

The Church of the Pilgrimage United Church of Christ



Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025
10:00 am

Order of Worship

***Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!***

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the sacred land of the Wampanoag Nation. We honor the Herring Pond Wampanoag people, who are the original stewards of this place now known as Plymouth. May we keep the First Peoples of this land in our hearts and minds as we worship today.

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tim

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Marna Blomberg

One: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.
You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

**All: Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land.
We seek God's power and glory in the sanctuary.**

One: Listen carefully to God and eat what is good;
delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.

**All: Here our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast.
Together our mouths praise God with joyful lips.**

One: God offers us steadfast love and a covenant
relationship.
We are called to be faithful witnesses and leaders.

**All: We have come to meditate on the living God.
We seek inspiration and empowerment to do what
God asks.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

We come before you, gracious God, seeking what money cannot buy. Only you can provide nourishment for our souls. There is no other source of meaning in our mixed-up world. We can find no fountain of strength or sustenance apart from you. Surely you can be found where two or three are gathered together. As a community of faith, we call on you, believing that you are nearer than our next breath, more available to us than we can think, more caring than we ever dare to imagine. Uphold us now that we may worship on wings of joy. Amen

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI (unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FAMILY MESSAGE**CHORAL ANTHEM*****A Carol for Lent***

Mary E. Caldwell

feat. Judy Donn, cello

The fragrance of lilies, the clean scent of pine,
The olive trees tipped with the moon's silv'ry shine,
And the paling of starlight that heralds the day,
As Jesus knelt in the garden in anguish and sorrow, to pray.

Now often at night, slender lilies so fair
Will whisper of when our dear master was there,
And the gnarled old olive trees murmuring, say,
Remember who came to this garden in anguish and sorrow, to pray.

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

Before worship, we invite parishioners to write these on cards at our entrance – so the deacons can bring them forward to be shared by the Pastor.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tim

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURAL LESSONS

Isaiah 55:1-9

Marna Blomberg

Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Tim

+HYMN 425

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

SERMON

“God’s Grace is Greater...”

Rev. Tim

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Anthem

When Jesus Wept

by William Billings

When Jesus wept, the falling tear
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear
Seized all the guilty world around.

+Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him,
all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye
heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN 401 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

+BENEDICTION

Rev. Tim

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

***Fugue in D Major*
Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750**

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

Now that our service is over, let your service begin!

***The flowers are in loving memory our parents,
Harriet & Harold Blomberg and Dick and Judy Stoehr.
Given by John & Marna Blomberg.***

2025 Lenten Season

March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent – 10:00am

April 6 – Fifth Sunday in Lent – 10:00am

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Breakfast with Communion – 8:00am

Service with Distribution of Palms – 10:00am

April 17 – Maunday Thursday – 7:00pm

April 18 – Good Friday Meditation – 12:00 – 2:00pm

April 20 – Easter Sunday

Cole's Hill Sunrise Service – 5:30am

Easter Festival Service – 10:00am

Prayer List

Solace and Peace – Family of Hun Sook Jeffrey, step-mother of Cindy Delano; Family and friends of Nancy Selvaggi.

Healing and Comfort – Debbie V. who has entered hospice care, friend of Debby Porter; Family of Cathy Watt's sister as they cope with mental illness and a death in the family; John Pierce Howland recovering from an auto accident, cousin of Steve Washburn; Jon Porter, 2nd cataract surgery; Jeanne Lane after a fall; Lincoln Passmore, broken elbow from a fall; Philip, recent heart surgery, brother of Maribeth Traer; Paul MacDonald; Jane Rachel Alves friend of Cindy Delano with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia; Harry, brother-in-law of Gerry B. with advancing Parkinson's; Nancy Kern & Bob, cancer and cardiac concerns; Rose Wagner, for back and hand pain; Pam Pawlowski's sister, Carol; Frank Roberts.

Community and World – For Peace in the World; people who live in sanctuary cities; victims and families of gun violence (mass killings); Haiti; Israel-Palestine and its victims; our nation during challenging times; places recovering from natural disasters; migrants in Plymouth and Kingston; people of Ukraine and its democracy; those traveling; working for Sustainability and Climate Change; serving on our front lines; those who are hungry, homeless, ill in body, mind and spirit, disabled, addicted, imprisoned; and all who seek hope; peace and justice in our world.

Participants

Members & Friends

*Rev. Tim Garvin-Leighton, **Pastor***

*Marna Blomberg, **Worship Leader***

*Cathy Sampson, **Deacon-in-Charge***

*David Tyler, **Choir Director***

*Michael Eaton, **Organist***

*Judy Donn, **Greeters***

*Jeanette & Jim Jamieson and Laurie & Bill McCoy, **Ushers***

*Michael Eaton, **Office Manager***

*Brian Gildea, **Sexton***

Bible Study

Tuesday, March 25th – 10:30am & 5:30pm

The passage for this coming Tuesday is:

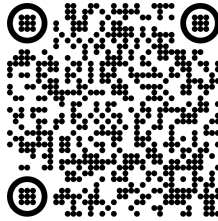
Isaiah 43:15-21

On The Calendar

- **March 24:** Monday Meals
Upper Room, 7:30pm
- **March 25:** Mike Out – Office CLOSED
Bible Study, 10:30am & 5:30pm
Nominating, 3:00pm
Church Council, 7:00pm
- **March 26:** Men's Bible Study, 7:00pm
Choir, 7:00pm
- **March 27:** Missions, 7:00pm
- **March 28:** Book Discussion, 10:30am
- **March 30:** Worship, 10:00am

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We are truly grateful for your ongoing support.

Welcome to The Church of the Pilgrimage! We hope that you enjoy our worship service. Please speak to the deacon-in-charge if you have any special needs.

Visitors' cards are available in our pews. Please place them in our collection plates during the offering. If you wish to join our church as a member, please speak to our pastor.

This service is being recorded and will be uploaded to our website at www.churchofthepilgrimage.org; Facebook at The Church of the Pilgrimage, UCC; and PAC-TV (posted on Sundays at 1:30 pm, Mondays at 2:30 pm and Thursdays at 9:30 pm)



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