



Order of Worship

August 16, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

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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Prelude

“Vesper Voluntaries Op. 14-Intro, No. 1-4”
 (In Honor and Memory of Cedric Rogers)
 Bruce Jones, organist

Edward Elgar

Hymn #147*

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

Welcome

Rev. Heather Miner

Parish Concerns

Rev. Heather Miner

Call to Worship

Dr. Horn

Invocation *

Mr. Jon Olson

God of the foreigner and outcast, Your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon You. Teach us as disciples of Christ so to love the world that Your name may be known throughout the earth. 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, Amen.

Lesson One

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Mr. Olson

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered. (*New Revised Standard Version*)

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Rev. Miner

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 “Comfort Ye My People/Every Valley Shall Be Exalted” (Messiah) G.F. Handel
 Slater Astle, tenor

Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God.
 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
 that her warfare is accomplished, that her Iniquity is pardoned.

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Anthem (continued)

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
 Make straight in the desert a highway for
 Our God. (Isaiah 40:1-3)

Every valley
 Every valley shall be exalted
 Shall be exalted
 Shall be exalted
 Shall be exalted
 And every mountain and hill made low
 The crooked straight
 And the rough places plain
 The crooked straight
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Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Dr. Horn

Organ Prayer Response**Offering**

Dr. Horn

Offertory Solo

“Adagio”
 Susan Winckler, organist

Morten Malvik

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.

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Lesson Two

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Mr. Olson

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Homily

“Mercy for All”

Dr. Horn

Children Enter into the Sanctuary (children will sit with their family)

Service of Communion

Dr. Horn and Mr. Olson

Hymn of Access (Congregation seated)

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste a fresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heavenly table spread for me:
Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with Thee

The Words and Prayer of Institution

The Distribution of the Bread (The bread is taken together after the hymn.)

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Hymn (Congregation seated and singing as the diaconate returns to the table.)

Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea:
Beyond the Sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O Living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Gailee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all.

The Bread Taken Together in Remembrance

The Distribution of the Cup

(The cup is taken individually before the completion of the hymn.)

Hymn (congregation seated and singing as the diaconate returns to the table)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior Divine;
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be,
A living fire!

Communion Prayer

Mr. Olson

Closing Hymn #634*

“Now Let Us from This Table Arise”

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

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.

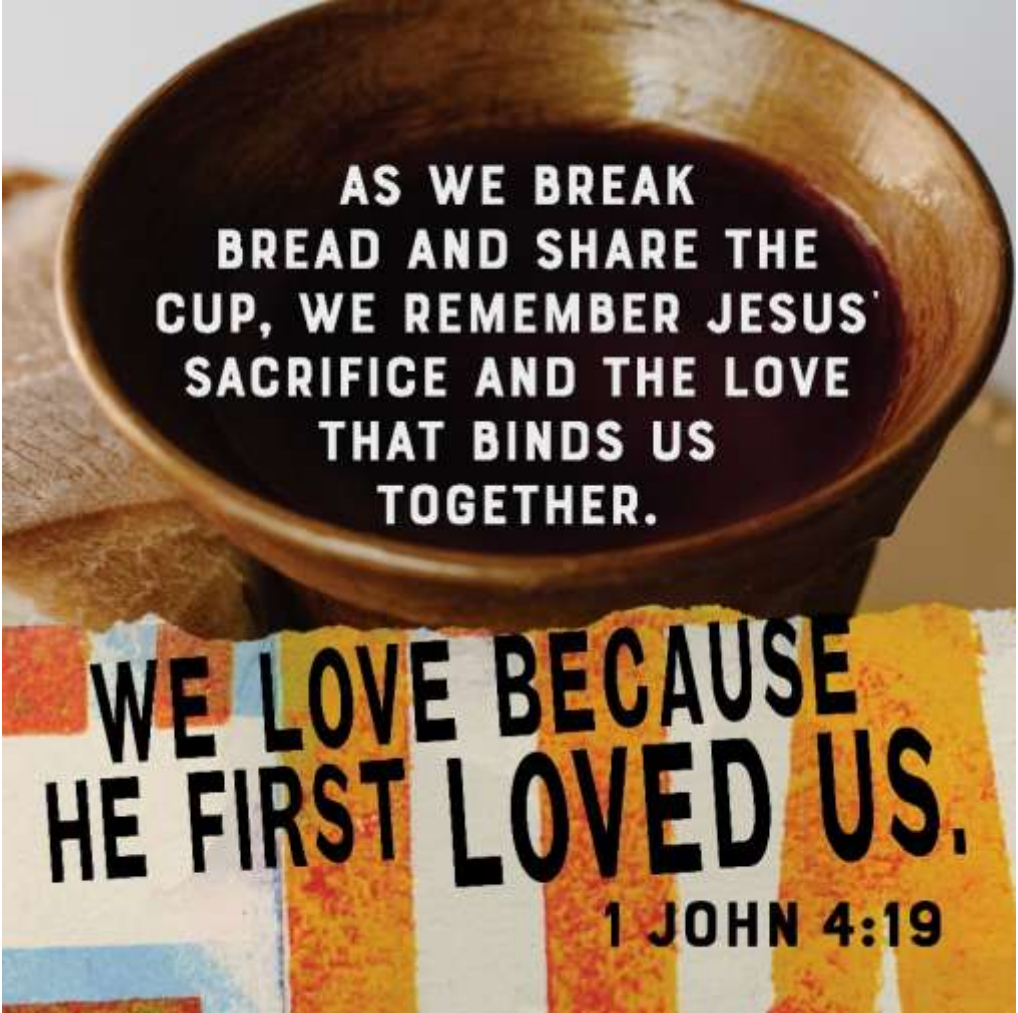
Postlude

“Toccata in C”

Paul Sjolund

Susan Winckler, organist

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**AS WE BREAK
BREAD AND SHARE THE
CUP, WE REMEMBER JESUS'
SACRIFICE AND THE LOVE
THAT BINDS US
TOGETHER.**

**WE LOVE BECAUSE
HE FIRST LOVED US.**

1 JOHN 4:19

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

Today's Theme: God's mercy is sufficient for all

Color: White

Hymn Leader: William Parnell

Organists: Susan Winckler and Bruce Jones

Videographer: Bill Parnell, Andrew Olson, and Dane Vose

Flower Dedication: Our flowers this morning are thoughtfully provided by Janet Beech:
"Happy Birthday to my longtime friend, Shirley. Thinking of You."

Boutonnieres: Boutonnieres for August are anonymously and thoughtfully provided:
"We are most fortunate for the blessed opportunity to worship at Pilgrim Congregational Church each and every Sunday."

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, Communion

11:30 am, Meeting Sunday

Monday, August 17th

9:00 am, Morning Devotional

Tuesday, August 18th

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

Wednesday, August 19th

8:30 am – 11:00 am, Rummage Sorting

Thursday, August 20th

10:00 am to Noon, Joyful Endeavors

Saturday, August 22nd

11:00 am, Cedric Rogers Memorial Service

1:00 pm, Cedric Rogers Repast

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Please note: Pilgrim Choir is enjoying a much-deserved summer break. They will return on September 13th.

A WAY TO GIVE

Luke 6:38 - "Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over."

