

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, September 14, 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 “Fanfare on Ode to Joy” Andrew Duncan

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: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

Lighting the Christ and Peace Candles

***Hymn** “Hope of the World” #46

Opening Prayer

All: God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we may discover your presence in the smile of

a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

Prayer Response

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Invitation to Transformation

One: Siblings in Christ, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God every time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are. With open hearts, let us pray:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you.

One: Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair.

All: Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, or our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through.

One: Forgive us, Holy One.

All: Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home.

One: Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience abundant grace, mercy and love.

All: Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love of Jesus Christ may shine in our lives for all to see.

Time for Silent, Personal Prayer

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Jesus said, "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy – gifts that lead to new life!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

A Message for Children of All Ages

Bell Choir Anthem "Fantasy on Land of Rest" Kurt Meyer

Scripture Lessons

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (New Testament page 207)

Luke 15:1-10 (New Testament page 78)

Sermon "Lost and Found" Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

***Hymn** "Softly and Tenderly" #449

Call to Offering

Offertory "Meditation" Jessica Lewis

***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 mercy, thank you for the incredible grace we have received through Jesus. As we give our offerings today, help us, like Paul, to be vessels of grace, showing love and forgiveness to everyone we meet. Empower us to live humbly, always remembering that we are redeemed and called to reflect your mercy in everything we do. We pray in Jesus' name, 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** **"To God Be the Glory"** (see insert)

***Benediction**

Postlude **"I've Got the Joy (Joy, Joy, Joy) Down in My Heart"**
(See lyrics on the next page.)

Verse 1

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Where?

Down in my heart!

Where?

Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay

Chorus

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

Verse 2

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart

Where?

Down in my heart!

Where?

Down in my heart!

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart

Where?

Down in my heart to stay.

Repeat Chorus

New Member Information:

If you're thinking of joining Pilgrim Church, please join us after worship service on September 21 for an information session.

We will officially welcome all new members on September 28.

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

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

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9am-2pm

Today's Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Stuart Giguere

Music Director: Dr. Matthew Scinto

Lay Worship Leader: Barbara Wellnitz

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Ross and Bonnie Hall, "in loving memory of our wonderful son, Alexander, who was loved by many and is missed by all. June 5, 1973 — September 17, 2023."

The steeple will be lit on September 17 by Ann Wallace in memory of Alex Hall.

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Tuesday, September 16	10am Izzy's Team
	12noon CPAT
	5pm Choir
Wednesday, September 17	1pm Book Club
	3pm Joyful Prayer
Thursday, September 18	9am Study Group
	11am Coffee & Conversation
	6pm Bell Choir
Friday, September 19	11am Stitch Group

Deacons' Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 10am

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

Church Council Meeting: 3rd Thursday at 2:30pm

Missions and Outreach Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 8:30am

Photo, Food, and Fellowship at Pilgrim Congregational Church!

All Church Photo . . .

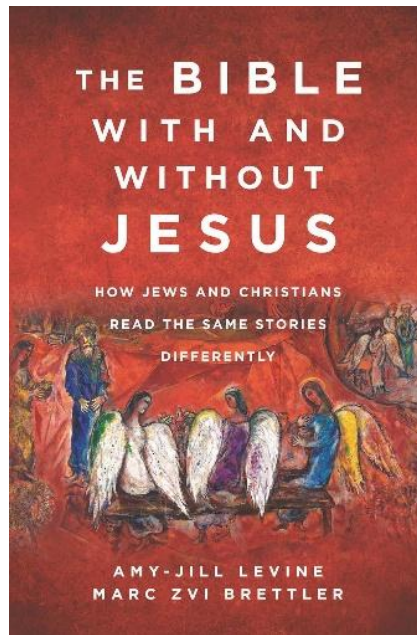


and Church Cookout!



Sunday, September 28, 2025

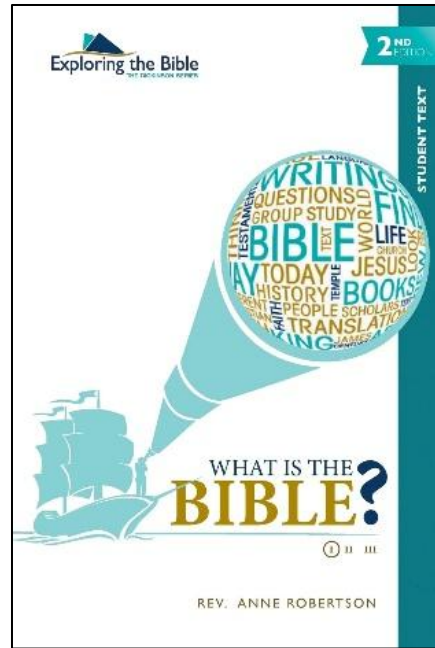
Be a part of our annual all-church photo, which will be taken right after worship service, and stay for a festive cookout with good friends. Sign up on the sheet in Monbleau Hall so we know how many to expect, and indicate if you can bring a side dish or dessert to share.



**Study Group Thursdays on Zoom
September 18 – October 23, 9am-10:15am**

The group will begin a study of *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by esteemed bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Participants will consider the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts.

Please contact Bethany Holley Craig bnbrcraig1982@verizon.net to express interest and receive a Zoom link to join.



Bible Study Wednesday on Zoom October 8 – November 12, 10am-11:30am

How often have you thought, “I don’t even know enough about the Bible to attend a Bible study – I’d be completely lost.” What Is the Bible? is a small-group study made exactly for you. This study will help you to explore some of the best-known Bible passages and to discover some of the many ways that they can be interpreted. You will learn how the Bible as we know it was put together, who decided what parts were in and what parts were out, and where to go with your questions about the wonderful, baffling, beautiful, unsettling book we call the Bible. This study is appropriate for everyone – inside and outside of the church. We will need at least eight people to run this study, so spread the word!

Please contact Rev. Amie revamie@pcchp.org to express interest.