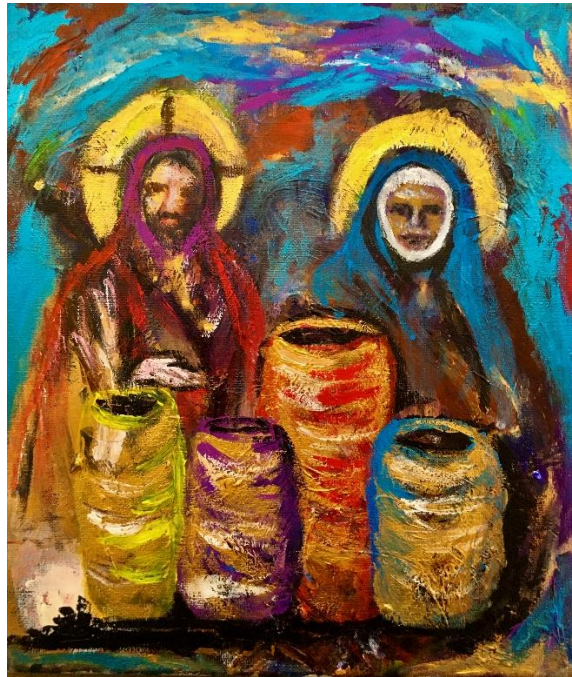


Pilgrim Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Wedding Miracle at Cana,
Painting by Ronald Raab, CSC 2021

Sunday, January 19, 2025

*We come together to grow in faith
and joyfully share God's love with all.*

Welcome to our Worship Service

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

Prelude “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go” David Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

We acknowledge one another with a nod, wave, or “Peace be with you.”

Chimes

***Call to Worship**

One: How can we keep still this day?

All: There is joy in this place!

One: God’s steadfast love extends to everyone.

**All: God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and
 compassion.**

One: Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have
 received.

All: Let us celebrate God’s joyful love for and with us!

Lighting the Christ Candles and Peace Candle

***Hymn** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” #459

Opening Prayer

**All: Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you
 offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly
 believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives.**

**Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' Name,
we pray. Amen.**

Sung Prayer Response

#769

Call to Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world
and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us
pray.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Lord, how we must try your patience!

**All: We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your
abiding presence.**

One: We think that we have all the answers,

All: and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations.

One: We think that we are the one thing that matters most in
life.

**All: So we place ourselves at the center of our own
universe.**

One: Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is.

**All: Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in
which you have already worked in our lives,**

One: and will continue to work as we journey in faith.

**All: Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our
whole beings, that we may be transformed into people
of joyful service and faith.**

Time for Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Grace

One: God's love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones. In Jesus' name, we are forgiven, loved and free!

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Choir Anthem "As the Deer" Lloyd Larson

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 36:5-10 (Old Testament page 510)

John 1:1-11 (New Testament page 91)

Sermon "Jesus did this..." Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

***Hymn** "I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty" #50

Call to Offering

Offertory "How Can I Keep From Singing?" Larry Shackley

***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**

All: Generous God, just as Jesus transformed water into wine at the wedding in Cana, we ask you to bless and transform these gifts we offer today. May they become a source of joy, hope and abundance for those in need, reflecting the miracle of your love in our lives. Use these offerings to reveal your glory and draw others closer to you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, 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 glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #1

***Benediction**

Postlude "Postlude on 'Promises'" Ralph Long

Much of today's liturgy is adapted from the Ministry Matters Worship Connection website and the words of the late Nancy C. Townley.

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere

Music Director: Dr. Matthew Scinto

Lay Worship Leader: Rev. Jamie Faile

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Natalie Stafford and Kathy Siegrist

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Natalie Stafford and are dedicated “to the glory of God.”

The steeple will be lit on January 19 by Carolee Wentworth in celebration of “our new committee officers and members.”

This Week at Pilgrim Church:

Monday, January 20	Office is closed.
Tuesday, January 21	10am Izzy’s Team 12noon Staff Meeting 2pm Afterschool Gym 5pm Choir
Wednesday, January 22	3pm Joyful Prayer Group
Thursday, January 23	9am Study Group 11am Coffee and Conversation 6pm Bell Choir
Friday, January 24	11am Knitting Group

Deacons’ Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 10am

Trustees’ Meeting: 2nd Thursday at 3:30pm

Church Council Meeting: 3rd Thursday at 3:00pm

Missions and Outreach Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 8:30am

Vision Team Meeting: 2nd Wed. at 5pm and 4th Sun. at 11:30am

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This afternoon at 3pm the Harwich Clergy Association will be offering a worship service in honor of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 310 Route 137 in Harwich. Everyone is welcome. Please see the last page of this bulletin for more information.

Thursday Morning Study Group

We will start a new book on January 23 which is an inspiring true story about Anthony Ray Hinton who was arrested and sentenced to death for crimes he didn't commit. The book, The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row, is Hinton's memoir about that terrible tragedy, as well as what he chose to do after that extraordinary experience. It is a profound story of faith and hope. The group meets via Zoom on Thursday mornings from 9-10am. We will be reading and discussing this book for six weeks from January 23-February 27. Please reach out to Rev. Amie to request a link to join.

Missions Fellowship Luncheon

The Missions and Outreach Committee had postponed the Thanksgiving Luncheon to January. The date is Sunday, January 26 after worship. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center so we can have a head count, and indicate if you can contribute a dessert.

Valentine Tea Party



The Missions and Outreach Committee of Pilgrim Congregational Church invites you to this special event to benefit "Team Izzy" and their outreach in serving people who are homeless on Cape Cod

Sunday, February 16, 2024, from 2-4pm
Monbleau Hall, Pilgrim Congregational Church

The guest speaker will be
Heidi Nelson, recently retired CEO of Duffy Health Center

♥ Tea, sandwiches, fruit, and dessert will be served ♥

In lieu of a ticket cost, please bring suggested donations of cash, checks, or \$10 Dunkin' Donuts or Cumberland Farms gift cards

Sign up at the Welcome Center or RSVP to Midge Dey at (508) 237-4199



The Harwich Clergy Association invites you to:
**An Ecumenical Service of Prayer
for Christian Unity**

January 19, 2025 at 3pm
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
310 Route 137, Harwich

Participating Churches:

Christ Church Episcopal
First Congregational Church of Harwich, UCC
Harwich United Methodist Church
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church
Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
St. Mary Magdala Ecumenical Catholic Church
St. Peter's Lutheran Church