Services, the blood drive will directly help local patients facing medical emergencies. Every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. You can help!

Location:

Pilgrim Congregational Church Gymnasium
600 N. Garey Avenue | Pomona, CA 91767

Date:

Monday - April 5th 2021

Hours of Operation:

10:00 AM - 04:30 PM

Blood Drive Promotion:

Donors will receive a choice of a t-shirt, In-N-Out gift card or a Chick-Fil-A gift card.

Register at www.donatebloodcedars.org or call (949) 933-3988 for more information.



SHARING HISTORY

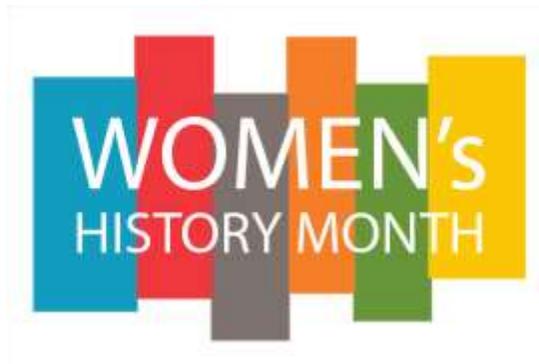
Some Pilgrim Milestones

- 1887 - Founding of Pilgrim Church Pomona**
- 1888 - Pilgrim Church founds Pomona College**
- 1891 - 25 Pilgrims found Claremont Cong'l Church**
- 1911 - Ground broken for building current sanctuary, dedicated 1912**
- 1923 - Pilgrim Church suppers begin**
- 1925 - Sanctuary roofing vault damaged by fire**
- 1927 - Women's Auxiliary holds first rummage sale**
- 1937 - Pilgrim member founds Pomona Valley Hospital Auxiliary**
- 1946 - First issue of Pilgrim's Progress newsletter**
- 1948 - Side by Side couples' group formed**
- 1952 - Eells Hall dedicated**
- 1955 - Gym showers converted to present kitchen**
- 1957 - Pilgrim organ console upgraded**
- 1962 - Dole Court and Ring Court dedicated**
- 1982 - Pilgrim library enlarged**
- 1983 - Deacons and deaconesses combined as Diaconate**
- 1994 - Major seismic retrofit completed**
- 1997 - Mayflower Chapel renamed Brigade Chapel**
- 2017 - Pilgrim observed 130th birthday!**

Submitted by
Diana Smith
Pilgrim Historian



SHARING HISTORY



Did you know Mary Webb...

Mary Webb was just five when disaster struck. A "severe sickness" paralyzed her. She survived but was unable to move her legs. From then on she had to be carried or get herself around in a wheelchair.

Even as a girl, she was the "life of the party" and the focus of many friendships. A kindly preacher befriended her when she was thirteen and this led to her spiritual awakening. She turned her zest for life toward working for the Lord.

A mission sermon preached by Nathanael Emmons in May 1799, made a deep impression on Mary. Emmons took as his text the words of 2 Chronicles 15:7, "Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded."

Seventeen months later, on October 9, 1800, twenty-one year old Mary Webb organized fourteen Baptist and Congregational women into the Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes. This was the first women's mission society in the United States. At that time, women were not expected to have their own societies. Mary altered this expectation.

From the start Mary showed an ecumenical spirit, uniting Baptists and Congregationalists in her effort. From her wheelchair, she organized, directed, and pleaded the cause of world missions. For 56 years, as secretary and treasurer of the society, she inspired new mission societies, and promoted cooperation between the 200 that sprang up. She could not travel to speak face to face with women, nor did she have access to the conveniences of modern communication. Instead, she wrote thousands of letters.

...was a Congregationalist?



[Learn more about our Congregational History at nacc.org](http://nacc.org)

Mission: Pilgrim Congregational Church is an independent community of Christian faith which glorifies God through worship and service to others, respects individual spiritual growth, and inspires compassionate fellowship.

Vision: Pilgrim Congregational Church is the spiritual home of our community where all people are welcomed, known, and loved.

To Listen to the Sunday Service on Your Phone: Dial +1-669-900-9128. Then when prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 330 195 900, followed by the pound (#) sign.

Church Office: The church office is temporarily closed to non-members and open by appointment only to church members. Please call the church to arrange an appointment or for assistance.

Sanctuary Flowers: Flowers are to be picked up by the following Wednesday.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Patrick Horn.....	Senior Minister
Dr. Lowell Linden.....	Consulting Minister
Jon Olson.....	Licensed Minister
Rev. Donald B. Keepers.....	Minister Emeritus
Dr. Douglas Lobb.....	Minister Emeritus
Sarah Campbell.....	Youth Director
Susan Winckler.....	Director of Music
Bruce Jones.....	Organist
Karli Tanner Gordon.....	Administrative Assistant
Nancy Newell.....	Bookkeeper
Megan Parnell.....	Librarian
Edmund P. Perea.....	Custodian
Judy Perea	Assistant
Ramses Flores.....	Assistant

WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE



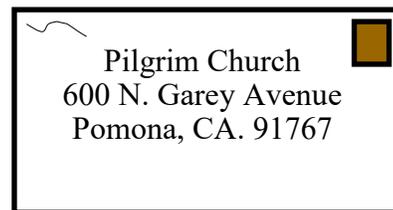
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Pilgrim Congregational Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 7, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude	"O World, I Now Must Leave Thee"	arr. by Johannes Brahms
Hymn #529	"How Firm a Foundation"	FOUNDATION
Welcome		Dr. Patrick Horn
Parish Concerns		Dr. Horn
Call to Worship		Dr. Horn
Introit	"Forty Days and Nights"	Bruce Jones
Invocation		Mr. Jon Olson
God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
Gloria Patri		
Glory be to the Father	As it was in the beginning,	
And to the Son	Is now, and ever shall be,	
And to the Holy Ghost;	World without end. Amen, Amen.	
Lesson	John 2:13-22	Mr. Olson
The Lord's Prayer		Mr. Olson
Anthem	"Amazing Grace" Steve O'Donnell, tenor	arr. Jenifer Cook
Youth Message		Mr. Olson
Hymn #549	"Where Charity and Love Prevail" (verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)	ST. PETER
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer		Dr. Horn
Prayer Response	"The Word Is Love"	Bruce Jones
Offering		
Offertory Solo	Dale GrosJean-Sandfrey, baritone	
Doxology Hymn and Dedicatory Prayer		
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,	Praise God above ye heavenly host,	
Praise God all creatures here below,	Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen	
Hymn #295	"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"	RATHBUN
Sermon	Jesus and the Market Place	Dr. Horn
Hymn #577	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	CWM RHONDA
Benediction		Dr. Horn
Congregational Response	"God Be with You"	Hymn #672
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.		
Postlude	"Acclamation"	L. Leatherman

Theme: Holiness in a Fallen World

Color: Purple

Videographer: Bill Parnell

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Hymn Leaders: Steve O'Donnell and Dale GrosJean-Sandfrey

Bouquet given by: Megan Parnell ~ In celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Megan and Bill Parnell.

Boutonnieres given by: A grateful Pilgrim, who is feeling blessed to worship online at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Liturgical Notes by Dr. Patrick Horn: Purple was originally associated with royalty because it was a more expensive color to dye, and it was used to welcome the coming of a king. Purple symbolizes fasting, faith, patience and trust. It is the liturgical color used during the seasons of penance, Advent and Lent. For Lent, purple evokes the pain and suffering associated with the death of Jesus.

Pilgrim Congregational Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 14, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude	“Choral Prelude on ‘O God Be Merciful to Me’” “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” “To God Be the Glory”	J. Bach Rathbun/Behnke TO GOD BE THE GLORY
Hymn #198		Dr. Lowell Linden
Welcome		Dr. Linden
Parish Concerns		Dr. Linden
Call to Worship		Bruce Jones
Introit	“Forty Days and Nights”	Ms. Sue Shedd
Invocation		
Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship, and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.		
Gloria Patri		
Glory be to the Father	As it was in the beginning,	
And to the Son	Is now, and ever shall be,	
And to the Holy Ghost;	World without end. Amen, Amen.	
Lesson		Ms. Shedd
The Lord’s Prayer		Ms. Shedd
Anthem	LizBeth Lucca, mezzo-soprano	
Youth Message		Ms. Shedd
Hymn #121	“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”	WELLESLEY
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer		Dr. Linden
Prayer Response	“The Word Is Love”	Bruce Jones
Offering		Dr. Linden
Offertory Solo	Steve O’Donnell	
Doxology Hymn and Dedicatory Prayer		
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,	Praise God above ye heavenly host,	
Praise God all creatures here below,	Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen	
Hymn #378	“Amazing Grace”	AMAZING GRACE
Sermon		Dr. Linden
Hymn #381	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	BRADBURY
Benediction		Dr. Linden
Congregational Response	“God Be with You”	Hymn #672
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,	with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.	
Postlude	“Go Forth With Purpose”	Thomas Chesterton

Theme: **Color:** Purple **Videographer:** Bill Parnell

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler **Hymn Leaders:** LizBeth Lucca and Steve O’Donnell

Bouquet given by: Anonymous Donor ~ To celebrate the continuously dedicated efforts of our videographer, Bill Parnell.

Boutonnieres given by: A grateful Pilgrim, who is feeling blessed to worship online at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 21, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude	"Come Sweet Death"	Frederick Schreiber
Hymn #398	"Jesus Calls Us"	GALILEE
Welcome		Dr. Patrick Horn
Parish Concerns		Dr. Horn
Call to Worship		Dr. Horn
Introit	"Forty Days and Nights"	Bruce Jones
Invocation		Ms. Sue Selters
Holy One, creator of the stars and seas, your steadfast love is shown to every living thing: your word calls forth countless worlds and souls; your law revives and refreshes. Forgive our misuse of your gifts, that we may be transformed by your wisdom to manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.		
Gloria Patri		
Glory be to the Father	As it was in the beginning,	
And to the Son	Is now, and ever shall be,	
And to the Holy Ghost;	World without end. Amen, Amen.	
Lesson	John 12:20-33	Ms. Selters
The Lord's Prayer		Ms. Selters
Anthem		
	Leeza Yorke, soprano	
Youth Message		Ms. Selters
Hymn #480	"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"	ST. MARGARET
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer		Dr. Horn
Prayer Response	"The Word Is Love"	Bruce Jones
Offering		Dr. Horn
Offertory Solo		
	Dale GrosJean-Sandfrey, baritone	
Doxology Hymn and Dedicatory Prayer		
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,	Praise God above ye heavenly host,	
Praise God all creatures here below,	Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen	
Hymn #415	"Take Up Thy Cross"	GERMANY
Sermon	Lovin' Life	Dr. Horn
Hymn #671	"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"	CICILIAN MARINERS
Benediction		Dr. Horn
Congregational Response	"God Be with You"	Hymn #672
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.		
Postlude	"Postlude in D"	S. Aber

Theme: Joy and Sacrifice

Color: Purple

Videographer: Bill Parnell

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Hymn Leaders: Leeza Yorke and Dale GrosJean-Sandfrey

Bouquet given by: Bonnie Seath ~ Enjoying God's blessings for the opportunity to worship here at Pilgrim Congregational Church, at an important time in my life.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 28, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday

Prelude	“Come, Sweet Death” “Enter His Gates”	J. S. Bach R. Williamson
Hymn #280	“All Gloria, Laud and Honor”	ST. THEODULPH
Welcome		Dr. Patrick Horn
Parish Concerns		Dr. Horn
Call to Worship		Dr. Horn
Introit	“Forty Days and Nights”	Bruce Jones
Invocation		Rev. Keith Eades
Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. Amen.		
Gloria Patri		
Glory be to the Father	As it was in the beginning,	
And to the Son	Is now, and ever shall be,	
And to the Holy Ghost;	World without end. Amen, Amen.	
Lesson	John 12:12-16	Rev. Eades
The Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Eades
Anthem		
	Leeza Yorke, soprano	
Youth Message		Rev. Eades
Hymn #286	“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”	PASSION CHORALE
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer		Dr. Horn
Prayer Response	“The Word Is Love”	Bruce Jones
Offering		
Offertory Solo		
	LizBeth Lucca, mezzo-soprano	
Doxology Hymn and Dedicatory Prayer		
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,	Praise God above ye heavenly host,	
Praise God all creatures here below,	Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen	
Hymn #299	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	HAMBURG
Sermon	A Donkey’s Colt	Dr. Horn
Hymn #159	“Lift High the Cross”	CRUCIFER
Benediction		Dr. Horn
Congregational Response	“God Be with You”	Hymn #672
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,		
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.		
Postlude	“All Glory, Laud and Honor”	arr. Roger C. Wilson

Theme: Humility and Royalty

Color: Red

Videographer: Bill Parnell

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Hymn Leaders: LizBeth Lucca and Leeza Yorke

Bouquet given by: Anonymous Donor ~ With heartfelt thanks to our musicians, who continue to provide wonderful music every Sunday morning.

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Liturgical Notes by Dr. Horn: Red is the color of passion, sacrifice, and blood, and is used during Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the feasts of the apostles and the martyrs. Red also symbolizes fire and is thus also displayed in connection with the Holy Spirit and Pentecost.

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online Heifer Project Begins Easter Basket Sale Starts	2 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online 5:45pm, Twilight Bible Study	3 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online 7pm, Church Council Meeting	4 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online	5 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online	6 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online
	7 9am, Bible & Breakfast Club 10am, Worship Services Online 11:30am, Lunch Bunch Online 1:30pm, Fellowship Hour Online	8 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online	9 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online 5:45pm, Twilight Bible Study	10 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online 10am—4pm Red Cross Blood Drive	11 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online	12 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online
14 9am, Bible & Breakfast Club 10am, Worship Services Online 12:30pm, Sunday School at the Park	15 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online	16 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online 5:45pm, Twilight Bible Study	17 S. Patrick's Day 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online Newsletter Submissions Due	18 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online 7pm - Zoom CE Meeting	19 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online Last Day to order your Easter See's Candy	20 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online First Day of Spring
21 9am, Bible & Breakfast Club 10am, Worship Services Online 11:30am, Lunch Bunch Online	22 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online	23 5:45pm, Twilight Bible Study	24 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online	25 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online	26 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online	27 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online 10am-12pm, Communion Elements Drive-Thru
28 Palm Sunday 9am, Bible & Breakfast Club 10am, Worship Services Online 12:30pm, Sunday School at the Park Last day to purchase your Easter Basket	29 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online Heifer Project Donations due by 12 noon.	30 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online 5:45pm, Twilight Bible Study	31 9am, Morning Devotionals—Online			



WEEKLY

EVERY MORNING

Daily Devotional
9am via Facebook Live and Zoom

EVERY TUESDAY

Twilight Bible Study
5:45pm via Facebook Live & YouTube

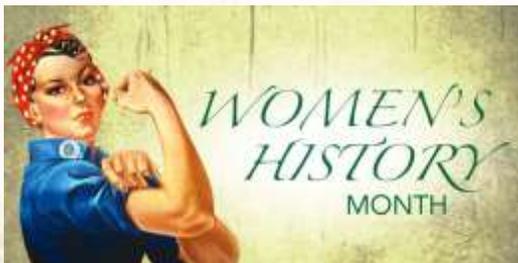
EVERY THURSDAY

11am NACCC Prayer Circle on Zoom

EVERY SUNDAY

10am - Worship Service
Facebook, YouTube & Zoom

Sunday School - via Zoom
9am: High School Bible & Breakfast Club



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1st - 28th

Sparkling Legacies Easter
Easter Basket Catalog is open
See's Online Shop open now – 3/19

March 3rd

Church Council Meeting

March 7th & 21st

Lunch Bunch Sunday School Online
11:30am Zoom

March 10th

Red Cross Blood Drive

March 14th

Sunday School in the Park at 12:30pm

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day
Newsletter Articles Due

March 28th

Palm Sunday
Sunday School in the Park at 12:30pm

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