

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, April 28, 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 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Tracey McKibben

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

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

Chimes

***Call to Worship**

One: We continue in the season Eastertide.

All: What a joy it is to celebrate resurrection!

One: Once again the air is fresh with spring and birdsong; the trees are budding and the flowers are beginning to bloom; there are signs of new life all around us.

All: What a hopeful time is spring!

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God, all the earth proclaims God’s handiwork.

All: It is with joy and hope that we come together before God for worship!

Lighting the Christ and Peace Candles

***Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#28

Opening Prayer

All: Amazing God, Author of all Creation, when you fashioned the world, the morning stars sang together and the heavens shouted for joy! Open our souls to the wonders of creation, open our eyes to behold the works of your hands and open our minds to the same creativity in ourselves. We rejoice in the sunshine, the hummingbirds and the blue whales. May our worship this day increase our wonder and amazement, O God, for the natural world, and inspire us to respect, care for and repair it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer Response “Praise to God” (verse 1)

#5

Prayer for Transformation and New Life with the Lord's Prayer

One: Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us, saying
“Our Creator...

All: **You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good. Yet often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless our world.**

One: Jesus told us that you are “... in heaven ...”

All: **Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We often take you for granted, and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.**

One: We pray, “Hallowed be your name...”

All: **We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.**

One: We pray, “Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...”

All: We confess that we often put our own interests first – exploiting your creation and living for our own convenience and self-interest.

One: We pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.”

All: We confess that we have consumed more than our fair share of the world’s resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

One: We pray, “Forgive us our trespasses and we forgive those who trespass against us.”

All: We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.

One: We pray, “Lead us not into temptation.”

All: Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more and wasting more.

One: We pray, “Deliver us from evil...”

All: Free us from the greed and self-centeredness which separate us from you and others.

One: We pray, “For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.”

All: Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power and giving you the glory.

One: We pray, “Amen.”

All: We end our prayers with “Amen,” a word that means “let it be so.” We know we can be faithful disciples of your grace.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: And as God's faithful disciples, we remember that we are always forgiven, loved and made free!

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

A Message for Children of All Ages

What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong

I see trees of green, red roses too.

I see them bloom for me and you.

And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue and clouds of white.

The bright blessed days, the dark sacred nights.

And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky,
are also on the faces of people going by.

I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?"

They're really saying, "I love you."

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow.

They'll learn so much more than I'll ever know.

And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

I think to myself, what a wonderful world. Oh yeah!

Anthem "Have I Done Any Good In the World Today?"

David Zabrinksi

Scriptural Litany: Selections from

John 1 (New Testament page 91)

Colossians 1 (New Testament page 199)

Psalms 104 (Old Testament page 554)

Today's Message: A dramatic reading of "*The Lorax*" written by the well-known and well-loved theologian, Dr. Sues.

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

Call to Offering

Offertory "The Solitary Pine" Jean Sibelius

***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

***Hymn** "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" #556

***Benediction**

Postlude "Postlude on Salvation" David Lasky

We hope you will join Lucie for the grand opening of
Lucie's Cupboard
immediately following worship service today!



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

For an appointment, please email Rev. Amie at revamie@pcchp.org.

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

Today's Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

Director of Music: Dr. Matthew Scinto

Worship Leader: Heidi Nelson

Fellowship Hour Hosts: The Missions and Outreach Committee

The steeple will be lit on May 2 by John and Jennifer Geurtsen in honor of their grandchildren, Sofia and Wyatt Norwood.

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Tuesday, April 30	10am Izzy's Team 2:45pm Afterschool Gym 5pm Choir
Wednesday, May 1	9:30am Awe Walk 1pm Joyful Prayer 6pm Chamber Rehearsal
Thursday, May 2	11am Coffee w/ Rev. Amie 6pm Bell Choir 6pm Chamber Rehearsal
Friday, May 3	11am Knitting
Saturday, May 4	4pm Chamber Rehearsal

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

Please join us for Fellowship Hour following today's worship service.



Pilgrim Church has a fundraising opportunity to sell concessions during the four performances of "Wonderland" to be held in Monbleau Hall on May 10, 11, and 12. We will be selling popcorn, candy, cookies, and drinks.

If you are willing to bake, please sign up on the Wonderland Concessions Cookie Baking Sign-Up located in Monbleau Hall.

Drop off your cookies at the door in the back of the church that leads into the Dorcas Room on Thursday, May 9, 11AM-2PM or Friday, May 10, 2PM-5PM.

What kind of cookies to bake, you ask? NO NUTS. Nothing too fancy. Lots of kids will be in the audience. We need cookies that package well so nothing too fragile. Example: chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, decorated sugar cookies, etc.

If you wish to help sell concessions, please contact Derry Winch at 508-612-6329. Questions? Contact the Wonderland Concession Committee: Denise Keating, Derry Winch, Bethany Craig, Beverly Nightingale.

We Are the Men

Male Voice Choir

Musical Director – Chris Roberts

Accompanist – Cathy Bonnett

A Celebration Concert to benefit
Pilgrim Congregational Church

Sunday, May 19th at 4pm in the Sanctuary

533 Route 28, Harwich Port, MA

Tickets \$20/person available by calling
(508) 237-0980 or (508) 432-1668 (M-F 9am-2pm),
or at the door on the day of the concert,
or online by scanning the QR code below.

