

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ  
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



**Sunday, October 19, 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**

“Morning Frolic”

Harry Burleigh

## 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: No matter how far from God we seem to be,

**All: we do not lose heart: for the days are surely coming,  
says the Lord.**

One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life and in the church,

**All: we do not lose heart: for the days are surely coming,  
says the Lord.**

One: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice,

**All: we do not lose heart: for the days are surely coming,  
says the Lord,**

One: when I will forgive and restore my people;

**All: when I will equip them for every good work;**

One: when I will grant justice,

**All: for I hear their cries day and night.**

One: Let us worship God,

**All: so we do not lose heart!**

## **Lighting the Christ and Peace Candles**

**\*Hymn**                    **“God Speak to Me, That I May Speak”**                    **#531**

### **Opening Prayer**

**All: God of justice and mercy, we thank you for the gift of the law and all the Scriptures. We thank you for establishing justice and for dealing with us not according to our faithfulness, but according to your mercy. Put your persistent Spirit within us so that we may work tirelessly, and cry out day and night, until your will is done in all the earth. We pray to you who helps us, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Prayer Response** **#785**

### **Invitation to Transformation**

**One:**        The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess the ways that we break covenant, both intentionally and unintentionally, trusting that God will forgive us and we'll be reunited in right relationship.

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

**All:**            **Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long.**

**One:**        We do not keep your word before us always and in all things.

**All:**            **Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth**

**One:**        and wander toward an easier option.

**All: Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.**

**One: Forgive us for growing weary in following you;**

**All: for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;**

**One: for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of the world.**

**All: Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.**

**One: Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.**

**All: Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever.**

## **Time for Silent, Personal Prayer**

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

**One: Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the Gospel:**

**All: our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Commissioning of Governance Task Force** (Please see insert)

**Choir Anthem** "Servant Song" arr.: Joel Raney

### **Scripture Lessons**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (New Testament page 213)

Luke 18:1-8 (New Testament page 81)

**Sermon** "Nevertheless They Persisted" Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

**\*Hymn**                      “Here I Am, Lord”                      (see insert)

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**                      “Adagio”                      Edvard Grieg

**\*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: Loving God, we come to You, trusting that you will guide us  
with your love. As we give our offerings today, let them be a  
sign of our desire to grow closer to you and to deepen our  
love for you. Open our hearts to your grace so that we might  
be agents of peace and reconciliation in this world. 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**                      “Not My Brother, nor My Sister”                      #519

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                      “Recessional in G”                      David Paxton

## **Commissioning of Pilgrim Church's Governance Task Force**

### **October 19, 2025**

Dear friends, we recognize the ministry of the Governance Task Force and commission them to this special task in the service of Jesus Christ.

The people in our church are enthusiastic, dedicated and faithful. Together, we can focus our energy and creativity. The goal of the Governance Task Force is to gain clarity and unity around how to best use our finite resources of time, energy and money and put them where they function best and have the most impact within our sphere of influence, our part of God's kingdom. Over the next months, the Governance Task Force will work to identify a more streamlined and nimble governance structure for Pilgrim Church. They will evaluate our current structure: solicit feedback from church leadership, committees and members to learn what currently works well, as well as to identify the limitations and challenges. They will research governance innovation, learning from various resources. They will propose a new model, which will be vetted through the congregational process. Pilgrim Church will then set a trial period during which we will "test drive" the new model, receiving feedback along the way... repeating as necessary. Ultimately, once a new governance model is successfully in place for a sufficient period of time, the Pilgrim Church Bylaws will be updated to reflect the new structure.

The Task Force will need the prayers of the whole congregation, as well as our encouragement and participation along the way.

For today, we are asking your blessing as we commission this group to their work. Will the Governance Task Force members please come forward?

*Barbara, Barbara, Bruce, Bud, Heidi, Laurie, and Molly, do you promise to prayerfully and faithfully do the work set before you? Will you endeavor to listen carefully and remain open to the Holy Spirit's leading?*

*Governance Task Force: We do and we will, with God's help and the support of this congregation.*

**Congregation: We pledge to you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ.**

One: In the name of and with the blessing of this congregation, you are commissioned to do this work.

Let us pray: Gracious God, look with favor upon these Governance Task Force members who today affirm their faithful commitment to Pilgrim Church. Give them courage, patience, and clarity; and open all our hearts and minds to deep discernment, for the sake of your kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

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## **Today's Worship Leaders:**

**Minister:** Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

**Music Director:** Dr. Matthew Scinto

**Lay Worship Leader:** Barbara Prindle-Eaton

**Fellowship Hour Host:** Denise Keating and Dona Webber

**The flowers** that adorn the altar are given by Dona and John Webber in celebration of their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The steeple** was lit on October 16 by Beverly and Bruce Nightingale, “celebrating our wedding at Pilgrim Church on October 16, 1965. Sixty years of marriage – how swiftly they have flown.”

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

|                       |                                                                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, October 21   | 10am Izzy's Team<br>5pm Choir                                   |
| Wednesday, October 22 | 3pm Joyful Prayer<br>5:30pm Christmas Crafters                  |
| Thursday, October 23  | 9am Study Group<br>11am Coffee & Conversation<br>6pm Bell Choir |
| Friday, October 24    | 11am Stitch Group                                               |

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

Trustees' Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (May-October) at 3:30pm; and  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (November-April) 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

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## Food Drive

to benefit Hands of Hope Food Pantry

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”*

~ Matthew 25:35

Please join our church community as we help those less fortunate.

When you shop this week, please take along this flyer  
and purchase items to be distributed to local families in need.

Stuffing Mix

Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Pie Crust / Pie Filling

Canned Corn, Green Beans, Carrots

Evaporated Milk

Tomato / Spaghetti Sauce

Mac and Cheese

Peanut Butter

Canned Fruit

Cake Mix

Cranberry Sauce

Corn Bread / Biscuit Mix

Gravy (turkey, chicken, or  
beef)

Soups / Broths

Cereals / Oatmeal

Pasta

Rice

Crackers

Jello / Pudding

Powdered Milk

**\*\*Fresh Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Squash**

**Bags will be collected on Sunday, November 9.**

