



Order of Worship

September 5, 2021 ~ 10:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. Hymnals and Bibles may be found under the pew in front of you. The asterisks in the order of worship indicate when the congregation may stand.

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 is the spiritual home of our community where all people are welcomed, known, and loved.



Prelude	“Largo” (Xerxes) “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	G. F. Handel arr G. Young
Hymn #64 *	“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”	NICAEA
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Parish Concerns		Dr. Horn
Call to Worship		Dr. Horn
Introit	“Down to the River to Pray”	J. Guy Stalnaker
Invocation *		Rev. Keith Eades
	Holy Lord, maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead. Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, where faith and words and the need of our neighbor come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.	
Gloria Patri *		
	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.	
Lesson One	Psalm 125 <i>Read full scripture on the insert</i>	Rev. Eades
The Lord’s Prayer (debts)		Rev. Eades
	Our Father 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.	
Anthem	“Good News, the Chariot’s Comin” Choralescence	Moses Hogan

Youth Message		Rev. Eades
Hymn #381 *	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	BRADBURY
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer		Dr. Horn
Prayer Response	“Amen”	Lutkin
Offering		Dr. Horn
Offertory Anthem	“Ave Verum Corpus” Choralescence	William Byrd
Doxology Hymn and Dedicatory Prayer *		
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		
Hymn #121 *	“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”	IN BABILONE
Lesson Two	James 2:1-17 <i>Read full scripture on the insert</i>	Rev. Eades
Sermon	The Triumph of Mercy	Dr. Horn
Closing Hymn #140 *	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	FAITHFULNESS
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	“Short Fantasy in A Minor”	Walker Baylor



Scripture Lessons

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Lesson One: Psalm 125

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.
- 2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
so the Lord is round about his people,
from this time forth and for evermore.
- 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
upon the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous put forth
their hands to do wrong.
- 4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- 5 But those who turn aside upon their crooked ways
the Lord will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be in Israel!

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Lesson Two: James 2:1-17

¹ My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "Have a seat here, please," while you say to the poor man, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you, is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the honorable name which was invoked over you? ⁸ If you really fulfil the royal law, according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," said also, "Do not kill." If you do not commit adultery but do kill, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy; yet mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴ What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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Thank you for joining us today for worship service!

Theme: Mercy for those in Need

Organist: Susan Winckler

Hymn Leaders: Choraescence: Carol Messina, Susan Winckler, Nancy Rodewald, John Dick, Dale GrosJean-Sandfrey, Tom Mazur, Yousef Read, and David Archibald

Videographers: Bill Parnell and Andrew Olson

Flowers: This morning's flowers are provided with heartfelt gratitude for the magnificent music provided by Susan Winckler, Bruce Jones, and all the talented musicians throughout this past summer.

Boutonnieres: Provided by Jeanne Cockrell ~ In honor of my father, Kenny Bruce and my grandmother, Ella Bruce birthdays.

Liturgical Notes by Dr. Horn: Green symbolizes growth and life, hope and anticipation. Green is used in Ordinary time, the period of the Church calendar which gives attention to the Lord's life and ministry; it reminds us that the mission of the Church is to love the world and share the hope of Christ.

Meeting & Event Reminders

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| Mon 9/6 | Labor Day Holiday ~ Church Office Closed |
| Tue 9/7 | Twilight Bible Study at 5:45pm ~ Minister's Office & Zoom |
| Thu 9/9 | Opera at Noon ~ Pilgrim Hall |
| Sat 9/11 | Mini Rummage Sale from 8am-11am ~ Ring Courtyard |
| Sun 9/12 | Rally Sunday & Burger Bash ~ Ring Courtyard |