



Order of Worship

February 22, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

First 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.

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn, Senior Minister

Rev. Heather Miner, Associate Minister

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Send your prayer request to the Band of Prayer

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“All prayer requests are kept confidential”

Prelude

“Voluntary in A minor op. VI”
 “Thou Hast Laid Me in Darkness”
 Bruce Jones, organist

John Stanley
 Camil Van Hulse

Hymn #269*

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
 (verses 1-4)

LAND OF REST

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Parish Concerns

Dr. Horn

Call to Worship

Rev. Heather Miner

Introit

“This Is the Time for Worship”

Robert M. Boberg

All the earth sing praise, sing praise to God alone.
 Songs of joy be lifted. Alleluia.

Invocation*

Mr. Andrew Olson

God of mercy, Your word was the sure defense of Jesus in His time of testing. Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation, that we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve You well into life everlasting. 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

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Mr. Olson

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.
¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” ...¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. (*New Revised Standard Version*)

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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"No Night" (*The Celestial City*)

Benjamin Knoedler

Jackson Wilson, cello

There is no night in heav'n, in that blest world above.
 Work can never bring weariness, for work itself is love.
 There is no grief in Heav'n, for life is one glad day.
 And tears are those former things, which all have passed away.
 No night. (repeated)

Lord Jesus, be our Guide; O lead us safely on.
 Till night and grief and death have passed on earth and heaven is won.
 No night. (repeated)
 There'll be no night.

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Rev. Miner

Prayer Response

"He Gave His Life"

Spanish Folk Song

He gave His life; He died for me. To Him be praise and glory. Worthy is the Lord. Amen.

Offering

Rev. Miner

Offertory Duet:

"Nothing Very Strange" Words and Music by Gary White

Nancy Rodewald, alto and Gary White, tenor

Every spring, to every garden	Caterpillars only seem to die;
Comes a different slant of light.	They come back as flowers that can fly.
Flowers spread their hands to catch it.	Spring makes butterflies seem
Robins serenade the sight.	Nothing very strange.
Air so full of spice and music,	Did we think, when light was lower,
Colors we can't even name...	Air was chill and night was long,
It's no surprise that butterflies	Winter might hold fast forever?
Seem nothing very strange.	Bleak and barren, on and on?
Nothing very strange,	Did we hope for resurrection?
An ordinary thing for spring.	Did we look for life anew?

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Offertory Duet: (continued)

What made us think that snow is not a shroud,
Only a cocoon?

Something very strange, that goes by the name of Faith.
Faith assures us spring will come again,
That dark and death are not the end.
For Christ and the butterfly are God's 'Amen'.
Faith makes miracles seem nothing very strange...
Nothing very strange... Nothing very strange...

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 #352*

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

PENITENT

Lesson Two

Matthew 4:1-11

Mr. Olson

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

(New Revised Standard Version)

Sermon

"Original Grace"

Rev. Miner

Hymn #73*

"O Worship the King"

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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

“Crown Him with Many Thorns”

Mary McDonald

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: The World sends us trials; but, by keeping God first, we will get through them.

Color: Purple

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Videographers: Bill Parnell, Andrew Olson and Dane Vose

Flower Dedications: Our flowers this morning are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by Judy Sanders: "In loving memory of my wonderful husband, Don Sanders."

Boutonnieres: Boutonnieres for February are provided by Treva McCarthy: "In celebration of my wonderful parents: Joseph Fowler and Barbara Jean Fowler."

Liturgical Notes by 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

Today

9:00 am to 9:45 am, Bible Study in the Parlor

11:30 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 23rd

11:30 am, Living Faith Bible Study

Tuesday, February 24th

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

Wednesday, February 25th

9:00 am, Rummage Sorting

9:30 am, Library Committee

Thursday, February 26th

10:00 am to Noon, Joyful Endeavors

Saturday, February 28th

Free Community Health Clinic (Hosted by INSAN Foundation)

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