

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Harwich Port, Massachusetts



*"Son, Rise" by T. Denise Anderson*

**Sunday, March 19, 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.



## Opening Prayer

God of great mercy and love, source of light, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

One: Who here has sinned?

**All: We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We have ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.**

One: Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

**All: Thanks be to God for a love like that. Have you sinned?**

One: I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

**All: Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.**

One: Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

## Assurance of God's Grace

**Choral Anthem**

“People Need the Lord”

Greg Nelson

**Scripture**

John 9:1-41

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Sermon

“A Real Eye Opener”

Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

### **Affirmation of Faith**

One: We believe in a merciful God,

**All: a God who does not keep score,  
a God who wants good for us.**

One: We believe in a creative God,

**All: a God who would heal with mud,  
a God capable of seeing what we cannot.**

One: We believe in a saving God,

**All: a God who heals,  
a God who greets our questions with patience,  
a God who sends us out with hope in our step.**

One: What wondrous love is this. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

“We Come With Questions”

(see insert)

### **Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

“Meditation”

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**

**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**      “There Are Some Things I May Not Know”      #405

**\*Benediction**

As we leave this place, may God bless us with seeking.

May we:

Seek out the hungry.

Seek the weary.

Seek the good in every person we pass.

Seek out the hopeful.

Seek the faithful.

Seek God in ourselves.

As we seek and as we wonder,

may we find what we are looking for.

In the name of our loving God,

who is always seeking us,

go now in peace. Amen.

**Postlude**      The Strife is O'er”      Arr.: Larry Shackley

Please join Reverend Amie for  
coffee and conversation  
at Cape Roots Market and Café  
557 Route 28, Harwich Port  
on Thursday mornings  
through the month of March,  
10:30am—11:30am.

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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](mailto: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

**Pastor:** Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

**Director of Music:** Matt Scinto

**Lay Reader:** Heidi Nelson

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Beverly Nightingale and Derry Winch

## Steeple Lighting

The steeple was lit on March 18 by Gil Stone in memory of Don Stone, Jr.

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## This Week at Pilgrim Church

Tuesday, March 21	10am Izzy's Team 10:30am Church Council 3pm Afterschool Gym 7pm Choir
Wednesday, March 22	9:30am Awe Walk
Thursday, March 23	9am Bible Study 10:30am Coffee w/ Pastor 3:30 pm Prayer Group 7pm Bell Choir
Friday, March 24	11am Knitting group



Scan to hear  
the tune!

# we come with questions

LOBE DEN HERREN ("PRAISE TO THE LORD,  
THE ALMIGHTY")

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Erneuernten Gesangbuch (1665)

We come with ques - tions as - sum - ing that  
Here is the mys - t'ry we claim as the  
God help us live in - to mys - t'ry be -  
there will be an - swers Set - ting the  
fol - lowers of Je - sus: Christ has died,  
- yond com - pre - hen - sion Qui - et our  
world in an or - der that o - beys our  
Christ is raised, Christ dai - ly comes to re -  
minds al - ways clam - or - ing for some di -  
gram - mar We want to know  
- deem us Grace free, not earned,  
- rec - tion Give us your peace  
where Spir - it's riv - er will flow Frustrat - ed  
whe - ther or not we de - serve God works be -  
with all that we can't per - ceive Hold - ing us  
by her me - an - ders  
- yond rules and boun - d'ries  
with - in the ten - sion



## **Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations**

We will once again host a  
Community Easter Egg Hunt  
on Easter morning on our front lawn!  
Donations of individually-wrapped candy  
(no nuts, please), plastic eggs, and Easter  
stickers are very much appreciated.  
There are buckets near the coat room  
to accept your donations! Thank you!





## Daffodils and Tulips ~ \$15.00

(checks payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church)

Purchase your flowers in memory of a loved one,  
in remembrance of a celebration or an event,  
or just for decoration!

Fill out this form and return it  
with your payment by **Monday, April 3rd.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of flower: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Give away \_\_\_\_\_ Will take \_\_\_\_\_

Message: (in memory/remembrance/celebration):

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Please return your order form and payment to Laura  
in the office, or you may leave it in the "Office" folder  
on the wall outside the office door.



Coffee Hour is such a special time of fellowship for our church family, but we need hosts. Please see the Sign-Up sheets in Monbleau Hall and consider signing up to host on a date that is convenient for you.

There are instruction sheets next to the Sign-Up sheets. Grab a copy and see how easy it can be!



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