

Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Sunday, September 17, 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 “I Walked With God This Day” Tom Birchwood

Welcome and Announcements

Chimes

***Call to Worship**

One: Give praise to God!

All: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves...

One: It is God who delivers...

All: It is God who forgives...

One: Give thanks to the Lord!

All: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

Lighting the Christ and Peace Candles

***Hymn** “In the Midst of New Dimensions” #391

Opening Prayer

One: In this moment, Gracious God, you have called us away from the world

All: to a place and a time where we can commune with you and with one another.

One: Hallow this communion, we pray.

All: Calm our anxious spirits, that we may be set apart to hear your word of truth

One: through which we receive grace to bring about the obedience of faith.

All: Open us to the reality of your all-embracing love,

One: both in this place and in the wider world.

All: May we, by our words and actions, be bearers of your kingdom. Amen.

Prayer Response

(Sung by Choir)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Gracious and loving God,

All: You lived for us, we have not lived for you.

One: You have forgiven us, we have not forgiven others.

All: You have loved us, we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another.

One: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

All: Help us to forgive.

One: Help us to live for you.

All: Help us to love through Christ our Lord.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Beloved of God, we are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Softly & Tenderly”

arr.: Joel Raney

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

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Sermon

“Absurd Grace”

Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

***Hymn**

“Give Me a Clean Heart”

#188

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Goin' Home”

Lyndell Leatherman

***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 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 power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

#531

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Toccata on Boylston”

Gordon Young

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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.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

Director of Music: Dr. Matthew Scinto

Worship Leader: Linda Kidd

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Dona Webber and Ann Brown

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Gabe and Jill Gabriel in loving memory of their parents, Richard and Eleanor Jordan, and Harold and Violet Gabriel. **The steeple** will be lit on Sept. 21 by John and Jennifer Geurtsen in honor of their grandchild, Ryan Norwood; and it will be lit on Sept. 18 through Sept. 22 by Lois Eaton in appreciation of her friends who have blessed her with singing, bringing Communion, and calling and visiting her.

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Tuesday, September 19	10am Izzy's Team 10am Church Council 5pm Choir
Wednesday, September 20	9:30am Awe Walk
Thursday, September 21	11am Coffee w/ Rev. Amie 3:30pm Joyful Prayer 6pm Bell Choir
Friday, September 22	11am Knitting Group 4:45pm Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, September 23	3:30pm Wedding

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 1 at Pilgrim Congregational Church ~ 1pm

533 Route 28, Harwich Port

Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere will offer blessings for the animals who share our lives.

Please bring your leashed or crated pets or pictures of your pets for a blessing. Stuffed animals welcome!

****Donuts and cider will be served on the front lawn.****

Donations will be accepted for the Brewster Animal Rescue League of Boston:

<https://www.arlboston.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Brewster-Wishlist-web.pdf>