

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, April 21, 2024

Our Mission Statement:

We welcome ALL
to share the teachings of Jesus Christ,
to care for one another,
to serve others with compassion and love.

Welcome to our Worship Service

An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to stand if you are able.

Prelude “Andante Tranquillo” Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

We acknowledge one another with a nod, wave, or “Peace be with you.”

Chimes

*Call to Worship

One: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

All: We come today, celebrating God’s love for us.

One: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

All: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

One: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

All: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God!

Lighting the Christ and Peace Candles

***Hymn** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #252

Opening Prayer

All: Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we

may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Response “More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1) #456

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: We grumble and complain about our daily lot in life.

All: We read the newspapers, watch the news and moan about the evil which flourishes in the world.

One: And we wonder, “Where are you, O God?”

All: We turn our backs on the needs of the poor or give only a cursory acknowledgment of their plight.

One: We throw our hands up in the air and act as though we are defeated.

All: And we cry, “Why isn’t God taking care of all this?”

One: Forgive us, patient Lord.

All: Forgive our arrogance, our ignorance, our pettiness.

One: Forgive us when we could have done something to help someone else but chose instead to turn away.

All: Forgive us when we, by our attitudes and language, our thoughts and actions, have gone against your will.

One: You are with us, Lord.

All: You lead us daily on right paths and offer to us the bread of life.

One: You stand with us in times of trial and in the presence of those whom we fear, giving us your abundant love.

All: And then you offer us a place in your eternal home.

One: How can we doubt your presence?

All: Help us to trust you. Help us to praise you and remember that you have called us to be your witnesses and workers in this world.

One: Give us strength and courage.

All: Give us the same joy and peace which you have for all the world.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: In the midst of all that you fear, God is with you. God will not abandon you. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for you and offers you hope and peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

A Message for Children of All Ages

Bell Choir Anthem "Acclamation of Praise" Joel Raney

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23 (Old Testament Page 471)

John 10:11-18 (New Testament Page 103)

Sermon "The Power of Love" Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

***Hymn "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" #563**

Call to Offering

Offertory "Lord I Stretch My Hands to You" Jay Althouse

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Service for the Reception of New Members

Deacon: Let us, the members and friends of Pilgrim Congregational Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Our 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 glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn** "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" #355

***Benediction**

Postlude "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" Edward Boughton

New Members

Let us join together in welcoming the following new members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

Doug Heywood – A 25-year resident of Cape Cod by way of Westborough, MA, Doug is the husband of long-time member

Gregg Winston. Together they run the Winstead Inn and Beach Resort here in Harwich. Doug is father to two adult children, Nason and Molly. He is also a baker who enjoys gardening.

Earline Rubel – A long-time resident of Harwich Port, Earline summered here as a child... and also lived in Switzerland. She and her late husband were married here at Pilgrim Congregational Church! Earline is now retired from working in the Harwich After School Program. She enjoys hiking, golf, and yoga.

Kathryn (Kathy) Siegrist – Moved to the Cape in October from Rockaway, NJ, but has been coming to Cape Cod for many years. Kathy is a retired social worker who enjoys outdoor activities, music and crafts. She has already joined the bell choir!

Eileen Wyatt – Eileen and her late husband built a house in Harwich in 1983 and were part-time residents until their retirement in 2004. Eileen, mother of two and grandmother of four, is a retired school teacher from Braintree, MA where she was friends with Bob and Louise Moline. Eileen sings in our choir already and enjoys reading, music, watching movies and volunteering, which she does at the Family Pantry Thrift Store.

Amie & Bruce Giguere – Moved to the Cape in February 2023 from Tolland, CT. Amie is the Minister of Pilgrim Congregational Church. Bruce is a Financial Planner under the umbrella of Prudential Financial. They have three “twenty-something” daughters: Lora , Katherine and Emma (who will be graduating from the University of Connecticut in two weeks). Amie and Bruce love spending time with their family and spending time outdoors, more recently exploring the Cape. Bruce especially enjoys cycling.

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The church office is open Monday – Friday, 9am-2pm.

For an appointment, please email Rev. Amie at revamie@pcchp.org.
To receive our weekly church email, please contact the church office.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

Director of Music: Dr. Matthew Scinto

Worship Leader: Bonnie Hall

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Judy Egan and Mason Taber

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by the Diaconate to welcome the new members to Pilgrim Church.

The steeple will be lit on April 24 by Barbara Wellnitz: "Happy 17th Birthday to my granddaughter, Violet Wellnitz, from Gram."

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Tuesday, April 23	10am Izzy's Team 2:45pm Afterschool Gym 5pm Choir
Wednesday, April 24	9:30am Awe Walk 12noon Staff Meeting 1pm Joyful Prayer
Thursday, April 25	11am Coffee w/ Rev. Amie 6pm Bell Choir
Friday, April 26	11am Knitting 1pm CCCO Rehearsal
Saturday, April 27	10am CCCO Rehearsal

Deacons' Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 10am
Trustees' Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 3:30pm
Church Council Meeting: 3rd Thursday at 3:30pm
Missions and Outreach Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 9am

Please join us for Fellowship Hour following today's worship service.

Save the Date!



Sunday, May 19th at 4pm

"We Are the Men"

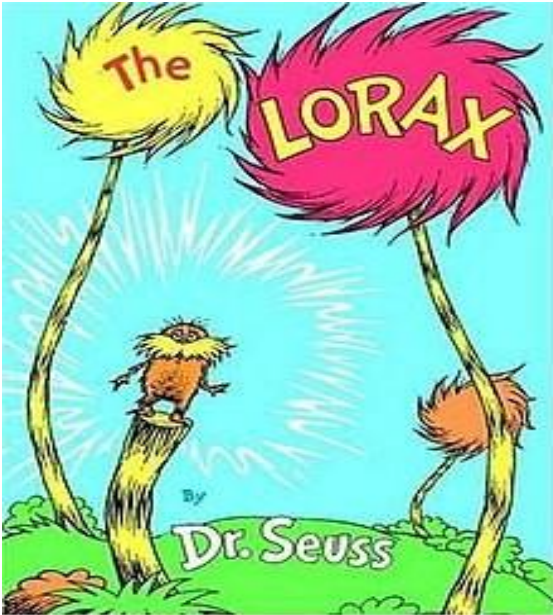
a benefit concert for Pilgrim Congregational Church
in the Pilgrim Church Sanctuary

Tickets are available for purchase each Sunday until the concert during Fellowship Hour in Monbleau Hall. They are \$20 per ticket – make checks payable to “Pilgrim Church” and write "We Are the Men" on the memo line. Please see Pam Roberts with any questions.

Earth Day at Pilgrim Congregational Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Earth Day Service at 10am:



We will have an Earth Day-centered worship service during which the after-school kids will present a dramatic reading of Dr. Seuss' book *The Lorax* which emphasizes sustainability and protecting the environment. This story teaches us to treat the planet with kindness and stand up and speak up for others. If there are other children who would like to participate, we'd like to encourage them to do so!

Grand Opening of Lucie's Cupboard at 11:15am:



Immediately following worship service, we will host the grand opening of Lucie's Cupboard, our new community outreach cupboard that will provide items of need to those in need, such as warm clothing items in the colder months and light clothing items in the warmer months, as well as year-round non-perishable food items and "Kindness" projects created by the Afterschool program kids. And come meet the young lady behind this wonderful program—Lucie!