



Order of Worship

August 3, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

Eighth 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 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

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“All prayer requests are kept confidential”

Prelude

“Chorale BWV 1110”
 “Holy, Holy, Holy”
 Bruce Jones, organist

J.S. Bach
 arr. Lani Smith

Hymn #64*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

NICAEA

Welcome

Rev. Heather Miner

Parish Concerns

Rev. Miner

Call to Worship

Rev. Miner

Introit

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Thomas John Williams

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory Be to God on High.
 Alleluia! To the Savior who has won the victory.
 Alleluia! To the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

Invocation*

Rev. Keith Eades

God of love, take hold of us in this act of worship, and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love, infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving; simple, wholesome, mysterious, profound; in which all are accepted and no one rejected; love that never ends. Living God, Love itself, live in our hearts now and forever. 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

Hosea 11:1-11

Rev. Eades

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

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Lesson One (continued)

⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

(New Revised Standard Version)

Youth Message

Treasure Hunt

Rev. Miner

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

"Lift Thine Eyes" (*Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

Susan Winckler, Betsy Bowering and Nancy Rodewald

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Rev. Miner

Prayer Response

"God is a Spirit"

Bennett/arr. Donald Moore

God is a Spirit. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Offering

Rev. Miner

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Offertory Solo:

“I Couldn’t Hear Nobody Pray”
Patrick Blackwell, bass

arr. H. T. Burleigh

An’ I couldn’t hear nobody pray
An’ I couldn’t hear nobody pray O ‘way
down yonder by myself
An’ I couldn’t hear nobody pray, in de
valley!
I couldn’t hear nobody pray, on my knees!
I couldn’t hear nobody pray, with my
burden!
I couldn’t hear nobody pray, an’ my Saviour!
I couldn’t hear nobody pray, O Lord!
I couldn’t hear nobody pray (Pray O Lord)

Couldn’t hear nobody pray
O ‘way down yonder by myself
I couldn’t hear nobody pray, chilly waters!
Couldn’t hear nobody pray, in de Jerdon!
Couldn’t hear nobody pray, crossin’ over!
Couldn’t hear nobody pray, into Canaan!
Couldn’t hear nobody pray, O Lord!
Couldn’t hear nobody pray (Pray O Lord)
Couldn’t hear nobody pray
O ‘way down yonder by myself
I couldn’t hear nobody pray

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 #557*

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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Lesson Two

Luke 12:13-31

Rev. Eades

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.” ²²He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span

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Lesson Two (continued)

of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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Sermon

“My Soul’s Quest”

Rev. Miner

Hymn #701*

“When We All Get to Heaven”

HEAVEN

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

“Grand Chorus”

Alexandre Guilmant

Susan Winckler, organist

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

Today's Theme: Seek First the Kingdom of God

Color: Green

Hymn Leaders: Betsy Bowering and Nancy Rodewald

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Videographer: Bill Parnell and Andrew Olson

Flower Dedications: This morning's flowers are lovingly and thoughtfully provided by Janet Beech:

"I love Pilgrim,
Pilgrim loves me...
And so we make,
A perfect family!"

Boutonnieres: Our Boutonnieres for August are thoughtfully provided: "With Blessings for the opportunity to worship at Pilgrim Congregational Church each and every Sunday."

Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick 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

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

Today

9:00 am, Gather and Greet

Tuesday, August 5th

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

Wednesday, August 6th

8:00 am, Rummage Sorting

Thursday, August 7th

10:00 am, Joyful Endeavors

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