



Order of Worship

March 23, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

Third Sunday in Lent

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

“Wondrous Love”
Bruce, organist

arr. by Bruce Jones

Hymn #131*

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Parish Concerns

Dr. Horn

Call to Worship

Dr. Horn

Introit

“The Lord Is Surely in This Holy House” Tchaikovsky/Hopson

The Lord is surely in this holy house

Let all the earth keep silence; before the Lord keep silence. Keep silence. Amen.

Invocation*

Mr. Andrew Olson

God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew, throughout 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.

Lesson One

Isaiah 55:1-9

Mr. Olson

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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Lesson One (continued)

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Youth Message

Mr. Olson

(The youth are invited to attend Sunday School following the Lord's Prayer.)

The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Olson

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

"Laudamus Te" (*Twilight Mass*)
Jessica Woollen, soloist

Ola Gjeilo

Translation from Latin:

We praise You, we bless You.
We worship You, we glorify You,
We give You thanks for your great glory

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Dr. Horn

Prayer Response

"Lord, in Your Mercy, Hear Us" Arkhangelsky/arr. Hopson
Lord, in your mercy, hear us; give ear to our prayer. Amen.

Offering

Dr. Horn

Offertory Solo:

"Save Me, O God!"
Jessica Woollen, soprano

A. Randegger

Save me, O God! For the waters are come into my soul. Save me, O God! For the waters are come into my soul! I am weary of my crying, I am weary of my crying. Mine eyes fail as I wait for the Lord! Mine eyes fail as I wait for the Lord! I am weary of my crying, Mine eyes fail while I wait for my Lord.

I am poor, poor and sorrowful, let they salvation O Lord my God set me upon high, set me upon high. Let Thy salvation, O Lord, my God, set me upon high.

Save me, O Lord! For the waters are coming to my soul. Save me! O Lord O Lord my God! Save me! Save me O God! God, my Lord my God!

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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 #375*

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

BALM IN GILEAD

Lesson Two

Luke 13:1-9

Mr. Olson

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ” (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Sermon

“One More Year”

Dr. Horn

Hymn #438*

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

DUKE STREET

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

“Toccata in C”

Paul Sjolund

Susan Winckler, organist

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"Come, all you who are
thirsty, come to the waters..."

ISAIAH 55:1

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

Today's Theme: God's Infinite Mercy

Color: Purple

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Videographer: Bill Parnell and Andrew Olson

Flower Dedications: This morning's flowers are thoughtfully provided by:

- (1) With many thanks to Susan Winckler, Bruce Jones, and our extraordinary Choir, for their beautiful music every Sunday;
- (2) "Happy Birthday to Bonnie Seath". Thank you for all you do to make our Church more beautiful. From "Trouble!"

Boutonnieres: Boutonnieres for March are provided by Sherry Glab: "In thankfulness for the Pilgrim Staff."

Liturgical Notes by Rev. 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. It also evokes pain and suffering. Purple symbolizes fasting, faith, patience, and trust. It is the liturgical color used during the seasons of penance, Advent, and Lent. For Advent, purple symbolizes the impending birth of Jesus while foreshadowing his death.

Meeting & Event Reminders

9:00 am, Morning Devotional (online M-F)

Today

11:00 am to Noon, Walk for Jesus

11:30 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 25th

5:45 pm to 6:45 pm, Twilight Bible Study (online and Minister's office)

6:45 pm Cooking Class with Chef D.J. Campbell

Wednesday, March 26th

9:30 am, Library Committee Meeting

7:00 pm, Associate Minister Search Committee (online only)

Thursday, March 27th

10:00 am, Joyful Endeavors

Friday, March 28th

9:00 am to 11:00am, Rummage Set-Up

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