



Order of Worship

April 28, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 asterisk (*) in the order of worship indicates
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.

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Prelude

“The Last Spring”

Edvard Grieg

“Poeme”

“Elegie”

Bruce Jones, organist

Hymn #98*

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Parish Concerns

Dr. Horn

Call to Worship

Dr. Horn

Introit

“Worship the Lord, Rejoice and Sing”

arr. Hal Hopson

Worship the Lord, rejoice and sing. Alleluia.

Invocation *

Mr. Jerry Whyte

God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through Him. May we abide in His risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. 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 22:25-31

Mr. Whyte

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. ³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, ³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

(New Revised Standard Version)

The Lord’s Prayer

Mr. Whyte

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.

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Anthem

“Wade in the Water”
Patrick Blackwell, soloist

Moses Hogan

God's a gonna trouble the water.

Chorus: Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.

Wade in the water. God's a gonna trouble the water.

1. The leader looks like an Israelite.

Chorus

2. See that band all dressed in red.

Well, it looked like the hand that Moses led.

Chorus**Reception of New Members**

Dr. Horn

Jennifer Barnett, Theresa Lam, Bonnie Seath, and Dane Vose

The Covenant of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

Acknowledging Jesus Christ to be our Savior and Lord and accepting the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice and recognizing the privilege and duty of uniting ourselves for Christian fellowship, the enjoyment of Christian ordinances, the public worship of God and the advancement of His Kingdom in the world, we do now, in the sight of God and invoking His blessing, solemnly covenant and agree with each other to associate ourselves to be a church of the Lord Jesus Christ as warranted by the Word of God. We agree to maintain the institutions of the Gospel, to submit ourselves to the orderly administration of the affairs of the Church and walk together in brotherly love. And this we do depending upon the aid of our Heavenly Father who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for our salvation, and of Jesus Christ who hath redeemed us with His blood, and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide.

Youth Message

Dr. Horn

Hymn #402* “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Dr. Horn

Prayer Response

“Alleluia” Caribbean Melody/arr. D. Moore

Offering

Dr. Horn

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Offertory Solo

“One More Valley” Jimmie Davis and Dottie Rambo
Debbie Dey, contralto

1. When I'm tossed on life's sea and the waves cover me,
And the clouds won't allow the sunshine through,
Then a voice seems to say, "Child, there'll be brighter day,
Don't allow the clouds to hide sweet Heaven's view."

CHORUS:

- 'Cause you've got one more valley, one more hill,
Maybe one more trial, one more tear.
One more curve in life's road, maybe one more mile to go,
You can lay down your heavy load when you get home.
2. Don't let Satan see your fears, learn to smile thru all your tears
Hold your head up high and give the world a smile.
Just be faithful all the way, it'll be worth it all some day,
'Cause it's all gonna be over after while.

CHORUS**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 #397*

“I Need Thee Every Hour”
(verses 1-4)

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Lesson Two

Acts 8:26-40

Mr. Whyte

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

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Lesson Two (continued)

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁷[And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may,” And he replied, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”] ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

(New Revised Standard Version)

Sermon	“The Tidings We Tell”	Dr. Horn
Hymn #160*	“Rejoice, Ye Pure in heart”	MARION
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	“King of Glory” Susan Winckler, organist	Mary McDonald

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*Thank you for joining us today for worship service!
Please join us for fellowship following the service.*

Today's Theme: Telling the Story of Jesus

Color: White

Organists: Susan Winckler and Bruce Jones

Videographers: Andrew Olson and Bill Parnell

Flower Dedication: This morning's flowers are thankfully provided by Pilgrim Auxiliary to everyone who has served on our Board, and Committees this past year. An extra special "thank you" to Deborah Walden, for her untold hours often working behind the scenes in our kitchen, being sure we have supplies and all is ready for use at the next function. Heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our Pilgrim Auxiliary volunteers.

Boutonnieres: Our boutonnieres for April are provided by Cedric and Lorraine Rogers: "Dear Pilgrim Family, as Tiny Tim said in A Christmas Carol: 'God Bless Us Every One.'"

Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn: White symbolizes purity, innocence, and birth. It is associated with the brightness of the heavens during daytime and was used to symbolize the purity of heaven and the angels. It also came to be associated with joy, celebration, and peace. White is the liturgical color of Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter.

Meeting & Event Reminders

Today

(during Fellowship)

Mommy Mugs Harmonia Fundraiser

Jewelry Sale by LizBeth Lucca and

Susan Winckler

11:30 am Board of Trustees Meeting

11:30 am CE Summer Planning Meeting

& Lunch

Tuesday, April 30th

5:45 pm Twilight Bible Study

Wednesday, May 1st

7:00 pm, Church Council Meeting

Thurs & Fri, May 1st & 2nd

No Parking Lot usage due to filming all day

Thursday, May 2nd

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Joyful Endeavors

Crafting and Games

Saturday, May 3rd

Annual Reports Due

Saturday, May 4th

It's Bingo Night

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