



Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ is Risen! *Christ is Risen Indeed!*



Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

Prelude	<i>O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing</i>	Henri Deshayes
Easter Greeting		Rev. Colin Knapp
Introit	<i>He Is Risen</i>	Craig Courtney
*Call to Worship		Jenny Burney

This is the day:

**When tears are wiped away;
Shattered hearts are mended;
Fears are replaced with joy.**

This is the day the Lord:

**Rolls away the stone of fear;
Throws off death's clothes;
Goes ahead of us into God's future.**

This is the day the Lord has made:

**Death has no fear for us;
Sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts
To fill us with life.**

This is the day - Easter Day!

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

*Opening Hymn	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>
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Opening Prayer	Jenny Burney
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Welcoming New Members

Moderator: Let us, the members of Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

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our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heavenly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

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who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

Glory to God 232

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740; Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Korean trans. © The Christian Literature Society of Korea

MUSIC (EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias): *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749

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suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Response

God Welcomes All

John L. Bell

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends!

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

Children's message

Maureen Deahl

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

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

Sermon

Amidst the Sorrow...Hope

Rev. Colin Knapp

Anthem

Love Brought Me Back

Mark Miller

Prayer for the Offering

Jenny Burney

***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!*

Holy Communion

Rev. Colin Knapp

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the angels
and with all the company of heaven, who forever proclaim the glory
of Your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy

and living sacrifice, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

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, for ever and ever. Amen

Communion Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) B \flat

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) C (D) F (A) C (D) F (Em) Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) F/A (G) B \flat (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) (G) (D) F B \flat F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

The Strife Is O'er 236

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

TEXT: Latin hymn, c. 1695; trans. Francis Pott, 1861
MUSIC: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1591; adapt. William Henry Monk, 1861

VICTORY
8.8.8 with alleluias

Pilgrim History

In 1889, the first woman appointed to a church ministry joined the music committee.

Today's Liturgist is Jenny Burney. Ushers are Bruce Cox and Bill Kent. Our Online Worship Coordinators are Delena Wilkerson, Chuck Behensky, David Taylor-Glass, and Carol Bustamante.

Join us in recognizing International Transgender Day of Visibility (Trans Day of Visibility), an annual event dedicated to celebrating the diversity and resilience of transgender individuals on March 31. This day serves as an opportunity to honor their contributions to our communities while raising awareness about the discrimination and challenges they face globally. As a welcoming and inclusive community, we affirm the inherent dignity and worth of all individuals, embracing diversity and standing in solidarity with our transgender siblings. Let us continue to strive for a world where everyone is respected, valued, and loved for who they are.

Announcements

Responds to Migrants

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Please join Congregations Networking for Social Justice (CNSJ) for their next public workshop, Oak Park Area Responds to Migrants, on Sunday afternoon, April 14 from 2:00 - 4:30 pm at the Oak Park Main Library. Flyers are available in the back of the sanctuary. For more information, you can talk to Pilgrim's representatives on the CNSJ Working Group - Karin Grimes, Sue Sporte and Jane Ann Moore.

Community of Congregation's Spring Gathering

April 18, 2024, 7PM

Join us in welcoming OPRF's Superintendent Greg Johnson! We will hear an overview and update on all things district 200: Illinois Report Card, strategic priorities, finance, and facilities. Q & A to follow the presentation.

CoC's gathering will take place at United Lutheran Church, 409 Greenfield Ave, Oak Park. Please kindly RSVP to oprfcoc@gmail.com

Calling all Pilgrims! Green or otherwise - We need you!

Pilgrim Community Preschool is planning a work day on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00am to noon. We will be working in the Outdoor Classroom on the west side of the Chapel. This is a great way to spend time outdoors, make new friends and beautify our front yard! In keeping with our green theme - if you have any garden items you no longer need and would like to recycle, we need: rocks, gravel, lumber, stone pavers and egg cartons to plant seeds. Contact Debbie Kent 312-968-8012.

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