

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ  
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



shake it off

**Sunday, July 7, 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**                      “Mazurka, op. 7, no. 1”                      Frederic Chopin

## **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:     Take off your shoes!

**All:     We are standing on holy ground.**

One:     Shake off the dust!

**All:     We are ready to start afresh.**

One:     Let us worship God and receive Christ’s teachings,

**All:     that we may be renewed and strengthened to share  
          God’s love with the world.**

## **Lighting the Peace Candle**

**\*Hymn**                      “Come, We Who Love God’s Name”                      #379

### **Opening Prayer**

**All:     Holy God, come into our village and teach us to be your  
          people. As we receive your word and rejoice in your  
          grace, grant us the courage to share the message of  
          your love. Guide us out of the darkness of doubt and  
          confusion and into the light of faith and hope, that we**

**may share your light with the world. In Christ's name,  
we pray. Amen.**

**Prayer Response** "Nearer, My God, to You" (verse 1 only) #606

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

**One:** Merciful God, forgive us when we are paralyzed by confusion and doubt.

**All:** **Strengthen our faith, that we may not only believe, but be filled with the power to help and heal.**

**One:** When others reject or refuse our ministry,

**All:** **help us to be forgiving and grace-filled.**

**One:** Grant us the courage to accept those things that cannot be changed,

**All:** **that we may be freed from anger and resentment.**

**One:** Forgive us when our disappointment clouds our wisdom,

**All:** **and confuses our actions.**

**One:** Guide us on this path of ministry,

**All:** **that we may be filled with joy!**

### **Time of Silent Prayer**

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

**One:** God's grace is sufficient for all our needs. Christ redeems our lives and reconciles us fully and completely to God.

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

**Anthem** "Sonata, K. 338, 3rd Movement (excerpt)" W.A. Mozart

### **Scripture Lessons**

Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123 (Old Testament Pages 770 and 572)

**Sermon** "Shake It Off" Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

**\*Hymn** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" #290

### **Call to Offering**

**Offertory** "Sonata, K. 310, 2nd Movement (excerpt)" W.A. Mozart

### **\*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: God, we give you thanks for the invitation to your table. No matter who we are, no matter our struggles or regrets, we are never turned away. Like all the gifts you give us, may we never be content keeping them to ourselves. May this meal compel us to invite others – especially those who are turned away from tables of their families, their churches, their communities – to our own tables, overflowing with abundant love and nourishment. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"                      #252

## **\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Waltz in D-flat Major, op. 64, no. 1 'Minute'" F. Chopin

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For an appointment, please email Rev. Amie - [revamie@pcchp.org](mailto:revamie@pcchp.org).

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

## Today's Worship Leaders:

**Minister:** Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

**Guest Accompanist:** James Rosenblum

**Lay Worship Leader:** Molly Chapman

**Fellowship Hour Host:** Molly Chapman, Izzy Thompson, Betsy Babb

**The flowers** that adorn the altar are given by Karin, Jonathan, and Kimberly Larson, in loving memory of Bob Larson, commemorating his birthday on July 9: "In spirit, you live on."

**The steeple** will be lit on July 8 for Marie Giannelli Gurney in celebration of her milestone birthday.

## This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Tuesday, July 9	10am Izzy's Team 5pm Choir
Wednesday, July 10	12noon Staff Meeting 5pm Harwich Stroll 6pm Bell Choir
Friday, July 12	The office is closed.

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

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

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

Missions and Outreach Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9am

Vision Team Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 5pm and

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:30am

## **Accompanist, James Rosenblum**

James Rosenblum is the Music Director at the Unitarian Church of Barnstable. A licensed attorney in New York and Massachusetts, he practiced a dual career in law and music as a trial and appellate lawyer in land-use law until devoting himself full-time to music in 2023. A Cape Cod resident since 2017, he has performed regularly on the Cape, including as a piano soloist in 2022 with Jung-Ho Pak and the Cape Symphony. He is the co-founder/music director of the new Cobb's Hill Music Series at the Unitarian Church of Barnstable, which is hosting six monthly concerts this year. He has performed with orchestra, or with his wife, Ana Glig, on piano reduction, Beethoven's 3rd and 4th piano concertos, Chopin's 2nd piano concerto, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, and more, and looks forward to concerto performances with orchestra in the next years of Chopin 2nd Piano Concerto and Rachmaninoff's Variations on a Theme of Paganini. He has studied with teachers including Julian Martian (Juilliard), Arkady Aronov (Manhattan School of Music), Evelyn Crochet, Tomer Lev, Jean-David Coen, and more, and participated in festivals and competitions including the Cliburn Amateur Competition in 2022, the Aspen Music Festival, and the Tel Hai International Piano Master Classes.

## **Sundae School Lessons**

Coffee and Conversation will pause for the summer and instead will become "Sundae School Lessons" for select dates in the summer! Join Rev. Amie from 1-2pm on Thursdays July 18, August 8 & August 22 at Sundae School Ice Cream - 606 Route 28 Harwich Port. There is no commitment, and it isn't a "group" per se, just drop in for a scoop *or* stay the whole hour! Let's enjoy the taste of summer together!

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

is pleased to present

## The Bay State Dixieland Band



The Bay State Dixieland Band will join Pilgrim Congregational Church for worship service on **Sunday, July 21 at 10am.**

The Baystate Dixieland Band is a lively ensemble specializing in the spirited sounds of Dixieland jazz.

Known for their vibrant performances, the band captures the essence of New Orleans jazz with a repertoire that includes upbeat marches, swinging blues, and lively improvisations.

Everyone is welcome – invite a friend!



## **LEGACY GIVING: INFORMATION – Q&A SESSIONS**

> June 30, after the 10 AM service, in the Dorcas Room

> July 14, after the 10 AM service, in the Dorcas Room

**WHY LEGACY GIVING?** *The Church that we know and love today would not exist without the forward-looking generosity of all those legacy donors who gave in the past.* The fruits of their legacy gifts support nearly half of the Church's current budget. All that the Church means to us as a ministry and physical community presence depends on legacy gifts just as much as on other gifts and pledges.

*Legacy giving is giving that allows you to continue your support of Pilgrim Church beyond your lifetime and into the future. It joins you in a long tradition of people who have provided for our Church beyond its present needs.* God has generously blessed us. Anything we give, in whatever form, is in response to those rich blessings.

**GIFT USES:** Most legacy and special gifts to Pilgrim Church are made without restrictions on their use, allowing the Congregation and Trustees to apply the gifts where the need is greatest. Other gifts are made to honor and support a ministry of the Church, such as music or outreach, or to make a purchase that will fulfill a specific need. For those donors who want to direct a gift toward a particular purpose, the Stewardship and Gifts Committee will work with you and find ways to associate your gift with your special interest, while keeping in mind the Church's overall needs.

**GIFT METHODS:** *There are ways to give that you can arrange now, during your lifetime, without having to change your will.* Come to one of the information/Q&A sessions and learn more about the options. Or you could speak in confidence with the Pastor or a member of the Stewardship and Gifts Committee about the various options.