

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, May 5, 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

“Gracious”

Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Chimes

***Call to Worship** | John 5.1-6 (adapted)

One: Welcome all you beloved children of God! Just as Jesus the Christ was born of God,

All: We, too, are born of God, and we are beloved because we are children of God.

One: As children listen and learn from loving parents,

All: we listen and learn from our loving Creator.

One: Of course, there are rules from God; they are known as commandments.

All: But these commandments are not a burden to bear, but an invitation to love.

One: Who is it that we are to love?

All: Our creator, our God. Jesus of Nazareth, our God in human form. And the mystical presence of the Holy Spirit.

One: And who else?

All: All the children of God; family, friends, strangers, those we like and those we don't.

Unison: By this we will be known as children of God!

Lighting of the Christ and Peace Candles

***Hymn** "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" #331

Opening Prayer

All: Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live in you, reverent hearts that we may worship you, here and in the world out there, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Dag Hammarskjold - 1905-1961,
Secretary General of the United Nations, 1953-1961)

Prayer Response

(Sung by the Choir)

Call to Prayer

One: The Almighty and wonderful God gave us commandments to love as a guide for our lives. May we never abandon those commandments, may we fulfill the call we received from Jesus Christ to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven. To enable us to fulfill this call, let us pray together and be reminded again of the inexhaustible, endless, ever-faithful love and forgiveness promised to us.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life with the Lord's Prayer

One: When we say "I love you," it is but the beginning.

All: **Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.**

One: Love does not insist on its own way; love is not irritable or resentful.

All: **Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

One: When we say "I love you," it is but the beginning, for love never ends.

All: **Forgive us, O God, when our love does not meet these things. Come to us again and again in Christ who shows us how to love, and guide us by your Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Choir Anthem

"Coming Home"

Joel Raney

Scriptures

Psalm 98 (Old Testament Page 551)

John 15.9-17 (New Testament Page 109)

Sermon

"What's Next?"

Rev. Jamie Faile

Affirmation of Faith (based on the Prayer of St. Francis)

We believe that the Lord calls us to be instruments of Christ's peace: where there is hatred to sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope, where there is sadness, joy. The Lord guides us that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. We know that it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born again to everlasting life. Blessed be God our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer.

***Hymn** "Let Us Break Bread Together" #330

Call to Offering

Offertory "Within the Spirit" Dennis Johnson

***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**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We celebrate an open table and welcome all to taste and see God's goodness here. The cup is grape juice and the bread is gluten-free.

Invitation

Communion 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.

Sanctus

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we do not live by bread alone, but are nourished by your every word. Satisfy us this morning and return us to your table this evening, strengthening and preparing us for the journey ahead. Send us out to love as you have commanded, through Christ and with your Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn** "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face" #336

***Benediction**

Postlude "The Whole Armor of God" Todd Kendall

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

Rev. Amie will be on vacation from May 3 – May 12.

For a pastoral emergency, please call Bethany Craig – 508-432-1210.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Guest Minister: Rev. Jamie Faile

Director of Music: Dr. Matthew Scinto

Worship Leader: Beverly Nightingale

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Heidi Nelson and Deb Bratcher

The steeple will be lit on May 5 by Bruce and Amie Giguere in honor of their daughter Emma's graduation from the University of CT.

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Tuesday, May 7

10am Izzy's Team

2:45pm Afterschool Gym

5pm Choir

Wednesday, May 8

9:30am Awe Walk (w/o Rev. Amie)

1pm Joyful Prayer

Thursday, May 9

11am Coffee at Roots (w/o Rev. Amie)

6pm Bell Choir

Friday, May 10

11am Knitting

7pm Wonderland performance

Saturday, May 11

2pm Wonderland performance

7pm Wonderland performance

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
Vision Team Meeting: 2nd Wed. at 5pm and 4th Sun. at 11:30am



Pilgrim Church has a fundraising opportunity to sell concessions during the four performances of "Wonderland" to be held in Monbleau Hall on May 10, 11, and 12. We will be selling popcorn, candy, cookies, and drinks.

If you are willing to bake, please sign up on the Wonderland Concessions Cookie Baking Sign-Up located in Monbleau Hall.

Drop off your cookies at the door in the back of the church that leads into the Dorcas Room on Thursday, May 9, 11AM-2PM or Friday, May 10, 2PM-5PM.

What kind of cookies to bake, you ask? NO NUTS. Nothing too fancy. Lots of kids will be in the audience. We need cookies that package well so nothing too fragile. Example: chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, decorated sugar cookies, etc.

If you wish to help sell concessions, please contact Derry Winch at 508-612-6329. Questions? Contact the Concession Committee: Denise Keating, Derry Winch, Bethany Craig, Beverly Nightingale.

We Are the Men

Male Voice Choir

Musical Director – Chris Roberts

Accompanist – Cathy Bonnett

A Celebration Concert to benefit
Pilgrim Congregational Church

Sunday, May 19th at 4pm in the Sanctuary

533 Route 28, Harwich Port, MA

Tickets \$20/person available by calling
(508) 237-0980 or (508) 432-1668 (M-F 9am-2pm),
or at the door on the day of the concert,
or online by scanning the QR code below.

