

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ  
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



**Sunday, May 18, 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**                      “Sweet Hour of Prayer”                      arr.: Paul Johnston

## Welcome and Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

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

## Chimes

### \***Call to Worship** (John 13.31-35, adapted)

**One:**        On the way to Jerusalem for the last time, at the time of  
Passover, Jesus said to the disciples, “Little Children, I will  
be with you only a little longer.”

**All:**        “**I give you a new commandment, that you love one  
another.**”

**One:**        “Just as I have loved you, you should also love one  
another.”

**All:**        “**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if  
you have love for one another.**”

## Lighting the Christ and Peace Candles

**\*Hymn**        “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing” (vv. 1-4)                      #17

## **Opening Prayer**

**All: Most patient and loving God, we pray for the day when we understand fully and love completely. Until then, we pray for your understanding of us and for your perfect love for us. May your commandment to love one another as you love us be a life-giving joy and not a burden to bear. Refresh us and remind us of this, each and every day, we pray.**

## **Sung Prayer Response**

**“Hallelujah”**

**#236**

## **Call to Prayer**

**One: In the beginning, the earth was a formless void, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God, the very breath of God, swept over the face of the waters, and God’s creation, in all its goodness, unfolded. Let us reclaim that goodness today, as we pray for transformation and new life.**

## **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**All: O God, out of the sea you created the world and life as we know it. Later you turned the sea into dry land and delivered your people from bondage. We now ask you to turn the chaos of our sins into the solid ground upon which our faith is built. Hear our prayers as we confess those things we have done as well as those we have neglected to do. Forgive us our sins, our debts, our trespasses, as we forgive those around us. Fill us with grace, peace and hope, assure us that we are your people, loved and forgiven, able to love and forgive as Christ loves and forgives us.**

## **A Time of Silent Prayer, Personal Prayer**

### **Assurance of God's Grace**

**One:** Like a shepherd who will leave the ninety-nine 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:** **Christ is Risen, and in Christ we are made new! Thanks be to God, Amen.**

**Choir Anthem**                      "In the Garden"                      arr.: Lloyd Larson

### **Scripture Lessons**

Acts 11.1-10 (New Testament page 130)

Psalm 104.24-30 (Old Testament page 555)

**Sermon**                      "Herring Cove April 24, 2025"                      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**            **“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”**            **#32**

**Call to Offering**    **“Nun lasst uns Gott dem Herren”**    **Johann Pachelbel**  
**Offertory**

**\*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: God of new beginnings, you promise a new heaven and a new earth. As we give today, we pray that these gifts infuse peace, justice and love for all. May our offerings be a step toward the vision of renewal that you have set before us. Through the power of your Son, we pray. Amen.**

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**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**

“Beautiful Jesus”

#44

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Trumpet Voluntary”

Henry Heron

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Memorial Day Weekend  
Sunday Worship May 25 at 10am



For this worship service, all are invited to bring a photograph of deceased loved ones who served in the U.S. military. There will be a table in the front of the sanctuary for the photos to be displayed during worship. We will have labels available for you to write the person's name and branch of service.

Following worship, we will have a brief ceremony around the flagpole in the front yard of the church, led by members of the church who also serve with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

We hope you'll participate in this special day of remembrance.



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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

**Guest Accompanist:** Leslie Roselli

**Lay Worship Leader:** Molly Chapman

**The flowers** that adorn the altar today are given by Nancy Symmes Sweeney in memory of her mother, Emma Baxter Symmes, with gratitude for the love and support she gave to Nancy and her family: "You are always in our thoughts with love."

## **This Week at Pilgrim Church:**

Tuesday, May 20	10am Izzy's Team
	2pm Afterschool Gym
	No Choir
Wednesday, May 21	1pm Book Club
	3pm Joyful Prayer Group
Thursday, May 22	9am Study Group
	11am Coffee and Conversation
	6pm Bell Choir
Friday, May 23	11am Stitch Group

Deacons' Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10am

Trustees' Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 3:30pm

Church Council Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 2:30pm

Missions and Outreach Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:30am