



Order of Worship

May 4th, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

Third 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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Need a Confidential Prayer?

Send your prayer request to the Band of Prayer

saintshedd@roadrunner.com

“All prayer requests are kept confidential”

Prelude

“Chorale BWV1115 I Love You Very Much, O Lord”

J. S. Bach

“Christ Is Risen”

Roger C. Wilson

Bruce Jones

Hymn #159*

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Parish Concerns

Dr. Horn

Call to Worship

Dr. Horn

Introit

“Living Lord and Risen Savior”

Allen Pote

Living Lord and Risen Savior, in Your victory we share.

Yours the triumph! Yours the glory!

You are honored everywhere.

You have paved the way to heaven.

You have forged a pathway through. Amen.

Invocation*

Mrs. Sue Selters

God of victory over death, Your Son revealed Himself again and again, and convinced His followers of His glorious resurrection. Grant that we may know His risen presence, in love obediently feed His sheep, and care for the lambs of His flock, until we join the hosts of heaven in worshipping You and praising Him who is worthy of blessing and Honor, glory and power, forever and ever. 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

Psalm 150

Mrs. Selters

¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. ²O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. ⁴Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.” ⁷By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: ⁹“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?” ¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!” ¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. *(New Revised Standard Version)*

Youth Message

Mrs. Selters

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

The Lord's Prayer

Mrs. Selters

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

"How Beautiful/Break Forth" (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Jessica Woollen and Debbie Dey, Soloists

How beautiful are the feet of them that bringeth glad tidings of salvation.
Sion, Thy God reigneth, Break forth into joy,
Thy God reigneth. Glad tidings.

Reception of New Member

Dr. Horn

Brandis Marie Peña

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.

Service of Baptism

Hunter Michael Martinez, son of Brandis Marie Peña and Adam Martinez Romero

Litany of Consecration

Minister: O God of eternal love, from Whom comes every good and perfect gift, from whom comes the gift of new life.

Parents: We dedicate our child to Thy service.

Minister: O God you have taught us to love one another even as you have loved us.

Parents: We dedicate our child to Thy service.

Minister: O God you have opened to these parents doors of opportunity for the soul-growth of Your little one.

Service of Baptism (continued)

Parents: We dedicate our child to Thy service.

Minister: O God, you have revealed yourself to us in Christ, and in His love even for the least of these, His children.

Parents: We dedicate our child to Thy service, in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Minister: Let us now all affirm together our faith in God and our commitment to this child.

All: We affirm our faith in God, and in token thereof we give our pledge to nurture this child in the ways of the Lord made known, or yet to be made known to us.

Act of Baptism

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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:

“O Rest in the Lord” (*Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

Debbie Dey, contralto

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,

And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,

And fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

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 #398*

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

Lesson Two

Acts 9:1-6

Mrs. Selters

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Sermon

“A Conversion Like No Other”

Dr. Horn

Hymn #327*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIAMEMATA

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

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
Susan Winckler, organist

Mary McDonald



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

Today's Theme: Conversion is Transformation of Service

Color: White

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Videographer: Bill Parnell and Andrew Olson

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

- 1) "For our parents." Selters, Seeger, Myers & Bailey families;
- 2) By Bonnie Seath: "In loving celebration of Barry and Sharon's (brother and sister-in-law's), and Judy and John's (cousin and husband) Wedding Anniversaries this month! Congratulations and Blessings for many more years together!"

Boutonnieres: Our Boutonnieres for May are thoughtfully provided: "With grace and peace, may our Lord bless this Church always."

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

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

Today

11:00 am, Business Meeting to Change By-Laws

10:00 am, - 11:00 am, Brandis Peña ~ Membership

10:00 am, - 11:00 am, Hunter Martinez ~ Baptism

11:15 am C.E. Ice Cream Social

Noon, Membership Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 6th

10:00 am, Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting and Thank You Lunch

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

Wednesday, May 7th

7:00 pm, Church Council Meeting (Meet and Greet with Heather Miner)

Thursday, May 8th

10:00 am, Joyful Endeavors

Friday, May 9th

10:00 am, Elizabeth (Beth) Brook's Memorial Service

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