

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, May 21, 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.

Welcome to our Worship Service

An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to stand if you are able.

Prelude

“Spirit Rejoice”

John Tavener

Welcome and Announcements

Chimes *The chimes begin our service. Please silence cell phones.*

***Call to Worship**

One: We come and seek the ways of wisdom.

All: We come as one Body in Christ.

One: We come to find peace and sing songs of love.

All: We come to be refreshed by the Spirit.

One: Come, let us worship . . .

All: . . . that we may all be one, as Jesus and God are one.

Lighting the Peace Candle

***Hymn**

“Born of God, Eternal Savior”

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***Opening Prayer**

One: Life-giving God, your love and light guide us on the path of courage, compassion, generosity, and grace. Lead us as we seek to follow your transformative love which turns sorrow into joy and despair into hope. O God, help us embrace your guiding love that calls us to live as your faithful witnesses, who reflect your grace and redemptive love.

All: God, open our hearts to receive your gracious love, and strengthen us to carry the Good News of your healing power found in the light, love, and life, and Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious God, we confess our doubts which stifle our joy. Forgive us when we lack faith in you, and comfort us when our fears outweigh our praise. Holy One, forgive us when we fail to trust you, and help us when we do not live as your faithful witnesses. Guiding God, forgive us when we are self-focused and lack the time needed to serve our neighbors.

All: In these times, have mercy on us, O God, and encourage us to live out your love by being your hands and feet, your heart and mind. Renew us daily in your strength, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: God hears our prayers of confession and forgiveness, and guides us from disbelief and distress by leading us into hope-filled joy. God's loving Spirit is among us, comforting us in our doubt and strengthening us in our faith.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Choral Anthem "Make this Church a Welcome Place" Joel Raney

Scripture Lesson John 17:1-11 NT Page 111

Sermon "Glory in Unity" Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

***Hymn** "We Are One in the Spirit" (see insert)

Call to Offering

Offertory "Quiet Meditation" Lloyd Larson

***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 with The Lord's Prayer

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**

"Blest Be the Tie"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

"Festive Recessional"

David Johnston

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The church office is open Monday – Friday, 9am-2pm.

Reverend Amie Stuart Giguere is in the church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Her email is revamie@pcchp.org.

Our Sexton, Ted Flynn, can be reached at 508-274-9425.

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: Matt Scinto

Worship Leader: Ross Hall

Coffee Hour Hosts: Judy Egan and Mason Taber

The flowers that adorn the altar are given by Kim and Pam Eaton in loving memory of their dear sister, Nancy Eaton Conley.

The steeple will be lit May 18-21 by Leslie Herlin, celebrating the marriage of Bo and Kirsten Herlin and the anniversaries of MJ and Russ, and Alison and Paul.

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Monday, May 22	2:45pm Kids cook in Dorcas
Tuesday, May 23	10am Izzy's Team 3pm Afterschool Gym
Wednesday, May 24	9:30am Awe Walk
Thursday, May 25	9am Bible Study 11am Coffee w/ Rev. Amie 2:45pm Kids cook in Dorcas 3:30pm Joyful Prayer 5:15pm Youth Baseball Game
Friday, May 26	11am Knitting Group
Saturday, May 27	3:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

Please join us for Coffee Hour following worship service today.

Pilgrim Congregational Church



Sunday, May 28 at 10am

Please wear red, orange, or yellow to church on this special day of worship as we come together to celebrate the birthday of the church!