

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, January 22, 2023

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.

You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.
As we wait,
in our simple, sometimes crazy,
constantly uncertain lives,
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:
of that hope which is our anchor;
of that peace which is our rock;
of that grace which is our refuge.

(from a worship order prepared by Rev. Bob Gibson for the London Conference of the United Church of Canada.)

Time for personal and silent prayers of confession.

Words of Assurance

We acknowledge those around us with a wave, a nod, or "Peace be with you."

Choral Anthem *"As the Deer"* Arr.: Lloyd Larson

First Scripture Lesson Matthew 4:12-22 (see insert)

Second Scripture Lesson Colossians 3:12-17 (see insert)

Sermon "Open Spirits" Reverend Helen Nablo

***Hymn** "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" #171

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" John Turner

***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 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. 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** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" #173

Benediction

Postlude "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" D. Wagner

Matthew 4:12-22

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”^[a] ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord

forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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A weekly email is sent out on Friday to members and friends.
If you do not receive it and would like to,
please contact the church office to sign up.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Interim Pastor: Rev. Helen Nablo

Director of Music: Matt Scinto

Worship Leader: Colleen Springer

Coffee Hour Hosts: Judy Egan, Mason Taber, and
Beverly Nightingale

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Tuesday, January 24	10am Izzy's Team 3pm Afterschool Gym 7pm Choir
Wednesday, January 25	9:30 am Walking Meditation at Red River Beach
Thursday, January 26	3pm Afterschool Gym 3:30pm Joyful Prayer 7pm Bell Choir
Friday, January 27	11am Knitting Group

**Join us for Coffee Hour in Monbleau Hall
following the worship service today.**