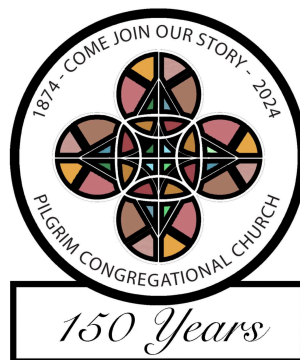




Hanna's Close
Kilkeel, northern Ireland



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024

Prelude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Michael Burkhardt

Greetings Jenny Burney

Introit *God Is In This Holy Place* Brahms/Hopson

***Call to Worship** Jenny Burney

Pecking away at our computers, idling in a knot of traffic:

We wait for you, God of all words, to speak to us.

Pacing the halls of a hospital,

Sitting outside the principal's office:

We wait for you, God of comfort, to fill us with hope.

In the silence of each night, beginning each day's new journey:

We wait for you, Steadfast Love, for you are our safe place.

***Opening Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation (stanzas 1,2,3,4)* **p. 3**

***Opening Prayer** Jenny Burney

Confession Rev. Colin Knapp

Saving God,
We confess that our faith is too small,
our fear is too great.
When we are overwhelmed,
we think You do not care enough for us.
When life is uncertain and risky,
we are not sure we can trust You with our whole hearts.
Even when You move among us in powerful ways,
we question who You are.
Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.
Teach us to trust in the power of Your love
and guide us in every circumstance.
Grant us Your peace,
which is clearly beyond our understanding. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ offers peace to our troubled souls.
Believe this One whom even the wind and the sea obey.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

FOUNDATION
 11.11.11.11

Spirit of the Living God 288^{*}

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Tóname, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee; Spanish trans. anon.

MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

Text and Music © 1935 Birdwing Music (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com)

Korean Trans. © 2001 Birdwing Music (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com)

LIVING GOD

Irregular

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-40

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

Children's Message

Maureen Deahl

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:35-39

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

Sermon

Why are You Afraid

Rev. Colin Knapp

Anthem

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Prayer for the Offering

Jenny Burney

*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!*

Prayers of the People Loving God, Hear our Prayer

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

Announcements

*Closing Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

p. 6 & 7

*Benediction

Rev. Colin Knapp

Postlude

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Michael Burkhardt

Pilgrim History

For Christmas 1889, Pilgrim children brought offerings for the Bethesda

Kindergarten in Canton, China, and a cash collection was made, totaling \$36.79.

488

Be Still, My Soul

Ps. 37:7; Ps. 46:10; 1 Tim. 4:10

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
Transl. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855; alt.

1 Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear pa-tient-
 2 Be still, my soul: for God will un-der-take to guide in
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here when we shall

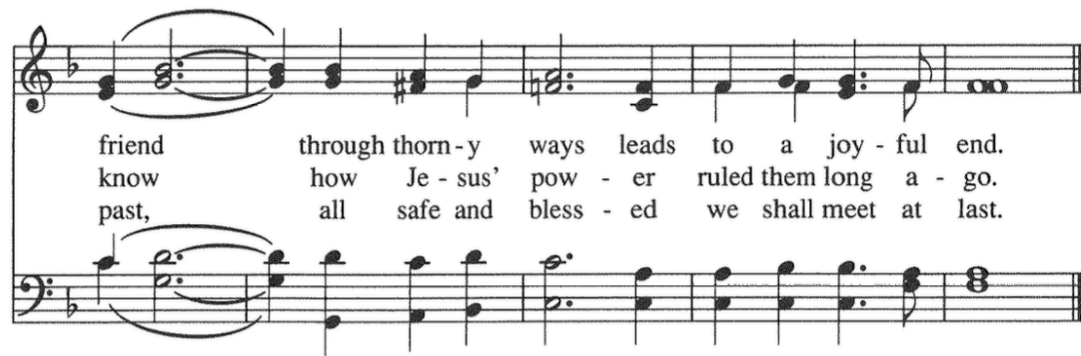
ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to
 fu-ture days as in the past. Your hope, your con-fi-
 be with God whom we a-dore, with dis-ap-point-ment

or-der and pro-vide; in ev-ery change God
 dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious
 gone, no grief nor fear, sor-row re-placed with

faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your best e-ter-nal
 shall be clear at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 joy for-ev-er-more. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

Little is known about Katharina von Schlegel, the author of twenty-six hymns, except that she seems to have been a member of the duke's court at Cöthen, Germany. The tune is adapted from an orchestral work by Finland's great composer Jean Sibelius.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.
 Jean Sibelius, 1899
 Arr. The Hymnal, 1933



Today's Liturgist is Jenny Burney. Connect Leaders are Cheri Houha and Kathleen Lojas. Ushers are Lee Capps and Henry Guerriero. 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

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 10, 2024, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

We will meet in the fellowship hall at Pilgrim. Mark Pedigo will provide pancakes. Please RSVP to him at markpedigo@sbcglobal.net if you plan on attending and what you plan on bringing, etc.

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.

Support Queer Youth

Send Valentines with a gift card to benefit the Youth Outreach at Center on Halsted and the Night Ministry. Feb 4th and 11th, Margie will be at the back of the sanctuary selling gift cards. The gift cards are \$10 each and Valentines are no charge. Fill one out and help youth purchase essential items or food. More importantly in this current onslaught of hate and violence toward our Queer siblings, let them know there are people who love and accept them.

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. Use the link below to get your tickets; chicken feed at \$10. Don't scramble at the last minute!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/five-lesbians-eating-a-quiche-tickets-800370217867?aff=oddtcreator>

Pilgrim Congregational Church

460 Lake St

Oak Park, IL

708-848-5860

www.pilgrimoakpark.org

The Reverend Colin Knapp
colin.knapp@pilgrimoakpark.org
Senior Pastor

Maureen Deahl
maureen.deahl@pilgrimoakpark.org
Director of Christian Education

Joan Hutchinson
joan.hutchinson@pilgrimoakpark.org
Minister of Music

Joycelin Fowler
office@pilgrimoakpark.org
Office Manager

Wilbert O. Watkins
wilbert.o.watkins@pilgrimoakpark.org
Chancel Choir Director

Bill Kent
bookkeeper@pilgrimoakpark.org
Financial Coordinator

Sarah Olson
moderator@pilgrimoakpark.org
Moderator

Ministers:
All of Us