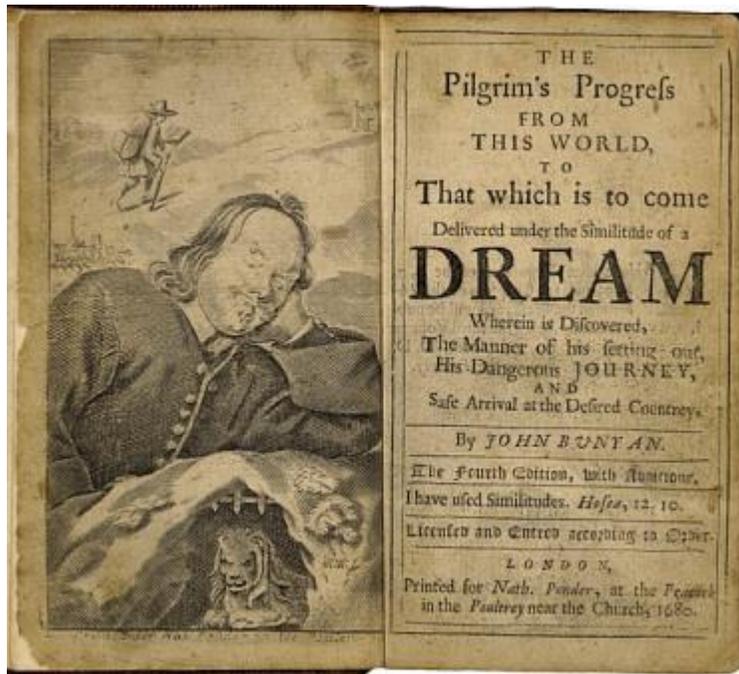


Eramosa Pastoral Charge

Barrie Hill and Speedside United Church of Canada Congregations First Sunday of 2021 Pilgrim Sunday

*A pilgrimage is a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred spot as an act of spiritual curiosity and religious devotion. A pilgrimage is an adventure undertaken in faith and trust.
Year B Seasonal Colour Gold/White*



January 3, 2021

Lay Reader Tim Card

Audio Visual and Recording Paul Knierim and Jim Parker

Welcome to everyone joining us online this week. We're glad you're here.

We offer thanks to our musicians for sharing their gifts of music today

If there are words in **bold**, we invite you to participate by saying them out loud.

Gathering

THE PEOPLE JOURNEY TOGETHER RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Prelude Old Lang Syne by Robert Burns

Welcome Rev. Lynn Hamilton

Hymn VU 595 We are Pilgrims – The Servant Song

Welcome and Announcements Tim Card

Greeting and Call to Worship

May the Grace of Lord Jesus be with you,

And also with you

A new year is here!

In this new year offer us awareness of the gift of kindness we carry with us on our pilgrimage into 2021

Bless us with humility, confidence, support from others we meet on the road and bless us with your presence with us God as we navigate unknown territory,

Remind us that there are many ways to accept and offer help . Equip us to be to be fair, just, supportive, and flexible in these covid times.

We are your people, your pilgrims, and we walk in your way. Amen.

Lighting of the wreath

A candle is burning, a candle of hope - to prepare us for smooth road ahead in 2021,

A candle is burning, a candle of peace - make us a channel of your peace as we travel the 2021 road with others, near and far,

A candle is burning, a candle for joy - to guide us in the new steps of the dance of life we're learning in 2021,

A candle is burning, a candle for love , Your Love, O God which will shape our motives , our speaking and actions in the year to come,

For Jesus lights our way we begin our pilgrimage together through 2021

Opening Prayer

God of everything new and old,

Lift our minds in watchful hope to see the face and hear the voice which announces his presence. Open our minds to receive the pilgrim-Spirit who equips us to live faithfully , and prepares us to trust all will be well in 2021. Make us channels of Your Peace to this end this day and always. Amen.

Hymn VU 684 Make Me a Channel of your Peace

Sharing time with young and young at heart – Bethany Parkinson

Special Music: "Jesus Take the Wheel" by Brett James, Hillary Lindsey and Gordie Sampson

Word

WE OPEN THE BIBLE. WE RECEIVE THE WORD.

Prayer for Understanding & Grace

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in your sight O, God.

Scripture Luke 2:15-21 Travelling to the manger

2:15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

2:16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

2:17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;

2:18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

2:19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

2:20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

2:21 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Message

Thanksgiving

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Our Offering in a Spirit of Gratitude

Sending Forth

Hymn **Hymn** MV 161 I Have Called You by your Name

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,* 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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Commissioning and Blessing

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24–26)

Postlude MV 220 Hope Shines as the Solitary Star

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