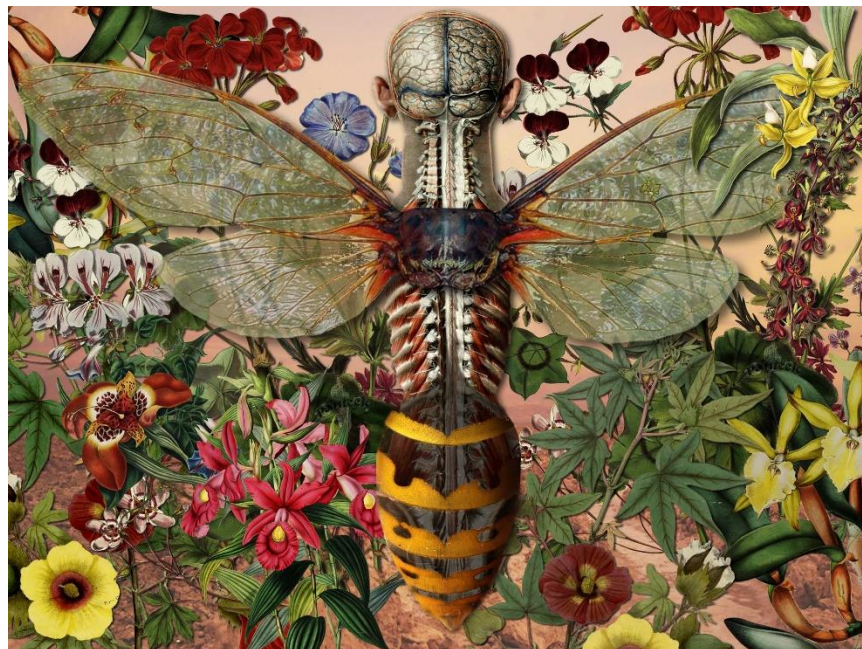


# Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ  
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



"Human metamorphosis"

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**Sunday, February 11, 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**                    “When the Saints Go Marching In”

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Chimes**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

One: The mountain top, the shining face, the glowing clothes, the voice of God speaking from the cloud, the commandment etched in stone.

**All: Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny.**

One: In a place we can go, a light we can see, a voice we can hear, a stone we can touch.

**All: Sometimes.**

One: Sometimes there is the veil of the overshadowing, terrifying cloud. The question. The appearing and disappearing. The excitement, the wondering; the silence.

**All: Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny.**

One: Always God shows up. Somehow.

**All: So, we have shown up here, now. May God give us eyes to see.**

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

**\*Hymn**                    “Just A Closer Walk with Thee”                    (see insert)

### **Opening Prayer**

**All: God of all Creation, to this worried world you reveal your presence in radiant glory and in gentle whispers. On mountain**

tops and in shadowed valleys, in classrooms and his hospital beds, in homes and in virtual spaces, in the quiet of nature and on busy streets. Yours is the presence that pushes past our fear to calm us; Yours is the love that transforms our doubt with reassurance. We come to dwell in your goodness and to offer you praise! Amen.

**Prayer Response**      “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

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

One: Patient Lord, our spirits get fooled so easily.

**All: We would be just like the disciples, at first not believing what**

**we are seeing and then wanting to make a monument to the event.**

One: Thank you for being so patient with us.

**All: Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we don't take time enough to understand its significance.**

One: Help us to pause, reflect, think and thank you for the blessings of unexpected revelations.

**All: Give us wisdom and strength to be your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love to all people.**

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

One: To you the light of love and ministry has been revealed.

Rejoice! You have been blessed by God to be witnesses; to proclaim God's love to all. Be at peace.

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

### **Time for Children of All Ages**

**Anthem** "Down By the Riverside"

**Scripture** Mark 9:2-9 (New Testament Page 45)

**Sermon** "Metamorphoó" Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

**\*Hymn** "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" #183

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** "Leave It There"

**\*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**

**Pastoral Prayer and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" #282

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "I'll Fly Away"

**Musicians:**

Ken Field, Mike Persico, Phil Neighbors, Blake Newman

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A weekly email is sent out on Fridays to members and friends.  
If you would like to receive it, please contact the church office.

## Today's Worship Leaders:

**Minister:** Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

**Director of Music:** Dr. Matthew Scinto

**Worship Leader:** Doug Wheeler

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:** Randy Sacht and His Pancake Team

**The flowers** that adorn the altar today are given by Beverly and Bruce Nightingale to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of their granddaughter, Sally.

**The steeple** will be lit February 11 – February 17 by Barry and Colleen Springer in honor of Brody Taylor (5 years old) who is battling cancer.

## This Week at Pilgrim Church:

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| Tuesday, February 13   | 10am Izzy's Team<br>2:45pm Afterschool Gym<br>5pm Choir   |
| Wednesday, February 14 | 9am Disposition of ashes - Red River Beach<br>9:30am Awe Walk<br>12pm Disposition of ashes - First Church Har.<br>1pm Joyful Prayer |
| Thursday, February 15  | 11am Coffee w/ Rev. Amie<br>6pm Bell Choir  |
| Friday, February 16    | Newsletter Deadline<br>11am Knitting  |

**Please join us for pancakes following today's worship service.**

# Pilgrim Church Lenten Offerings 2024

Book Study with Rev. Amie (online only)

Thursdays from 9-10am Feb. 15-Mar 21 on Zoom. We'll be reading *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. In this book, Bass challenges the idea that Jesus can only be understood in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life's challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence. *Freeing Jesus* is an invitation to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most. There are six chapters, so we'll cover one each of the six weeks. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81595218288?pwd=eUNuZlhTR2l6S3pqeHROQndMZzBlQT09>

"Time to Wander" with Rev. Diane Seaborn (online only)

Wednesdays from 7-8pm Feb. 21-Mar. 20 on Zoom. Gather with Rev. Amie's friend and colleague from Storrs Congregational Church in CT. This is an opportunity to discuss the daily devotional cards asking simple questions to invite deeper conversation, such as "What habit or mindset would you like to leave behind this Lenten season?" Attend every week or just drop in when you're able. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88542248686>

Daily Devotional Cards

Whether you participate with Rev. Diane or not, we'll make available this lovely collection of 62 daily devotional cards which will cover Ash Wednesday through the second Sunday of Easter. Each card has a weekly centering practice, a question for reflection and a short prayer. They'll be available at the church.