

I am the blossom pressed in a book,
found again after two hundred years. . . .

I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper....

When the young girl who starves
sits down to a table
she will sit beside me. . . .

I am food on the prisoner's plate. . . .

I am water rushing to the wellhead,
filling the pitcher until it spills. . . .

I am the patient gardener
of the dry and weedy garden. . . .

I am the stone step,
the latch, and the working hinge. . . .

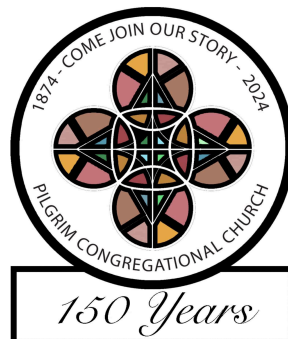
I am the heart contracted by joy. . . .
the longest hair, white
before the rest. . . .

I am there in the basket of fruit
presented to the widow. . . .

I am the musk rose opening
unattended, the fern on the boggy summit. . . .

I am the one whose love
overcomes you, already with you
when you think to call my name. . . .

—Jane Kenyon



Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

Prelude	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	Emma Lou Diemer
Greeting		Rev. Henrietta Brown
Introit	<i>Certainly Lord</i>	E. Simpson-Curenton
*Call to Worship		Rev. Janet MacLean

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to care for our neighbors.

There are no true strangers among us

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn	<i>In the Bulb There is a Flower</i>	p. 3
Opening Prayer		Rev. Janet MacLean
Confession		Rev. Colin Knapp

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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Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

Glory to God

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Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
 Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*May be sung as a canon.

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GLORIA (Taizé)

Psalm Reading

Psalm 133

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

Children's message

5 letter word

Maureen Deahl

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-35

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

Sermon

In Service to Others

Rev. Henrietta Brown

Anthem

We Have Seen The Lord

E. Rentz

Prayer for the Offering

Rev. Janet MacLean

*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

Invitation to the Table

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.

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

Resurrection Acclamation

Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

I died, and behold, I am alive for evermore, alleluia!

Communion Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken (stzs. 1 & 2)*

LORD'S SUPPER

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1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Announcement

***Closing Hymn**

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

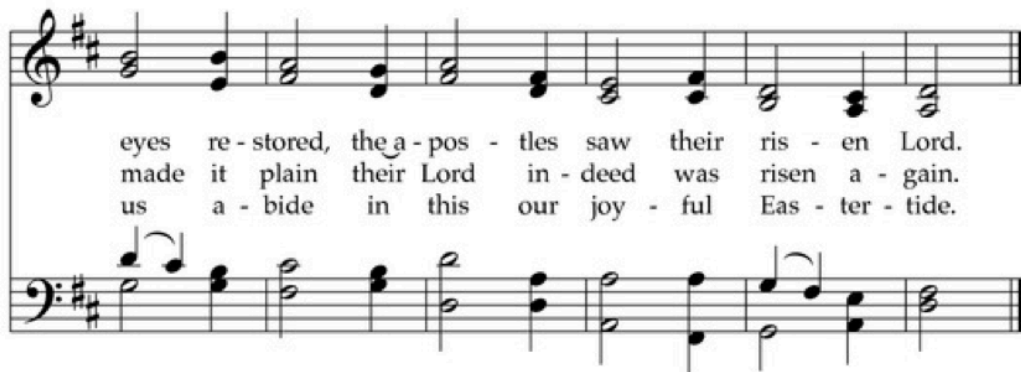
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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -



out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

***Benediction**

Rev. Henrietta Brown

Postlude

The Blessed Christ Is Risen Today

J.S.Bach

Pilgrim History

In August 1979, congregants were asked to bring their own plates and silverware to church potlucks to save energy.

Today's Liturgist is Rev. Janet MacLean. Connect Leaders are Riley Deahl and Bethany Schnipke. Ushers are Bruce Cox and Bill Kent. Our Online Worship Coordinators are Delena Wilkerson, Chuck Behensky, David Taylor-Glass, and Carol Bustamante. Our Sextons are Claudia Divis and Leslie Lauderdale. We give our thanks for their important contributions to our worship gathering.

Announcements

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

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 9:00AM - Noon

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.

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

Join the Pilgrim Crop Hunger Walk Team

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1PM

The 41st Annual Crop Hunger Walk is returning to a multi-congregational, in-person walk stepping off from Pilgrim Church and we need walkers for our team!! Help us raise money to end hunger in our community and the world. Festivities begin at 1pm with activities for kids and adults. The walk steps off at 2pm and includes a 3-mile or 1-mile route. Visit bit.ly/pilgrimcropwalk2024 to join or donate. Contact Pilgrim's team captain, Rose DiPietro, for more info at rose.dipietro@gmail.com.

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