

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, September 1, 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 “All Depends Upon our Possessing” Terry Osman

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

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

Chimes

***Call to Worship**

One: Summer wanes and autumn draws close.

All: Lord, help us be ready for opportunities for service.

One: We have felt the refreshment of summer vibes.

All: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

One: Come, let us celebrate God’s eternal presence and love.

All: Let us open our spirits to receive God’s direction for our lives.

Lighting of the Christ and Peace Candles

***Hymn** “Just As I Am” #207

Opening Prayer

All: Lord of grace and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful in our service to you in our thoughts, words, and deeds. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Response “Nearer, My God, To You” (vs. 1 only) #606

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God of mercy, you know us so well.

All: We like to think that we can hide from you, but we are just kidding ourselves.

One: You have offered to us new life,

All: characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace.

One: You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice;

All: but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love.

One: Forgive us our stubbornness,

All: and help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope.

One: Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives.

All: Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world

Time of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Even if you have transgressed and done what you know to be wrong, remember that God will heal and forgive you, sending you on your way to become a person of peace, hope, love, and justice. Be at peace. God is with you.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Choir Anthem “Breathe on Me Breath of God” Jay Rouse

Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (Old Testament page 160)

James 1:17-27 (New Testament page 229)

Sermon “Be Love” Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

***Hymn** “Beautiful Jesus” #44

Call to Offering

Offertory “O God Beyond Our Praising” Lloyd Larson

***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.

The Invitation

One: Luke, the evangelist wrote of our risen savior, who at the table with two of the disciples, took bread - blessed and broke it - and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

All: In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ . . .

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 Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We give thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" #448**

***Benediction**

Postlude "Praise" Gilbert Marti

Please join us for Fellowship Hour in Monbleau Hall.

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

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

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

Today's Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

Music Director: Dr. Matt Scinto

Lay Worship Leader: Bethany Craig

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Beverly and Bruce Nightingale

The steeple will be lit on August 30 by Linda Johnson, “celebrating the birthday of Beverly Nightingale and grateful for her countless contributions.”

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Monday, September 2	The office is closed.
Tuesday, September 3	9am-12noon Office Volunteer 10am Izzy's Team No Choir
Wednesday, September 4	9am-2pm Office Volunteer 12noon Harwich Clergy
Thursday, September 5	9am-2pm Office Volunteer 9:30am Stewardship 11am Coffee and Conversation 6pm Bell Choir
Friday, September 6	9am-2pm Office Volunteer 11am Knitting Group

Deacons' Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 10am
Trustees' Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 3:30pm
Church Council Meeting: 3rd Thursday at 3:00pm
Missions and Outreach Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 9am
Vision Team Meeting: 2nd Wed. at 5pm & 4th Sunday at 11:30am



Come to our next Messy Church!
Wednesday, September 18 from 5-7pm
Our theme is “Be Who You are Called to Be.”

It’s back! What is Messy Church? All ages meet together to learn about God through games, crafts, activities, music, and storytelling from the Bible. We also share a meal. It’s fun and it’s interactive.

We hope if you haven’t tried it that you’ll come! Bring a friend! Our theme is **“Be Who You Are Called to Be,”** based on Isaiah 6:8. We’ll think about the unique gifts we have that have the potential to make a difference in our community.

We’re seeking volunteers to assist. There will be an orientation meeting on Sunday, September 8 after worship service. Please contact Rev. Amie if you’re interested in helping.

Registration is now open by going to
<https://pilgrimchurchhp.wixsite.com/pilgrim-church-messy>
or by scanning the QR code below.





All-Church Photo!
Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 11am

“Our Daily Bread” Cookbooks for Sale!

For just \$5.00 you can own a piece of the church's history! When cleaning out a storage room downstairs, a treasure trove was found... 2 boxes of the 2008 cookbook published by the Pilgrim Women's Fellowship was found. These small, beautiful, spiral-bound hard-cover gems contain 400 recipes submitted by PCC members and friends spanning all categories - appetizers, soups and salads, breads and rolls, vegetables, main dishes, desserts, and miscellaneous. Each new section also features a page of tips and guides, such as a spice and herb guide, substitutions for missing ingredients, roasting guides, and microwave hints.

I will have these available when I am at church on Sundays, and if you contact me, I will be sure to seek you out or make arrangements to get one to you. I also am substituting in the office on the mornings of Tuesday, September 3rd and Monday, September 9th. Come see me there and pick up one up. If writing a check, please make your check payable to “Pilgrim Congregational Church” and note “cookbook” on the memo line.

- Barbara Prindle-Eaton

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, September 29 at Pilgrim Congregational Church ~ 1pm

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 \(arlboston.org\)](https://www.arlboston.org/2023-Brewster-Wishlist-web.pdf)