



Order of Worship

September 20, 2026 ~ 10:00 am
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rally 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.

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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

“Aria”

Raymond H. Haan

Susan Winckler, organist

Hymn #166*

“All Praise to Thee, for Thous, O King Divine”

SINE NOMINE

Welcome

Rev. Heather Miner

Parish Concerns

Rev. Miner

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn

Introit

“Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place”

Gordon Young

Invocation*

Mrs. Sue Selters

O God, from Your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us Your ways of justice and lead us to practice Your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Mrs. Selters

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

⁴¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.

³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

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Lesson One (continued)

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?” (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Youth Message

Rev. Miner

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

The Lord’s Prayer

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:

“Shepherd Me, Lord”

Gershon Kingsley

Lord, watch over me, shepherd me, Lord.

Lord, let me lie down, shepherd me, Lord.

Lord, let me be free, shepherd me, Lord.

Lord, make me a crown. shepherd me, Lord.

Refrain: Shepherd me, Lord, O shepherd me Lord.

Shepherd me, Lord, O shepherd me Lord.

And when I walk in darkness and fear,

And when I walk in darkness and fear,

Lend me Your staff, shepherd me Lord, shepherd O Lord,

Let me know you are here.

Lord, set me a table, shepherd me, Lord.

Lord, strengthen my day, shepherd me Lord.

Lord, as long as I am able, shepherd me, Lord.

Lord, show me the way, shepherd me, Lord

Refrain

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Dr. Horn

Prayer Response

“FiveFold Amen”

Denis Drobinsky

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Offering

Dr. Horn

Offertory Solo: “His Voice as the Sound of the Dulcimer Sweet” SAMANTHRA
 Elaine Huang, soprano arr. Jennifer Rhodes

His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet,
 Is heard through the shadows of death;
 The cedars of Lebanon blow at His feet,
 The air is perfumed with His breath.
 His lips as the fountains of righteousness flow,
 That waters the garden of grace,
 From which their salvation the Gentiles shall know,
 And bask in the smile of His face.

Oh, why should I wander and alien from Thee,
 And cry in the desert for bread?
 Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see,
 And smile at the tears I have shed.
 Where dost Thou at noontide resort with the sheep,
 To feed on the pastures of love?
 Say why in the valley of death should I weep,
 Or alone in the wilderness rove?

Oh! Thou in whose presence my soul takes delight,
 On whom, in affliction, I call;
 My comfort by day and my song in the night,
 My hope, my salvation, my all!

His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet,
 Is heard through the shadows of death;
 The cedars of Lebanon blow at His feet,
 The air is perfumed with His breath.

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 #191*

“Jesus Loves Me”

JESUS LOVES ME

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Lesson Two

Philippians 1:21-30

Mrs. Selters

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

(New Revised Standard Version)

Sermon

“Together in the Faith”

Dr. Horn

Hymn #671*

“Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” SICILIAN MARINERS

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

“Lord, Dismiss Us With A Shout”
Bruce Jones, organist

Bruce Jones

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.”*



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

Theme: We are One in Christ

Color: Green

Organists: Bruce Jones and Susan Winckler

Videographers: Dane Vose, William Parnell, and Andrew Olson

Flower Dedication: This morning's flowers on Rally Sunday are provided in Celebration of our wonderful Marria Casner, who has provided our youth with more than thirty (30) years of Sunday School guidance and knowledge. "Heartfelt Thanks to Marria!"

Boutonnieres: 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

11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

11:30 am, Meeting Sunday

Noon, Rally Sunday and Burger Bash

Tuesday, September 22nd

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

Wednesday, September 23rd

8:30 am, Rummage Sorting

Thursday, September 24th

10:00 am, Joyful Endeavors

Sunday, September 27th

Noon, All Church Talent Show

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