

Kids on Sunday: Our nursery is always open for infants and toddlers. Ask an usher to show you where the little ones hang out. Children PreK - 6th start in worship and then go to classes after the Children's Message except for Communion Sundays when they start in their classrooms. Ask any usher for help in finding the right resource for your child.

Visiting? Thanks for joining us for worship today. We hope you enjoy the service and that it hits a chord deep in your soul. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex by the front door and join us following the service for refreshments and fellowship. If you would like more information about the church or to hear from our pastor please let a deacon or usher know.

Chancel Altar

In loving memory of Irma Hull, from Janet Cymbala.

(The Altar/Flower Chair for February is Janet Cymbala)

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

To light the steeple please see Carolee Wentworth at coffee hour.)



Large print bulletins, and a hearing assistance system (see an usher) are available. Handicap parking is in the rear parking lot and off Route 28 and Pilgrim Rd. Access ramps from all parking areas are available. An accessible unisex restroom is off the hallway at the right front of the sanctuary.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ



February 28, 2016



Our Mission Statement

*We welcome ALL
to share the teachings of Jesus Christ
to care for one another
to grow in spirit and
to serve others with compassion and love.*

Welcome to our worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service.

Chimes *(The chimes begin our service. Please turn off cell phones.)*

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Eagle's Wings* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

+**Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* Pilgrim #260

Unison Prayer: Holy God Creator, we come to you humbly in prayer seeking your grace. We try to live our lives in ways that will please you. But there are many distractions. We get caught up in the demands of life and lose our way. Help us, we pray, to carry the foundation of our faith in Jesus within our hearts and souls every day. Make it our inner compass so that we might stay the course that you have set before us and your church. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Time Rev. O'Connor

Gifts and Tithes

Invitation

Anthem *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* arr. Richard Farrant

+**Response:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;

One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.*

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15-20 (N.T., pg. 20)

Sermon Our Congregational Heritage Rev. Dr. Showalter

Unison Reading: The government of this Church is vested in its members, who exercise the right of control in all its affairs. It is amenable to no other ecclesiastical body, but it accepts the obligations of mutual counsel, comity and cooperation involved in the free fellowship of the Congregational Churches, and pledges itself to share their common aim and work. The church is in direct fellowship with the Barnstable Association United Church of Christ and their ministers, the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, and the General Synod of United Church of Christ and with all Churches which seek to promote the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Constitution and Bylaws of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Harwich Port {Constitution: Article III}

+**Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Pilgrim #272

Benediction

+**Response** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God our creator, children all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now,
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment & live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude *Go Forth For God* arr. Robert J. Powell
Thank you for worshiping with us. May God bless you this week.

Head Usher: Mike Sekerak **Acolyte:** Liam Mawn
Guest Minister: Rev. Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter
Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

We welcome Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter to our worship service this morning. Dr. Showalter is a retired UCC minister who has served churches in VT, ME and MA, including the First Congregational Church of Falmouth, MA, for 24 years. His wife Chris is a retired Marriage and Family therapist. The Showalters live in Plymouth, MA where they are members of The Church of the Pilgrimage. Doug is the Moderator of that church and also the Corresponding Scribe of the Committee on Ministry of the Pilgrim Association of the UCC. Doug is a graduate of Bowdoin College, Yale Divinity School and Chicago Theological Seminary. He has published and given lectures on aspects of American Congregational history. He also created and administers the Facebook group, "Explore Congregational Church History," which has nearly 400 members. **The PowerPoint program** Doug will present today after worship is entitled: "You're Sitting in My Pew!: the Long Journey of MA Congregationalists from Meeting Houses to Churches, "Free Pews, Offerings at Worship and Individual Communion Cups."

Last Call for Photos! Please submit photos TODAY, February 28. Directories will be assembled beginning on March 1.

Team Izzy needs: men's 2x sweatshirts, 1x and 2x coats; L & XL bathrobes; men & women's sweat pants; ladies 2x coat; towels; four microwaves; dish towels; silverware; kitchen utensils; irons, mops; small working lamps with shades; floor lamps; deodorants, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Annual Reports are due in the church office as soon as possible.

Tell the church office if you have a new address, phone number or email address so our new pictorial directory is up to date.

Prayers: prayer requests need to be in the office by noon on Friday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

World Day of Prayer will be held at 11:00 am at Christ Church Episcopal, Harwich Port – lunch will be served at 12Noon.

Please remember in your prayers: Jesse Nash, Margot Lamparelli, John Preston, Jenn Marceline, Bud Dey, Paul Welsh.

Lenten Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion/Devotion:

When: Noon on Wednesdays in Lent (2/17 thru 3/23).

Where: Monbleau Hall

What: Bring lunch and the Lenten Devotion Booklet.

We'll eat and discuss the readings, then end with prayer.

Who: YOU and anyone else who would like to come.

Note: Come when you can! Miss when you must.

This Week at Pilgrim Church – February 28, 2016

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:15 AM	Congregational Lunch (Beef Stew) Presentation
<u>Monday:</u>	Church office closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM	Team Izzy
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM	Dance Class
	12:00 Noon	Lenten Discussion/Lunch
	5:30 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	3:30 PM	Joyful Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Handbell Choir R.
	7:00 PM	Scouts
<u>Friday:</u>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop
<u>Saturday:</u>	9:00 AM	We Are the Men Reh.
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop

