

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 my parents, Betty and Doc Kuhn, and my husband Jim Bryant; and in celebration of the March birthdays in my family, Mary Beth Bryant.

(The Altar/Flower Chair for March is Carolee Wentworth)

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

March 14 - Happy Birthday to Larry, my son-in-law, Denise.

March 18 – Happy Birthday to my wonderful, little grandson, Dean, Denise.

(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 of 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



March 13, 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 *Sacred Places* Sandra Eithun
(Handbell Choir – Thom Dutton, Director)

+**Hymn** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* Pilgrim # 583

Unison Prayer: Companion God, who led our ancestors to this fruitful land; who saw them through ocean storms; who gave them hope and courage when both were hard to find; who stirred in them the desire to build this very church; and whose love and guidance graces our lives still today; we give you thanks and praise. Help us to be inspired by this, our inheritance. Help their faith to come alive in us so that we, like them, might be led in similar ways to be your faithful servants. In Christ's name 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. Peggy O'Connor
(Children are dismissed to their classrooms following the message.)

Gifts and Tithes

Invitation

Offertory *The Temptation of Jesus* Jason Krug

+**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 *Three –Fold Amen*

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 (O.T., pg. 806)

Sermon The Spiritual Practice of Remembering
Dr. Peggy

Bendroth

+**Hymn** *God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand* Pilgrim #433

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 *Rondeau* Mouret/Sherman

Thank you for worshiping with us. May God bless you this week.

Head Usher: Frank Cacciapouti

Reader: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Acolyte: Ashley Hunt

Guest Preacher: Dr. Peggy Bendroth

Guest Pianist: Molly Chapman

Thank you: Molly Chapman for filling in for Fred Drifmeyer this morning.

We welcome, Dr. Margaret Lambert Bendroth (Peggy) to our worship service and fellowship hour today. Peggy is the executive director of the Congregational Library on Beacon Hill in Boston. Since her first book appeared 20 years ago, she has helped shape the field of American religious history. She recently served as President of the American Society of Church History, Her sermon today addresses the topic of her most recent book, *The Spiritual Practice of Remembering*, (Eerdmans 2013) which summons readers to remember and honor the past. She will continue in Monbleau Hall after the service with a Q&A session during coffee hour. Please join us.

Our deepest sympathy to Doug and Mary Wheeler and family on the recent death of his niece.

Easter Flowers – forms are available in the narthex, the back hallway table, the welcome center and the March issue of *Pilgrim's Progress*. **Deadline: March 18th.**

The Christian Education Committee: individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. A bin has been placed outside of Monbleau Hall. Please: no PEANUT or PEANUT BUTTER products. Thank you.

ARMS Envelopes – Please use the envelopes with **ARMS** stamped on them for your Capital Campaign pledges and payments. These may be mailed, placed in the collection plate, or left at the church office. The Treasurer's Office will mail a supply of these envelopes to those paying their ARMS pledge monthly or quarterly. If you would like a supply of the envelopes, please notify the Treasurer's Office.

Lenten Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion/Devotion:
Wednesdays in Lent at NOON (thru 3/23) in Monbleau Hall.
Bring lunch and we will discuss the weekly readings as we eat.

You do not have to commit to coming every week.

Team Izzy needs: clean, used pillows, men's jeans all sizes.

ARMS of Love Capital Campaign. Accessibility, Renovation and Mission. Won't you help us raise \$400,000? We will: replace old heating/ventilation/air conditioning equipment; install a lift for accessibility to the basement; repair the steeple clock; & start a 'mission ignition' fund to serve the Lower Cape. Consider your gift prayerfully, then fill out and return your pledge card to us. If you would like a home visit to discuss the campaign and the importance of your gift call the church office at 508-432-1668.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:15 AM on Red River Beach in South Harwich. Take 28 to Uncle Venie's Road...follow that road to the beach...park. Go to the right hand end of the beach. There are two benches and a long concrete barrier that are good for sitting. Most people will probably stand. Parking is directly at the beach so if you choose you can sit in your car. Following the service everyone is invited to Christ Church Episcopal for coffee, tea and muffins.

Racial Justice Training – From Tolerance to Unity: An 8-hour workshop on Saturday, May 21, 2016 – 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM at Massachusetts Conference, UCC, 1 Badger Road, Framingham, MA. Space is limited – register today at **macucc-reg.brtapp.com/RacialJusticeTrainingFromTolerancetoUnity**. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes coffee/tea and lunch. Any questions about this program, contact Kelly Gallagher at gallagherk@macucc.org; 508-875-5233.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Jesse Nash, Paul Welsh, Margot Lamparelli, John Preston, Doug and Mary Wheeler, Roy Terwilliger.

This Week at Pilgrim Church – March 13, 2016

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	2:00 PM	Movies- Sunday School
<u>Monday:</u>	Church office closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM	Team Izzy
	4:30 PM	Diaconate Meeting
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM	Dance Class
	12:00 Noon	Lenten Discussion/Lunch
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	3:30 PM	Joyful Prayer Group
	4:30 PM	Music Committee
	6:30 PM	Scouts
	7:00 PM	Handbell Choir R.
<u>Friday:</u>	11:00 AM	Thrift Shop
	12:00 Noon	Pilgrim Cooking
		Deadline for Easter flowers
<u>Saturday:</u>	11:00 AM	Thrift Shop