

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, July 28, 2024

*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 if you are able.

Prelude

“Spirit of God”

Janet Vogt

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

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

Chimes

***Call to Worship** Matthew 25.31-40 (adapted)

One: Jesus taught about the final judgment - do you remember?

All: Jesus said, “I was hungry and thirsty; you gave me food and drink; you welcomed me, a stranger, as a friend.”

One: And what else?

All: Jesus continued: “I was shivering in the cold and you gave me warm clothing, even a place of shelter from the storms.”

One: Anything else?

All: Something about being sick and imprisoned and being cared for by us.

One: But wait, there’s more:

All: If we did it for anyone, we did it for Jesus.

One: Anyone?

All: Yes, anyone, especially the least of our brothers and sisters, for in welcoming them we welcome Christ.

One: Then what?

All: The Lord says, “Come you who are blessed, enter into the fullness of life, for you have been good and faithful servants!”

Lighting of the Christ and Peace Candles

***Hymn** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” #403

Opening Prayer

All: We long to be good and faithful servants, O God; the spirit is willing but our resolve fades in light of all that surrounds us and clamors for our attention. Refresh us this Sabbath day, renew in us the joy of knowing Christ and following the leading of the Spirit. We look forward to the welcoming words “Well done, good and faithful servant!” May it be so. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Call to Prayer

One: In the beginning, we are told, God created the land, sea, and sky and all that dwells therein, including we humans, and proclaimed that it all is good. Good enough that God would even come to earth, in person, to remind us of

that goodness. Let us remember that as we offer a prayer for transformation back into goodness and be granted new life.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Our God is merciful beyond measure; our God's love is steadfast beyond expectation.

All: **God knows all of our shortcomings, yet loves us still.**

One: So let us come to God seeking to be washed and cleansed.

All: **Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

A Time of Silent, Personal Prayer

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Like a shepherd who will leave the 99 and seek the one lost sheep, like a father who rushes to welcome the prodigal home, like a mother who will never forsake her nursing child, God is faithful still. Believe the good news we proclaim:

All: **in Christ, we are made new! Amen.**

Choir Anthem "Down to the River to Pray" Mary MacDonald

Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 14.22-29 (Old Testament Page 171)

John 6.1-14 (New Testament Page 97)

Sermon “A and B, but Not C” Rev. Jamie Faile

***Hymn** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” #493

Call to Offering

Offertory “Fairest Lord Jesus” Erinn Schwarz

***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**

Prayers of the People 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** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” #347

***Benediction**

Postlude “One Lord, One Faith” Douglas Wagner

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

Rev. Amie is on vacation from July 27 through August 4.

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

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

Today's Worship Leaders:

Guest Minister: Rev. Jamie Faile

Music Director: Dr. Matt Scinto

Lay Worship Leader: Jody MacLeod

Fellowship Hour Host: Judy Egan and Mason Taber

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Tuesday, July 30	10am Izzy's Team 5pm Choir
Wednesday, July 31	5pm Harwich Stroll
Thursday, August 1	6pm Bell Choir

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 Wednesday at 5pm and
4th Sunday at 11:30am

Save The Date!



Sunday, September 15

All Church Photo after worship service

Wednesday, September 18

Messy Church at 5pm

Lay Readers Needed:



Lay Readers

We are seeking Lay Readers. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet across from the office.

Pilgrim Congregational Church presents Fauré's "Requiem" for Choir and Orchestra



Sunday, August 18 at 10am

Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" is a serene and uplifting choral-orchestral work that stands out for its gentle and ethereal approach to the traditional Requiem Mass. Fauré's composition emphasizes peace, rest, and eternal light, with its soothing melodies and rich harmonies.

Everyone is welcome to join us in worship with our Choir and an orchestra on this very special Sunday.