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Pray, Fast, Give, Do Justice, Think.

Faith takes practice. Let's practice together.



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

Prelude *Andante, from Trio Sonata 4* J.S.Bach

Greetings Rev. Henrietta Brown

Introit *We Walk His Way*

***Call to Worship** David Brodnax Sr.

Lord, you know what we need before we even ask it,
**And all that you ask of us is that we love You, love each other, and
love Your world.**

We gather here today in a spirit of prayerful worship.

We gather here today to forgive and to be forgiven.

Be with us, Jesus, our delight,

Your presence near makes all things right.

***Opening Hymn** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* p. 3

***Opening Prayer** David Brodnax Sr.

Confession Rev. Henrietta Brown

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

(time for silent confession)

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we might delight in your will
and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

By dying, Christ destroyed our death.
In rising, Christ restores our life;

In giving us his Spirit,
He grants us peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7

*Latin, 6th-8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867
Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Lord, Prepare Me

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Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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SANCTUARY
 Irregular

Children's Message

Maureen Deahl

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:5-13

One: This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Prayer

Rev. Hailey Braden Lynch

Anthem

Be Blessed

K. Carr/K.Hampton

Prayer for the Offering

David Brodnax Sr.

***Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia!*

Prayers of the People Loving God, Hear our Prayer

Lord's Prayer *All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the manner of their choosing, included below is one version:*

Our Father (Mother, Creator), 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (stz. 1)* p. 5

***Benediction** Rev. Hailey Braden Lynch

Postlude *Prayer* George Walker

20 The Lord is my song

O Lord, hear my prayer

The musical score is for two hymns. The first hymn, 'The Lord is my song', is in G major (one sharp) and common time. It starts with a tempo marking of quarter note = 72. The lyrics are: 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The'. The second hymn, 'O Lord, hear my prayer', continues with the lyrics: 'Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The'. The score includes guitar chords (Em, C6, D, G, C, Am6, B, G6, Am, B, Em) and 'fine' markings.

Our guest preacher today is **the Reverend Hailey Braden Lynch**. Hailey and her spouse, Ben, have served as the co-pastors of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church since 2017. Hailey has been an ordained minister in the PC(USA) since 2011. She first served as the Associate Pastor for Children at First Presbyterian Church in Pensacola, Florida before she and her husband, Ben, accepted a call to co-pastor Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church here in Oak Park. She was a member of the Community of Congregation’s board from 2019-2024 and loves living in this village with Ben and their two children, Asher and Junia.

Pilgrim History

In 1974, Margaret Nordman was the first woman to be on the church's Board of Trustees (Council).

Today's Liturgist is David Brodnax Sr. Connect Leaders are Cheryl Capps and Bruce Cox. Ushers are Henry Guerriero and Josephine Simmons. Our Online Worship Coordinator are Delena Wilkerson, Chuck Behensky, David Taylor-Glass, Carol Bustamante. Our Sextons are Claudia Divis and Leslie Lauderdale. We give our thanks for their important contributions to our worship gathering.

A deacon will be available for **healing prayer** every Sunday, after worship, in the front pew.

Announcements

Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche

Today, March 10, 2024, 4:00 PM

It's back....and we are so eggscited! Come for the Quiche or come for the yolks! Mosaic Players will be presented this hilarious romp set in the 1950's in our own parlor. The link to purchase tickets can be found online and in the What's Happening.

Time to order your Easter Flowers

Again this year, we will decorate the Sanctuary with a variety of flowers for Easter. If you would like to offer one or more of these "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one, please fill out the form, put it in the collection basket or leave in the Church Office. *The deadline to order is Sunday, March 17.*

Join us for a Multi-Generational Walking With Jesus Lenten Event

Monday, March 18th from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

The evening will begin with a Soup Meal from 6:00-6:30 followed by activities featuring story, scripture and several craft station options for all ages. RSVP by March 10th to Maureen Deahl at maureen.deahl@pilgrimoakpark.org

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29, 2024, 7:00 PM

Join us on Good Friday for our Tenebrae Service in the Chapel.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 8:00 AM - Sunday, March 31, 9:00 AM

Pilgrim will offer a chance to keep Vigil for an hour with Christ in the lead-up to Easter

Sunday. It will take place either virtually at home or in the Chapel for 24 hours, from 8 am Saturday, March 30 to 9 am Easter Morning. Please sign up for an hour to sing or read or meditate or contemplate as a buildup to Easter. Sign up for an hour at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4DADAB2BAA8-48204377-easter>

Pilgrim Annual Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt is Back!

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Join us for the Easter Potluck Brunch at 9:30am followed by the Easter egg hunt at 10:00am on the church's front lawn. Bring your favorite brunch dish and enjoy a time of fellowship. Everyone is invited!

Join us after the Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt for our Resurrection Worship Service at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary.

A note from Rev. Colin Knapp: the second half of Lent this year will be highlighted by the voices of my colleagues and pastors who serve in other local Oak Park Churches. On Sunday, March 10, Rev. Hailey Braden Lynch, will preach. And last but certainly not least, on March 17, Rev. Lydia Mulkey from First United Church of Oak Park will preach. And I, likewise, will preach at their congregations. Throughout this time, I hope we will experience the profound sense that what we have in common, is much more than what we believe separates us.

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