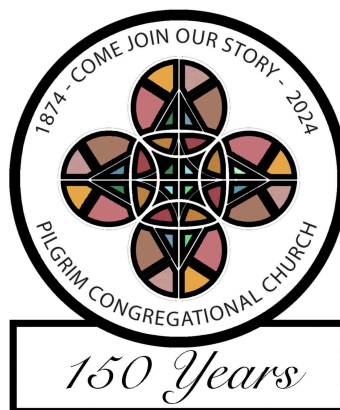


Cistercian pilgrim of Palestine,
started home for Clairvaux when he heard
his patron Bernard was dying.
Got as far as Italy when word came
his master passed. Settling in
a hermit's cave at Bari, he died.

An utterly untidy, unconsummated life—
beatified but not canonized; a mass
without communion; Lent with no Good
Friday. His “little way,” hardly a crawl.

Like Jesus at the pool of Siloam,
he was wholly accessible to all;
a pilgrim's pilgrim parked in a wayside—
no going forward; no going home.

Blessed Conrad of Bavaria, AD 1154
Scott Dalgarno



Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024

Prelude *Eucharistic Meditation* Francois Couperin

Greetings Rev. Henrietta Brown

Introit *In God Alone*

***Call to Worship** Rev. Mark Pedigo

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

***Opening Hymn** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* p. 3

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Mark Pedigo

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.

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

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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

Psalm Reading

Psalm 36:5-10

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 2:1-12

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

Sermon

Fasting: the Art of Feasting on What's Good

Rev. Ben Lynch

Anthem

Come, Join In Cana's Feast

Stuempfle/Morris

Prayer for the Offering

Rev. Mark Pedigo

*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. Ben Lynch

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, forever and ever. Amen.

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*Closing Hymn	<i>Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (strs. 1, 2, & 4)</i>	p. 7
*Benediction		Rev. Ben Lynch
Postlude	<i>In Nomine Domine</i>	Ned Rorem

Our guest preacher today is **the Reverend Ben Lynch**. Ben and his spouse, Hailey, have served as the co-pastors of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church since 2017. Before moving to Illinois, his career in ministry took him all over the country, serving at a variety of churches from South Texas to Manhattan to the Gulf Coast of Florida. Ben & Hailey have two children, Asher and Junia, who are growing up very, very quickly but remain wonderfully precocious and full of joy.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and
nev-er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

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Pilgrim History

In May 1912, Jane Addams spoke at the church "under the auspices of the William Bye Parents and Teachers Association." Her topic was the civic value of recreation.

Today's Liturgist is Rev. Mark Pedigo. Connect Leaders are Cheri Houha and Kathleen Lojas. Ushers are Bruce Cox and Henry Guerriero. 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.

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.



This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

Announcements

Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche

Sunday, 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.

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

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>

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 3, Rev. Ben Lynch from Fair Oaks Presbyterian will preach. The following 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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