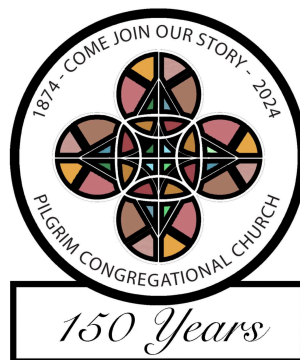




What are you looking for?



Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 21, 2024

**Prelude** *A Cup of Rejoicing* Wilbur Held

**Greetings**

**Introit** *Awesome God* Nolan Williams

**\*Call to Worship** Cleo Hagen

Come to us even now O Lord of Life,  
**And fill this place with Your presence!**

We praise Your name and rejoice in Your love,  
**We stand in utter amazement of who You are!**

Everyone who calls upon You will find life  
**They will rejoice forever, because You are God!**

Rejoice and give thanks!  
**Hallelujah! Amen!**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past* p. 3

**\*Opening Prayer** Cleo Hagen

**Confession** Rev. Henrietta Brown

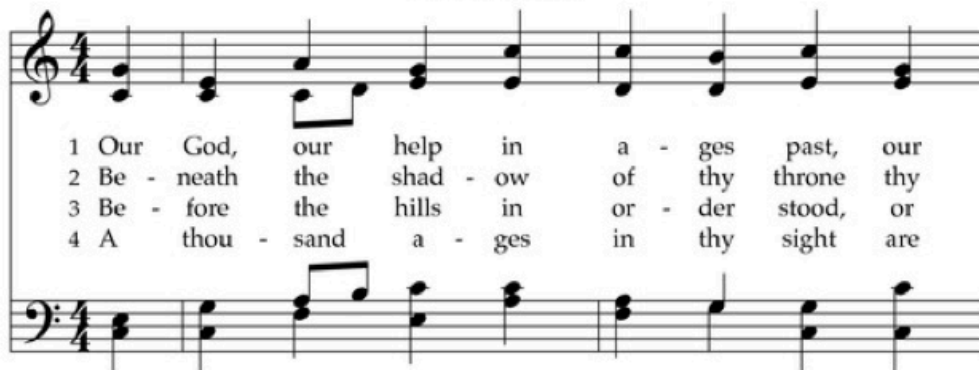
**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another,**  
**in thought, and word, and deed.**  
**You have come as the light of the world, but we have often instead chosen to**  
**remain in darkness.**  
**We repent of our narrow-mindedness,**  
**of our apathy and our prejudices.**  
**Pardon and forgive us,**  
**save us and renew us,**  
**that we may delight in your will and walk humbly where you lead us;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends, God is for us and not against us.  
For that reason God sent Jesus into the world —  
not to condemn the world, but to save the world.  
I declare to you the good news of the Gospel:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven  
and set free to live a new life of joy and service.

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

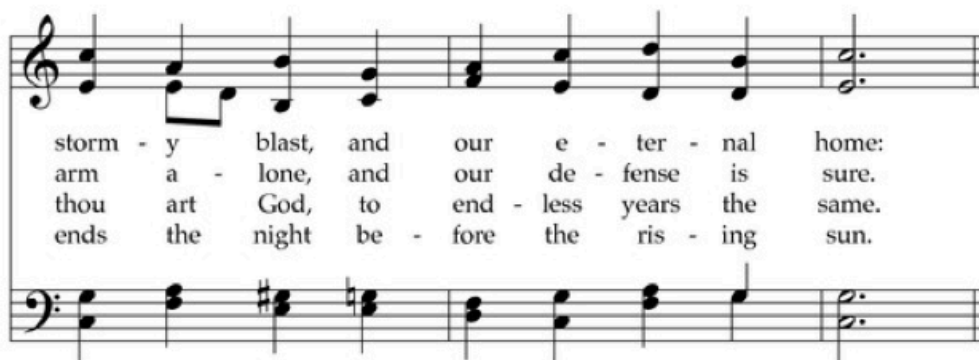
(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

## JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

## 770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble;  
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;  
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;  
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;  
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble; I'm gon - na  
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na  
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na  
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the  
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

TEXT: African American spiritual, alt.

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Carl Diton, 1980, alt.  
 Music Arr. © 1930, ren. G. Schirmer, Inc.

WELCOME TABLE  
 Irregular

Scripture Reading

John 1:35-42

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

Sermon

*What Are You Looking For?*

Rev. Colin Knapp

Anthem

*Look to the Things That are Above*

Powell

Prayer for the Offering

Cleo Hagen

**\*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 Hymn

*Taste and See*

LORD'S SUPPER

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## Taste and See

(Psalm 34)

Capo 1: (E)      (B)      (A)      (E)      (A)

Refrain      F      C      B $\flat$       F      B $\flat$

*All*

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. *Fine*

## Announcements

Rev. Henrietta Brown

### \*Closing Hymn

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

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### \*Benediction

Rev. Colin Knapp

### Postlude

*O Rejoice, Christians*

Ernst Pepping

## Pilgrim History

**In 1888, the church looked for its first Senior Pastor. Ultimately, the church hired the Rev. Bartlett, paying him a \$1,500 annual salary and providing four weeks of vacation. Bartlett is considered the church's first "formal" pastor according to church records.**

Today's Liturgist is Cleo Hagen. Connect Leaders are Bruce Cox and Ann Platzer. Ushers are James Jones and Jeff Petertil. 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.

## Announcements

### Community of Congregations Annual Gathering

**Monday, January 22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Join us as we highlight the work of the newly created Task Force supporting the West Suburban Resettlement efforts. The Annual Gathering will take place at New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church (4301 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60624). A suggested goodwill offering is \$15. Please RSVP to oprfcoc@gmail.com

### Pilgrim Annual Meeting

**Saturday, January 27, 2024, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Pilgrim Congregational Church will hold its annual business meeting on January 27 at 9-11 am, by Zoom. The zoom link can be found in the January Tidings and the What's Happening. You are invited to participate and to guide important Church matters, including the church's 2024 budget, election of officers and Council members and more. We will also hear more about plans to celebrate Pilgrim's 150th anniversary. Council looks forward to seeing you there.

## 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.  
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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### **What does hospitality mean at Pilgrim?**

This spring we are encouraging everyone to sign up for a series of three dinner groups where as a church we will be working to answer the question “At Pilgrim hospitality means...” *By the end of January we are looking for four people who are willing to host dinner three times at their home and one virtual host.* Hosts will be a part of a pre-meeting with Molly Knapp and Sherri Ambrose to discuss the best way to facilitate these discussions at dinner.

### **Save the Date!**

It's back! March 10th at 4PM. *Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche* is rescheduled. Mark your calendars and look for a link to tickets soon. This play is presented by Mosaic Players and was cancelled due to cast illness. They are excited to present this hilarious romp for us.

### **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. Have questions? Let us know!

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