



*Rainbow*  
John August Swanson



First Sunday in Lent  
February 18, 2024

**Prelude** *Affirmation* Noel Da Costa

**Greetings**

**Introit** *Completely Yes* Sandra Crouch

**\*Call to Worship** David Brodnax Sr.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

**God who has brought us this far on the way.**

God who has by Your might led us into the light,

**Keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

God of love, God of all creation,

**We thank You for always keeping Your covenant with us.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *This Is the Day* p. 3

**\*Opening Prayer** David Brodnax Sr.

**Confession** Rev. Colin Knapp

God of all, we confess that we have inherited a faith that was used to justify the theft of native lands and the enslavement of Your people. From this sin, we ask for deliverance.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in Your mercy, set us free.**

Touch hearts that have been shriveled by generations of suppressed empathy, and eyes that have lost the ability to see brothers and sisters who suffer from systemic injustice.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in Your mercy, set us free.**

Grant us courage to renounce the false teaching that we can somehow know You without being committed to justice for all people.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in Your mercy, set us free.**

We pray with thanksgiving for the prophetic leaders who guide, challenge and inspire us today.

Give us grace to follow them to freedom.

Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in  
Your mercy, set us free.

HIS ADORATION AND PRAISE

GOD OUR FATHER

## THIS IS THE DAY 108

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Psalm 118:24*

This is the day, This is the day that the Lord has made, that the

Lord has made. I will re-joice, I will re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the

Lord has made. I will re-joice and be glad in it.

This is the day, This is the day that the Lord has made.

Text: Psalm 118:24

Tune: Les Garrett, b.1944, © 1967, Scripture in Song, a div. of Integrity Music, Inc.; arr. by Stephen Key

# 182 LORD, BE GLORIFIED

*Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.  
Psalm 24:10*

Verses 1, 2

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,  
2. In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

be glo-ri-fied; In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
be glo-ri-fied; In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to -

Verses 3, 4

2. day. 3. In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,  
4. In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

be glo-ri-fied; In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
be glo-ri-fied; In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick  
Tune: Bob Kilpatrick  
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**Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 9:8-17

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

**Children's message**

Maureen Deahl

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 43:1-3a

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

**Sermon**

*No More Hiding*

Rev. Colin Knapp

**Anthem**

*Worth*

Brown/Knight

**Prayer for the Offering**

David Brodnax Sr.

**\*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 Meditation** *His Song* Nathaniel Dett

**Communion Hymn** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* p. 7

### **Announcements**

**\*Closing Hymn** *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms* p.8 & 9

**\*Benediction** Rev. Colin Knapp

**Postlude** *Blessed Assurance* F. Crosby and P. Knapp

### **Pilgrim History**

**December 5, 1911, the church's Tuesday evening devotional service was dedicated to discussion of the "educational and industrial problems of the negro" with readings of Paul Dunbar's works.**

Today's Liturgist is David Brodnax Sr. Connect Leaders are Jenny Burney and Riley Deahl. Ushers are Lee Capps and Bruce Cox. Our Online Worship Coordinators are Delena Wilkerson, Chuck Behensky, and David Taylor-Glass. 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.

# WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND 183

*"Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."*  
Exodus 3:5

We are stand - ing on Ho - ly Ground,

and I know that there are an - gels all a - round;

Let us praise Je - sus now. We are

stand - ing in His pres - ence on Ho - ly Ground.

Text: Geron Davis, b.1960

Tune: Geron Davis, b.1960; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969

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## 371 LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

*Upon You I have leaned from my birth; it was You who took me from my mother's womb.*  
*Psalm 71:6*

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;  
 Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;  
 Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?

What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



Lean - ing, lean - ing,

Lean - ing on Je - sus Christ, my Sav - ior,

Safe and se - cure from all a - larms;

Lean - ing, lean - ing,

Lean - ing on Je - sus Christ, my Sav - ior,

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

Tune: SHOWALTER, 10 9 10 9 with refrain; Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000,  
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### Black History Month biographies

**Noel Da Costa (1929-2002)** was born in Lagos, Nigeria of Jamaican parents. He lived most of his life in New York City. He studied at Queens College and Columbia

University and was a Fulbright scholar in composition. He was a jazz violinist, a professor of music at Rutgers University for thirty years, and a prolific composer and conductor.

**Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)** was a Canadian citizen who studied and worked mostly in the United States. He earned degrees in music from Oberlin College and the Eastman School. He taught at the college level, he performed prolifically, and he had over 100 compositions published. He organized concert tours with contemporaries including Marian Anderson and John Phillip Sousa. At the time of his death he was leading choral concerts for the USO in support of troops in World War II.

## **Announcements**

### **Race and Justice: Early Oak Park & Pilgrim History in Context**

**Thursday, February 22, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Dr. David Brodnax, Sr., chair of the history department at Trinity Christian College and Kate Masur, Northwestern University, author most recently of the Pulitzer Prize finalist book *Until Justice Be Done*, panelists, Jeff Petertil, moderator.

### **Black History Month Celebration is Here!**

**February 24th and 25th**

*Showcase of Black History, Culture & Entrepreneurship*

Free health screenings; Healthcare information; Mac & Cheese Tasting Contest; Vendors; Dancing; Singing. See details in BHM website

<https://myevent.com/blackhistorymonth2024>, and please share with your friends, family, and colleagues.

### **Men's Pub Night**

**Thursday, February 29, 2024, 6:00 PM 8:00 PM**

All Pilgrim men are invited to join Pastor Colin at One Lake Brewing (1 Lake St, Oak Park) for a fun night of conversation, camaraderie and connection. Please email Colin at [colin.knapp@pilgrimoakpark.org](mailto:colin.knapp@pilgrimoakpark.org) to reserve your seat.

### **Build your own Pizza and Talent Show**

**Saturday March 2, 2024 at 4:00**

Are you a singer, play an instrument, Juggle, can you tell a great joke, are a poetry facilitator, magician, gymnast.... You tell us what your talent is!

Here's your chance to share your talent with the Pilgrim community and beyond. Come and build your own pizza at 4:00 pm under the supervision of our resident chef Joycelin. (\$5 individual, \$20 cap for a family) At 5:30 p.m. the Talent show will begin. All ages are invited to showcase their talents. Let us know if you'd like to be on the list of performers by emailing [maureen.deahl@pilgrimoakpark.org](mailto:maureen.deahl@pilgrimoakpark.org) and RSVP to reserve a spot for the pizza dinner to Joycelin at [office@pilgrimoakpark.org](mailto:office@pilgrimoakpark.org). RSVP by Friday, February 16th to place your dinner reservations and to secure your spot in the Talent Show line-up.

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