

Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

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❖ PRELUDE: Liebster Jesu – JS Bach

❖ OPENING HYMN: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

❖ ANTHEM: As The Deer – Jack Miffleton

❖ OFFERTORY: Unfailing Love — Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

❖ HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together

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❖ POSTLUDE: Vater Unser im Himmelreich – D. Buxtehude

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Today's service will be recorded.





Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation

Mission Statement

A welcoming home to all spiritual seekers

Making a difference in our world,

By fusing our Christian faith with everyday life and

Serving God by serving others.

Statement of Welcome

We honor the Biblical call to love one another as God first loved us. We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people of any race, nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, and physical, mental, and emotional abilities.

Children at Pilgrim

Children are an important part of our worshipping community. We try to make them feel at home! All are welcome. Professional childcare for infants and toddlers is available in Pilgrim Hall from 10:15 to the end of the service.

Visual and Hearing Aids

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex.

Large Print bulletins and Sermons texts are available.

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PRELUDE Liebster Jesu – JS Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Reebee Girash, Sarah Jane and Deven

MISSION MOMENT Doug Johnston

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May you be at peace in mind, peace in body, and peace with your neighbors, family, and friends. May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

All: In God's house, you will find rest.

One: Take the yoke of Christ upon you, and learn from him;

All: For Christ is gentle and humble in heart. We will find rest for our souls.

One: For his yoke is easy, and his burden is light.

All: Under this light and easy yoke there is rest for the weary and sleep for the exhausted.

One: Come and worship. Find warmth and care under the wide wings of our Mother God.

All: We are a people in need of a soft place to land.

One: Come and worship. Be filled and restored by the healing breath of God's Spirit.

All: Amen. Let us worship together!

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Cecil F. Alexander, 1823-1805 GALILEE 8.7.8.7. William H. Jude, 1851-1922 1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu-mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea; 2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it By the Gal - i - le - an lake, 3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship Of the vain world's gold-en store, 4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, Days of toil and hours of ease, 5 Je-sus calls us; by thy mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear thy call, by day his sweetvoice sound-eth, Say-ing, "Christian, fol - low me." Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, Leav-ing all for his dear sake. From each i - dol that would keep us, Say-ing, "Christian, love me more." he calls, in cares and pleas-ures, "Christian, love me more than these." our hearts to thine o - be-dience, Serve and love thee best of all. A-men. 1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, Saying "Christian, follow me!"

2 As of old, Saint Andrew heard it By the Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred,

Leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call; Give our hearts to thine obedience,

OPENING PRAYER

Good and generous God, you desire that we be restored and renewed in worship. Whether we are participating online or in person, alone or with family, you meet us here with living water to quench our thirst and fortify our journeys. We gather in faith, believing the time we spend together and the energy we expend will be replenished to overflowing;

that we will be fully equipped to walk in grace and service when we depart. So, restore, renew, and replenish us, O God.

Set our hearts upon your ways, so we might be ready to encounter the world once again. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:22-25

²²One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

One: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

As The Deer – Jack Miffleton

INTERGENERATIONAL LENT ACTIVITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Unfailing Love – Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

*DOXOLOGY

Red Hymnal 515

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 or

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God,

we bring you our offerings and gifts.

We desire that our faith community would be a place of safe refuge for all who need rest and restoration.

We pray our leaders and elders would steward these gifts with wisdom so many may be blessed in your name.

May the Spirit of Christ inspire us to learn giving

May the Spirit of Christ inspire us to keep giving throughout this season of Lent.

Amen.

*HYMN

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate. The sacrament is a gift from God, and all are welcome to receive it.

INVITATION

Negro Spiritual

LET US BREAK BREAD 7.3.7.3. with Refrain
Negro Melody

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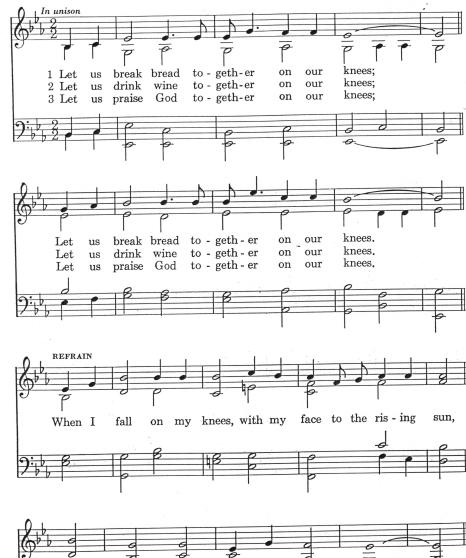
LORD'S SUPPER

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Lord,

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1 Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

Forgive us when we sin against our siblings, against your creation, against you. Grant us the grace and humility to change, for the sake of building up your kindom of love and justice. We pray as Jesus taught, saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (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 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.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, our healer, you have nourished our bodies with the bread of life and cup of blessing. Our weary bodies and minds are renewed, and our spirits are filled with hope that your work on earth is not complete. As we turn to face the world around us, bringing your light and love to our communities, we take this energy with us. We are prepared and equipped to bring heaven to earth, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Vater Unser im Himmelreich – D. Buxtehude

A special Thank You to our Zoom host, Duncan Todd, to our children and youth worship leaders and to Bob Beckwith our Greeter.

SOURCE NOTES

Our Theme for Lent 2023 is based on An Illustrated Lent for Families: This is My Body which explores how Jesus lived in his body on earth and invites us to take care of — and embrace the goodness of — our own bodies. The liturgy and devotional materials from Illustrated Ministry are used with license permission through purchase from Illustrated Ministry. (Back page image is a finger labyrinth in the style of the labyrinth on the floor of Chartres Cathedral.) Cover image attribution: Peterson, Kathleen. Tempest, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57509 [retrieved February 23, 2023]. Original source: Kathleen Peterson, https://www.kathleenpetersonart.com.



at Broadway Tabernacle (Congregational).

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me, Over life's tempestuous sea: Unknown waves before me roll. Hiding rocks and treacherous shoal; Chart and compass ever be;-Jesus, Savior, pilot me! 2 As a mother stills her child. You can hush the ocean wild; Boisterous waves obey your will When you say to them, "Be still!" Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me! 3 When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar Keeping me from peaceful rest-Then, while leaning on your breast, May I hear your words to true, "Fear not, I will pilot you!" Amen.

