

**Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts**



Sunday, June 26, 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

“Come, Gracious Spirit”

Lani Smith

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Sisters and brothers, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,

There is neither male nor female; for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

This day, with that awareness, and in a Spirit of Celebration

Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

“Creator of the Intertwined”

(see insert)

Lighting the Candle of Peace

A Litany of Faith and Hope *(responsively)*

We are a garden

A community of many different varieties growing together. We all need water, sun, and soil to grow. We live alongside one another, respecting one another, maintaining our identities, like an iris and a sunflower, both beautiful, both distinct and different, but still connected.

We come together

To discover we have a common language – the language of hope, the language of God’s incredible love for the world.

We seek

To know one another.

We need

To build on these experiences of community, to be full of care for people of all faiths.

We believe in our children being friends with other children who may not look like them, who may hold different beliefs, who have different backgrounds and different family structure.

We believe the barriers are in our minds; justice, peace, and understanding will ultimately prevail.

We believe in the dignity and worth of all human beings, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey.

We know the world is big enough for all of us, because we believe in a world of love and love creates space for all to live and thrive.

We acknowledge one another with a nod, wave or "peace be with you".

Anthem

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr.: Mark Hayes

ONA at Pilgrim - A Short History

Heidi Nelson

What ONA Means to Me

Randy Sacht

ONA Covenant (*unison*)

Following the example of Jesus Christ, we the members of Pilgrim Congregational Church cherish the diversity of humanity as God has created it, people of every race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, or socioeconomic standing. We welcome all who seek to know God better, both those whose faith is strong and those who feel less sure. With God's grace, we affirm all people, and invite them to participate fully in the life and ministry of this church.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55



Isaiah 55 - from *The Message*

“Hey there! All who are thirsty,
come to the water!

Are you penniless?

Come anyway—buy and eat!

Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk.

Buy without money—everything’s free!

**Why do you spend your money on junk food,
your hard-earned cash on cotton candy?**

Listen to me, listen well: Eat only the best,
fill yourself with only the finest.

Pay attention, come close now,

listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words.

I’m making a lasting covenant commitment with you,

the same that I made with David: sure, solid, enduring love.

I set him up as a witness to the nations,

made him a prince and leader of the nations,

And now I’m doing it to you:

**You’ll summon nations you’ve never heard of,
and nations who’ve never heard of you
will come running to you**

Because of me, your GOD,

because The Holy of Israel has honored you.”

⁶⁻⁷ Seek GOD while God’s here to be found,
pray to God while God’s close at hand.

Let the wicked abandon their way of life
and the evil their way of thinking.

Let them come back to GOD, who is merciful,
come back to our God, who is lavish with forgiveness.

8-11 “I don’t think the way you think.

The way you work isn’t the way I work.”

GOD’s Decree.

**“For as the sky soars high above earth,
so the way I work surpasses the way you work,
and the way I think is beyond the way you think.**

Just as rain and snow descend from the skies
and don’t go back until they’ve watered the earth,
Doing their work of making things grow and blossom,
producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry,
So will the words that come out of my mouth
not come back empty-handed.

They’ll do the work I sent them to do,
they’ll complete the assignment I gave them.

12-13 “So you’ll go out in joy,

you’ll be led into a whole and complete life.

**The mountains and hills will lead the parade,
bursting with song.**

All the trees of the forest will join the procession,
exuberant with applause.

No more thistles, but giant sequoias,
no more thornbushes, but stately pines—

Monuments to me, to GOD,
living and lasting evidence of GOD.”

Meditation

Reverend Doug Wheeler

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Gracious”

Ruth Elaine Schram

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

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**

"All Are Welcome"

(see insert)

Benediction

Postlude

"Festal Recessional"

Geoffrey Andrews

Today's Worship Leaders

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo

Director of Music: Matt Scinto

Lay Reader: Carol Wiley

Participants: Heidi Nelson, Randy Sacht, and Doug Wheeler

Altar Flowers:

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Louise and Bob Moline in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

This Week at Pilgrim Church

Tuesday, June 28	9am Izzy's Team
Wednesday, June 29	8am Afterschool Camp 7pm Choir
Thursday, June 30	8am Afterschool Camp 9am Bible Study (last day) 7pm Bell Choir
Friday, July 1	8am Afterschool Camp

Pastor Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (in office),
Friday (at home office)

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