



Order of Worship

September 14, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

Fourteenth 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 1104”

J.S. Bach

“Offering in Eb”

Alexandre Guilmant

Bruce Jones, organist

Hymn #89*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

ODE TO JOY

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Parish Concerns

Dr. Horn

Call to Worship

Dr. Horn

Introit

“O Come and Sing unto the Lord”

Molly Ijames

O come and sing unto the Lord.

Shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Come before His presence with blessing in your heart.

O come and sing unto the lord. Amen.

Invocation*

Mrs. Jenni Whyte

Merciful God, Your desire to ring us into Your commonwealth is so great that You seek us in the places of our ignorance, and the forgotten corners where we hide in despair.

Gather us into Your loving embrace, and pour upon us Your wise and holy Spirit, so that we may become faithful servants in whom You rejoice with all the company of heaven.

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 14

Mrs. Whyte

¹Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

²The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

³They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

⁴Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

⁵There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

⁶You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

⁷O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad. (*New Revised Standard Version*)

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Lesson One (continued)

listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Grandparents Recognition

Rev. Heather Miner & Mrs. Christine Vanyo

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

The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Truman

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

"Jubilate Deo"

Peter Anglea

Harmonia Singers

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Dr. Horn

Prayer Response:

"Amen"

John Ritter

Offering

Dr. Horn

Offertory Anthem:

"By An' By"

arr. Alice Parker

Harmonia Singers:

Jessica Woollen and Yousef Reda, Soloists

By an' by, I'm goin' to lay down my heavy
load, by an' by.

I'm sure my robe's goin' to fit me well.

I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load.

I tried it on at the gates of hell.

I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load.

O hell is deep an' a dark despair.

I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load.

Oh, stop, poor sannah an' don't go there.

I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load.

By an' by, I'm goin' to lay down my heavy
load, by an' by.

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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 #473*

“Lead Me, Lord”
(sing twice)

LEAD, ME LORD

Lesson Two

Luke 14:25-33

Mr. Truman

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. *(New Revised Standard Version)*

Sermon

“Estimating the Cost”

Dr. Horn

Hymn #580*

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

LANCASHIRE

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

“Postlude on LANCASHIRE”
Bruce Jones, organist

by Bruce Jones

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Hymn #408*

“The Gift of Love”

GIFT OF LOVE

Lesson Two

Luke 15:1-10

Mrs. Whyte

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

(New Revised Standard Version)

Sermon

“Lost and Found”

Dr. Horn

Hymn #670*

“Go Forth for God”

GENEVA

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

“Fantasia”

Mary McDonald

Susan Winckler, organist



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

Today's Theme: God cares for those who are lost

Color: Green

Organists and Pianist: Bruce Jones & Susan Winckler

Videographer: Bill Parnell

Flower Dedications: This morning's flowers are provided: "With thanks to our office and custodial staff." 😊

Boutonnieres: Our Boutonnieres for September are provided: "To the Glory of God for the precious opportunity we have to worship in this lovely Sanctuary."

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
Rally Sunday & Burger Bash
11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 16th

5:45 pm, Twilight Bible Study
(online and Minister's Office)

Wednesday, September 17th

Today is the deadline rsvp for Talent Show
9:00 am, Rummage Sorting

Thursday, September 18th

10:00 am, Joyful Endeavors

Saturday, September 20th

11:00 am, Memorial Service and Reception for
Thomas Ballard, husband of Carolyn Ballard

Sunday, September 21st

Noon Talent Show and Lunch

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