

prACTice

Pray, Fast, Give, Do Justice, Think.

Faith takes practice. Let's practice together.



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

Prelude *Enigma Variations, IX: Nimrod* Edward Elgar

Greetings Rev. Henrietta Brown

Introit *I Am The Way* Young

***Call to Worship** Norman Clearfield

Creator God, You have told us what is good and what You require of us,

To seek justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You.

We have made a commitment to prACTice: to pray, fast, give, do justice, think.

In today's world full of chaos, we ask for Your help as we strive to live our lives as You would desire.

***Opening Hymn** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* p. 3

Opening Prayer Norman Clearfield

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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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with -
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap -
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his

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to the Lord with cheer-ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

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praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Glory to God 385

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560

MUSIC (OLD HUNDREDETH, LM): Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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]."

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY
Irregular

Children's Message

Maureen Deahl

Gospel Reading

Hebrews 11:23-28

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

Sermon

Do Justice

Rev. Lydia Mulkey

Anthem

Show Me Thy Way, O Lord

Thompson

Prayer for the Offering

Norman Clearfield

*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. Lydia Mulkey

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*

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***Benediction** Rev. Lydia Mulkey

Postlude *I Dream a World* Langston Hughes / Dave Brubeck

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain

C G C G C G D

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of

Em D G D G Em A

all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.

D C G C G C G D

And we, though man-y, through-out the

Em D G D G Em A D G (C) Fine

earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

G D Em D Em

1 Gen - tile or Jew,	ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts,	man - y the
3 Grain for the fields,	scat - tered and

D Em7 F Am D

to Refrain

free,	wom - an	or man,	no more.
works,	one in	the Lord	of all.
grown,	gath - ered	to one,	for all.

This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
 light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
 Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
 Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
 im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
 awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!



Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Lydia Mulkey – Associate Pastor of Education.

Lydia is the Associate Pastor of Education at First United Church of Oak Park. She began in 2016 after serving United Church of Christ congregations in California. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion and has a passion for creating safe and healthy environments where people of all ages, members of the LGBTQ community, and all those on the margins can learn the sacred stories that bind us together, find a sense of identity within those stories, and gather courage to write the next chapter. She loves to make music and has worked in church music and in music education. In her time off, you'll find her at home with her wife, Sam and cat, Jelly.

I Dream a World

I dream a world where man no other man will scorn
Where love will bless the earth and peace its path adorn.
I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul nor avarice blights the day.
A world I dream where black or white, whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth and every man is free.
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl, attends the needs of all mankind,
Of such a world I dream, my world.

Langston Hughes - 1944

Pilgrim History

In 1939, the Women's Society began serving lunch for the community weekly. Twenty-five cents got you a baked potato stuffed with creamed chipped beef, lime gelatin salad with grapefruit, rolls, jelly, coffee and ice cream roll. Lunches continued until 1961.

Today's Liturgist is Norman Clearfield. Connect Leaders are Kathy Pedigo and Leslie Sutphen. Ushers are James Jones and Mark Pedigo. 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

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 Today, 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

Special Offering

Sunday, March 24,

Pilgrim will be accepting gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing, one of our UCC Special Offerings, on Palm Sunday, March 24. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ. You can find it on the pulldown giving menu on the website or the tithe.ly app on your phone, or you can note it on the memo line of your check.

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. Today, Rev. Lydia Mulkey from First United Church of Oak Park will preach. And I, likewise, will preach at her congregation. 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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