

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ  
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



**Sunday, November 20, 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.

## **Welcome to our Worship Service**

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

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *“American Quartet”* A. Dvorak, Medwin String Quartet

**Call to Worship** *(responsively)* *from Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship God with gladness, come into God’s presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us, and we are God’s people,  
the sheep of God’s pasture.

**Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless God’s name.**

For God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever,  
and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

**\*Hymn** *“Now Thank We All Our God”* #419

## **Lighting the Peace Candle**

**Prayer of the Day** *(unison)*

God, You heap your love upon us  
like a parent providing for a family’s needs,  
embracing a child with tenderness.



**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**                      *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*                      #425

## **Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *"Toccata on Regent Square"*                      Arr.: Douglas Wagner

## Today's Worship Leaders

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Helen Nablo

**Director of Music:** Matt Scinto

**Worship Leader:** Derry Winch

**Coffee Hour Host:** Debbie Bratcher

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Barry and Colleen Springer with love for their son, daughter, and grandson.

**Steeple Lighting:** The steeple will be lit on November 22 by Bethany Holley Craig in loving memory of her parents, Peter and Betty Holley, on their 81<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary; and it will be lit on Thanksgiving Day by Jan Kalicki in memory of her father, Jan Kalicki, on the anniversary of his death in 1953.

## This Week at Pilgrim Church

Sunday, November 20	8:45am Choir 9am Missions 11am Birthday Coffee Hour Annual Meeting
Monday, November 21	1pm Search Committee
Tuesday, November 22	10am Izzy's Team 7pm Choir
Thursday, November 24	The office is closed.
Friday, November 25	The office is closed. 11am Knitting Group

## Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm  
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Our Prayer of the Day comes from Jan Berry, England, in *Bread of Tomorrow: Prayer for the Church Year*, ed. Janet Morley (Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1992), p. 147. Used by permission.

## Luke 17:11-19

### **Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy**

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy<sup>[a]</sup> met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

## **Nativity Display    Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30- 8pm.**

It's getting to be time to gather up nativities so that they can be displayed in our Sanctuary as part of the Harwich Christmas Stroll on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have a nativity set to share, and many of you have already said you do, you may bring it to the church on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday in Advent. There may be a reason why you'd like Pastor Helen to come to your house and pick up your set – there are two on that list already, and you just need to let her know. You may also bring it to the church from 9am-2pm on Monday through Thursday of the week prior to the Stroll. They will be securely stored in Pastor Helen's office.

We have volunteers to watch the sets carefully to enforce our "Do Not Touch" policy. There will be some sets for kids to touch on the stairs of the Sanctuary.

You may take your set home that night at 8pm when the Stroll is over or pick it up on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please send Pastor Helen a few sentences about your set – where you got it, who gave it to you, anything you particularly like about it, or its special meaning to you. We will put these on cards with your names on them and place them beside your nativity.

[revhelen@pcchp.org](mailto:revhelen@pcchp.org). Thank you!

*We plan to set up the display on Friday morning and will have the Sanctuary open from 2-4pm for members of our church who would like to view it but don't want the crowds of the Stroll.*



Let's continue to help feed our friends and neighbors this season. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted through

**Sunday, December 18th.**

A list of requested non-perishable items is posted on the bulletin board.

## **Today's Guest Musicians – The Medwin String Quartet**

**Vivek Voleti** (violin) is a sophomore double majoring in Computer Science and Robotics Engineering at WPI. Originally from Farmington, CT, he has played violin for over 12 years and has served as the Concertmaster for the WPI Philharmonic, Farmington Symphony Strings, and Farmington High School Chamber Orchestra.

**Seth Frank** (violin) is currently a 2<sup>nd</sup>-year student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute majoring in Computer Science with a minor in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He has been playing the violin since he was 7 years old. In high school, Seth participated in the CMEA Northern Regional Festival, the Symphonic Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and the pit orchestra.

**Darren Kwee** (viola) is a junior at WPI from Farmington, Connecticut working towards a major in Computer Science and a minor in Music. He has been playing violin since the age of 7 and viola since his junior year of high school. He was a member of the TRI-M Music Honor Society, performed in the Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra, and participated in the Connecticut Music Educators Association Northern Region Festival for two years.

**Emma DeMartino** (cello) is a sophomore at WPI, majoring in Bio-Medical Engineering as well as minoring in music. She was fortunate enough to grow up in a community surrounded by excellent musicians. Under the direction of Dr. Connie Rittenhouse Drexler and Lauren Rittenhouse, Emma traveled throughout the country playing her cello with the Youth Ensemble of New England.

## **Introduction of the New Members**

Deb Watson

Judy Egan

Mason Taber

### **Invitation**

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism. These people, having found nurture and support here, are now led by the Holy Spirit to seek to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.

They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and to offer our gifts for service to Jesus Christ. God help us.

They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. May God help us.

### **Question about Faith**

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in his way, resisting oppression and evil, showing love and justice, and witnessing to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

*(I promise, with the help of God)*

### **Question about Participation**

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member

of the Church of Jesus Christ, sharing regularly in the worship of God

and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

*(I promise, with the help of God)*

**Affirmation of Faith** *(from the UCC Statement of Faith)*

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into your church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship  
to be your servants in the service of others  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.

*(over)*

You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
your presence in trial and rejoicing  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.  
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

**Welcome and Reception:** *(unison)*

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church.  
We promise you our friendship and our prayers as we share in**

the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in love and in the knowledge of God, becoming ever more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Hymn

“Weave”

Weave

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*Unison*

Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth- er in

u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er.

Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979. © 1979

Rosemary Crow's hymn pulses with the rhythm of the weaver at work.

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