

**Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts**



Sunday, August 7, 2022

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.

We acknowledge one another with a nod, wave or "peace be with you."

Anthem

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr.: Lloyd Larson

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Lucy Irene Crosby

Daughter of Adam and Ashley Crosby

Sister of Colin Crosby

Born April 8, 2021

Opening Prayer *(responsively)*

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word.

Before the world had shape or form, your Spirit moved over the waters.

Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the story of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning.

In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb.

Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

Water is poured into the font.

Covenant with Parents

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parent: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage your child to follow in Jesus way and receive the freedom of new life that comes in him? Will you teach your child that one day she will choose to be a disciple of Jesus?

Parent: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with Lucy in the Christian faith, to help your child be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, so that one day she may affirm her baptism, claiming a faith of his own?

Parent: We do, with the help of God.

Question to the Congregation

Do we, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise our love, support and care to the Lucy as she lives and grows in Christ?

We promise our love, support, and care.

Blessing of the Water

Act of Baptism

Introduction of the Newly Baptized

Prayer for the Baptized *(responsively)*

We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for this child, and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit.

Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

Give to the newly baptized: Strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life: through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

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Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3: 1-6a

Meditation

"The Sacrament of Face Painting"

Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"He is Lord"

Janet Vogt

***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

The Sacrament of Communion

A Responsive Communion Liturgy

Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and cup upon it and the promise of the living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited in to this holy mystery.

We are ready!

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

We are hungry and thirsty. Jesus, we come to your table!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said...

"Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

"Take, drink. This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, and as often as you drink it do this in remembrance of me."

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in these ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread...

We participate in the body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing....

We participate in the new life Christ gives.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready!

Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and the lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, to make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do the good news in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, 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 the glory, forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"Good Jesus, Long Ago You Said"

Words: Mary Luti

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM (Grenoble)

Good Jesus, long ago you said,
'Each time you gather to be fed,
I'll make you brave by sharing bread
and resurrect you from the dead.'

We trust your promise to be near,
at every Feast of Love appear;
to eat and drink away our fear,
and give us grace to persevere.

Time and again, from feeding hands
new courage comes and love expands,
so that when justice makes demands,
we'll do whatever love commands.

'Remember me,' you told your friends.
'Persist toward all that love intends.
Return a hundred times, and then
return, return, return again.'

Benediction

Postlude

"Fanfare Postlude"

David Clarke



Today's Worship Leaders

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo

Director of Music: Matt Scinto

Lay Reader: Jody MacLeod

Altar Flowers:

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given in celebration of the baptism of Lucy Irene Crosby by her great grandmother, Irene Derby, and family.

This Week at Pilgrim Church

Monday, August 8	Delivery of school supplies
Tuesday, August 9	10am Izzy's Team
Wednesday, August 10	12noon Staff Meeting 5pm Port Stroll
Thursday, August 11	4pm Search Committee 7pm Bell Choir

Pastor Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (in office),
Friday (at home office)

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Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm

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Here I Am, Lord

By Daniel L. Schutte; arranged by Lloyd Larson

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, all who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peoples pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame; I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Exodus 3: 1-6a

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ Then he said, “I am the God of your father,^[a] the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.