

Order of Worship

March 22, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Fourth 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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Need a Confidential Prayer?

Send your prayer request to the Band of Prayer

saintshedd@roadrunner.com

“All prayer requests are kept confidential”

Prelude

“Little Fugue in C, BWV 953” J. S. Bach
 “Theme and Two Settings of O World I Now Must Leave Thee”
 Bruce Jones, organist Johannes Brahms

Hymn #261*

“Lord of the Dance” LORD OF THE DANCE

Welcome

Rev. Heather Miner

Parish Concerns

Rev. Miner

Call to Worship

Dr. Horn

Introit

“This Is the Time for Worship” Robert M. Boberg

This is the time for worship. This is the time for prayer.
 Let us seek to live by truth and faith. God is always there.

Invocation*

Rev. Keith Eades

God of all consolation and compassion, Your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary; Your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out Your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection and faith in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave. 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

Romans 8:6-11

Rev. Eades

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. *(New Revised Standard Version)*

Youth Message

Rev. Eades

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

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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"In Paradisum" (*Requiem*)

Gabriel Fauré

May the angels lead you into paradise.
 May the martyrs receive you
 In your coming.
 And may they guide you
 Into the holy city, Jerusalem.
 May the chorus of angels receive you.
 And with Lazarus once poor
 May you have eternal rest.

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Dr. Horn

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 Solo:

"Come to Me"

Beethoven/arr. Aslanoff

Jessica Soza, soprano

Come to me come to me all ye that needs rest. Take my yoke, take my yoke upon you and learn of me. All ye that labor all ye that are heavy laden; I will give you rest. I am meek. I am meek. I am lowly, lowly in heart. For I am meek in heart.

Come to me, come to me all ye that needs rest. Come to me all ye to find rest unto your souls. My yoke is easy and my burden is light. My yoke is easy and my burden is light, is light. O Come to me all ye to find rest, come to me. Amen.

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 #404*

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

PENTECOST

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Lesson Two

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Eades

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.” (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Sermon

“God Has a Question for Us”

Dr. Horn

Hymn #347*

“Spirit Song”

SPIRIT SONG

Benediction*

Dr. Horn

Congregational Response*

“God Be with You”

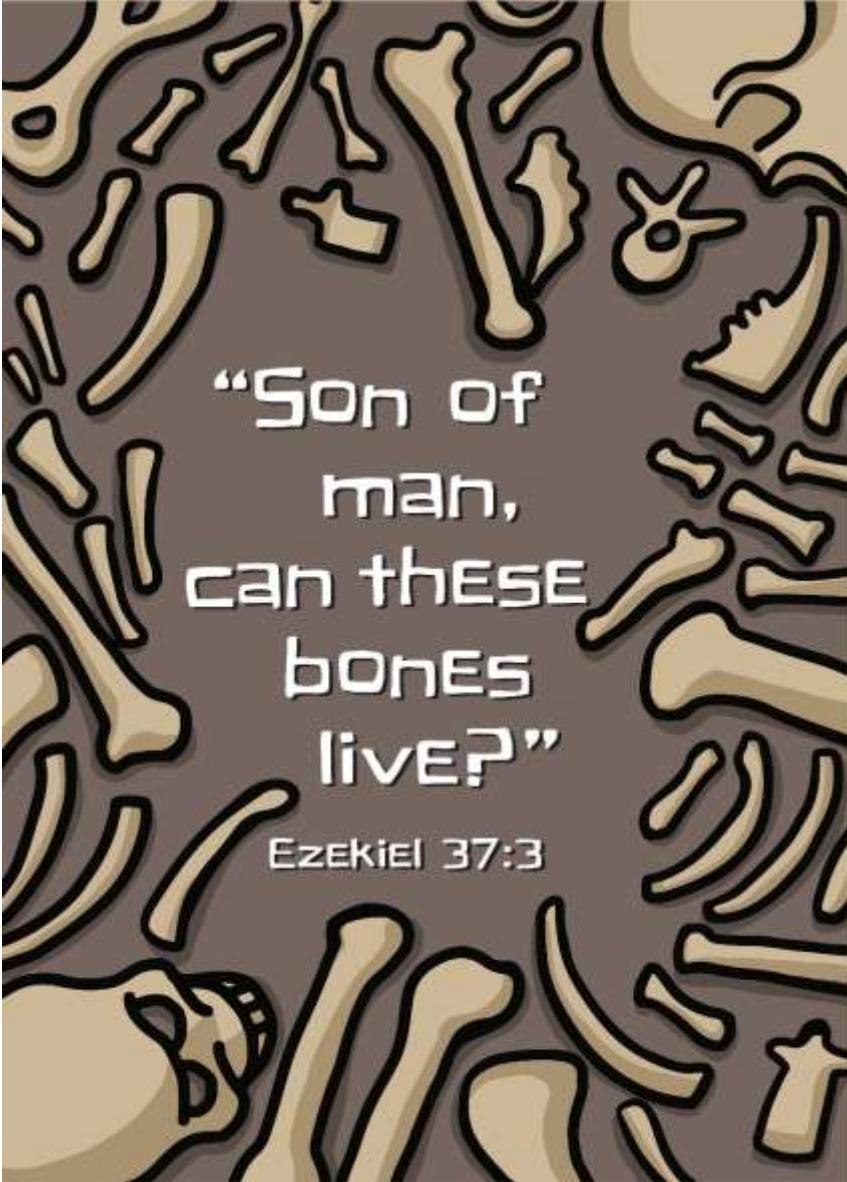
Hymn #672

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

“March in G Major”
Susan Winckler, organist

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A collection of various human bones, including long bones, ribs, and vertebrae, scattered across a dark grey background. The bones are rendered in a stylized, cartoonish manner with black outlines and light brown shading.

“Son of
man,
can these
bones
live?”

EZEKIEL 37:3

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

Today's Theme: Life is a question of faith

Color: Purple

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Videographers: Bill Parnell, Andrew Olson and Dane Vose

Flower Dedications: Our flowers this morning are thoughtfully provided with many thanks to Susan Winckler, Bruce Jones, and our extraordinary Choir for their beautiful music every Sunday."

Boutonnieres: Our Boutonnieres for March are provided: "In appreciation to ALL who so generously dedicate their time, talents, and treasures to Pilgrim Congregational Church."

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 (online M-F)

Today

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

11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

11:30 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, March 23rd

11:30 am, Living Faith Bible Study

Tuesday, March 24th

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

Wednesday, March 25th

9:00 am, Rummage Sorting

9:30 am, Library Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 26th

10:00 am to Noon, Joyful Endeavors

Sunday, March 29th

Palm Sunday Brunch and Fellowship

11:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt

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