



Order of Worship

May 11, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mothers Day

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

“Clair de Lune”
Susan Winckler, organist

Claude Debussy

Hymn #92*

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
(verses 1-4)

DIX

Welcome

Mr. Andrew Olson

Parish Concerns

Mr. Olson

Call to Worship

Rev. Heather Miner

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*

Mr. Olson

God of comfort and compassion, through Jesus, Your Son, You lead us to the water of life and table of Your bounty. May we who have received the tender love of our Good Shepherd be strengthened by Your grace to care for Your flock. 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

1 Kings 17:7-24

Mr. Olson

⁷But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land. ⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your

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Lesson One (continued)

son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.

¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹But he said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again.” ²²The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, “See, your son is alive.” ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.”

(New Revised Standard Version)

Recognition of Mothers

Mrs. Christine Vanyo

(Junior High and High School Students remain in the sanctuary throughout the service)

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

“This is the Day”

Dan Forrest

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song,
He has become my salvation. You are my God I will exalt.
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Rev. Miner

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Prayer Response

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

Offering

Mr. Olson

Offertory Solo:

“Jesu, Lover of my Soul”

Berthold Tours

Jessica Woollen, soprano

Jesu, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly, While the gath'ring waters roll,
 While the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe
 into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.
 Other refuge have I none, Hangs my helpless soul on Thee, Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
 Still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from thee I bring;
 Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of Thy wing, With the shadow of Thy wing.
 Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cleanse from ev'ry sin,
 Let the healing streams abound, Make and keep me pure within; Thou of life the fountain art,
 Freely let me take of Thee; Spring Thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity. Thou of life
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Doxology Hymn and Dedictory 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 #381*

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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Lesson Two

Acts 9:36-42

Rev. Miner

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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Sermon

“The Mother’s Child”

Rev. Miner

Hymn #89*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

Benediction*

Rev. Miner

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

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

arr. Bruce Jones

Bruce Jones, organist

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Then she
opened
her eyes,
and seeing
Peter,
she sat up.

Acts 9:40, NRSV



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

Today's Theme: Honoring Moms

Color: White

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Videographer: Bill Parnell and Andrew Olson

Flower Dedications: "Happy Mother's Day" to each and every Mother and Grandmother in our Congregation this morning! Enjoy your day with our love and admiration!"

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

10:00 am, Mother's Day Celebration and Photos

11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 12th

7:00 pm, CE Board Meeting on Zoom

Tuesday, May 13th

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

Wednesday, May 14th (Day of the week changed)

9:00 am to 11:00 am, Rummage Sorting

Thursday, May 15th

10:00 am, Joyful Endeavors

Saturday, May 17th

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Bingo Night

Sunday, May 18th

Christian Education Sunday

11:30 am, Meeting Sunday

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