

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, October 5, 2025

***We come together to grow in faith
and joyfully share God's love with all.***

Welcome to our Worship Service

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

Prelude “I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”
arr.: Anthony Giamanco

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

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

Chimes

*Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Lighting the Christ and Peace Candles

***Hymn** “God is Here! As We Your People Meet” #70

Opening Prayer (Based on Psalm 150)

All: Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise. May your praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works, and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace. Amen!

Prayer Response

#785

Call to Prayer

One: This World Communion Sunday, celebrated on the first Sunday in October; we are gathered in spirit with sisters and brothers at tables across the world, partaking of the bounty of the earth and praying for the time when peace shall rule the day. It's not a simple task, rather one that requires much of us. Let us begin with a clean heart, so join me, please, in the responsive Prayer for Transformation and New Life, followed by a time of silent, personal prayer.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

All: We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace.

One: Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh.

All: **Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, And the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.**

Time for Silent, Personal Prayer

Assurance of God's Grace

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Choir Anthem "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr.: Jay Althouse

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 43.1-2, 4a (Old Testament page 672)

1 Corinthians 12.12-13 (New Testament page 174)

Luke 17.5-10 (New Testament page 80)

Sermon "Gravity. Not Just a Good Idea." Rev. Jamie Faile

***Affirmation of Faith** (Mark 9.22-24)

All: **Lord, if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said, "If you are able! All things can be**

done for the one who believes.” Immediately, then, we cry out, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

***Hymn**

“As We Gather at Your Table”

#332

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Praise Ye Triune God”

Larry Shackley

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: Most loving and gracious God, we are thankful. We are thankful for your grace to us in Jesus Christ, for your gift of the church in its global witness, for the capacity to give. May these gifts help prepare the way of peace in our community around the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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. Hosanna in the highest.
Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**All: God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us
this foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace.
Strengthen us with this food from your table as we seek to
serve you. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await
the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

***Hymn** “God of Grace and God of Glory” #436

***Benediction**

Postlude “Voluntary on Forest Green” Patricia Harris

*(Portions of this liturgy are from the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Peace and Global Witness Worship Resources, written by the Rev.
Dr. Charles A. Wiley, III Columbia Theological Seminary.)*



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Sunday, October 26 ~ 3pm-5pm

We'll have a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot and games and refreshments in Monbleau Hall for the children in our community.

We need lots of volunteers to help before, during, and after this event, so please see the sign-up sheets in Monbleau Hall and consider one of the many ways you can help.

We also need lots of candy and small and mini pumpkins. There is a bucket in the Hall for your candy donations (no peanuts, please), and there's a table for the pumpkins. **Please donate by October 19.**

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 12 at 1pm
Pilgrim Congregational Church
533 Route 28, Harwich Port

Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere will offer blessings for
the animals who share our lives.

Please bring your leashed or crated pets or pictures
of your pets for a blessing. Stuffed animals welcome!

****Donuts and cider will be served on the front lawn.****

Donations will be accepted
for the Brewster Animal Rescue League of Boston:
[2023-Brewster-Wishlist-web.pdf \(arlboston.org\)](#)

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For an appointment, please contact Rev. Amie – revamie@pcchp.org

To receive our weekly church email, please contact the office.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9am-2pm

Today's Worship Leaders:

Guest Minister: Rev. Jamie Faile

Music Director: Dr. Matthew Scinto

Lay Worship Leader: Molly Chapman

Fellowship Hosts: Marti and Mike Sekerak, and Carrie Wailgum

The steeple will be lit on October 6 for Izzy Thompson, given with love and gratitude by the members and friends of Pilgrim Church

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Monday, October 6	10am Memorial Service
Tuesday, October 7	10am Izzy's Team 5pm Choir
Wednesday, October 8	10am Bible Study 12noon Harwich clergy 3pm Joyful Prayer
Thursday, October 9	9am Study Group 11am Coffee & Conversation 6pm Bell Choir
Friday, October 10	The office is closed. 11am Stitch Group

Deacons' Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 10am

Trustees' Meeting: 2nd Thursday (May-October) at 3:30pm; and

2nd Tuesday (November-April) at 3:30pm

Church Council Meeting: 3rd Thursday at 2:30pm

Missions and Outreach Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 8:30am

Study Group Thursdays on Zoom
September 18 – October 23, 9am-10:15am

The group will begin a study of *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by esteemed bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Mart Zvi Brettler. Participants will consider the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Please contact Bethany Holley Craig bnbcraig1982@verizon.net to express interest and receive a Zoom link to join.

Bible Study Wednesday on Zoom
October 8 – November 12, 10am-11:30am

Bible study begins this week. Please purchase “What is the Bible?” from the Massachusetts Bible Society. Here is a link for more information: <https://www.sneucc.org/exploring-the-bible>. A Zoom link will be sent out on Monday for those who have expressed interest.

Summary: How often have you thought, “I don’t even know enough about the Bible to attend a Bible study – I’d be completely lost.” What Is the Bible? is a small-group study made exactly for you. This study will help you to explore some of the best-known Bible passages and to discover some of the many ways that they can be interpreted. You will learn how the Bible as we know it was put together, who decided what parts were in and what parts were out, and where to go with your questions about the wonderful, baffling, beautiful, unsettling book we call the Bible. This study is appropriate for everyone – inside and outside of the church. Please contact Rev. Amie revamie@pcchp.org to express interest.