

The Church of the Pilgrimage United Church of Christ



Easter Sunday
April 20, 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

Fanfare in Bb

Dom Andrew Moore b.1954

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tim

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Lynne Hare

One: This day we look upon the cross that held no hope
and heralded no future, and we see it as the sign of
power and promise.

All: Christ is risen! Our Savior lives!

One: This day cannot contain our joy, for the tomb could
not contain the One who is our Savior.

All: Christ is risen! Our Savior lives!

One: This day the loud hosannas of welcome become
alleluias of praise to a living Savior. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

+HYMN 209

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Gracious God, you are our beginning and our destination. You are with us during every step of our journey. How often we miss the signs of your presence and turn away from the joyous encounter you offer. Stay with us, for it is evening and the day is far spent. Open us to your truth, that we may participate in the joy you offer. 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

Let the Mountains Shout for Joy

Evan Stephans

Let the mountains shout for joy!
Let the valley sing, and the hills rejoice;
Let them all break forth into song,
Let them shout and sing,
And be glad before the Lord.

For the wilderness has blossomed, like a rose,
And the barren desert is a fruitful field,
Joy and gladness now are found therein,
Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

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 65:17-25

Lynne Hare

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Tim

+HYMN 109

Fairest Lord Jesus

SERMON

“Looking for the living among the Dead?”

Rev. Tim

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Anthem

Sing an Easter Alleluia

words and music by Mary McDonald

Night had turned to day; the stone was rolled away.
Yet Christ was not there; the tomb was bare;
His body was taken away!
Mary knelt and cried, when a stranger by her side said,
"Mary, don't weep, I no longer sleep. My spirit will arise!"

Sing an Easter alleluia! The stone's been rolled away!
Christ Jesus who died, was crucified, has risen this glorious day!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing an Easter alleluia!

Christ has overcome! The victory has been won!
The grave has lost its deathly sting in Christ the risen one.
Lift your voice and sing alleluia to the King!
All glory and praise to Jesus we raise;
Forever his praise we sing!

+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 205

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

+BENEDICTION

Rev. Tim

CHORAL RESPONSE

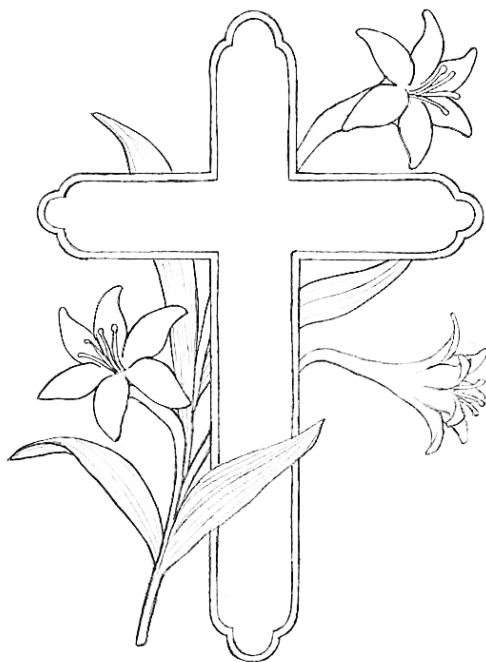
POSTLUDE

Toccata from the Fifth Symphony

Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

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



Prayer List

Solace and Peace – Jim Sweeney and family at the unexpected death of Jim's sister; Family and friends of Richard Kent; Family of Debbie Valiquette; Family of Hun Sook Jeffrey, step-mother of Cindy Delano.

Healing and Comfort – Pam Pawlowski recovering from surgery; Dennis Albers recovering from a heart procedure; Kelley DePasqua recovering from an accident; 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; Jeanne Lane after 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.

Community and World – For Federal Employees in this time of uncertainty; 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***

*Lynne Hare, **Worship Leader***

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

*David Tyler, **Choir Director***

*Michael Eaton, **Organist***

*Sarah Plaster & Andy Slavens, **Greeters***

*Connie & Richard Durfee and Carol Taylor, **Ushers***

*Michael Eaton, **Office Manager***

*Brian Gildea, **Sexton***

On The Calendar

- **April 21:** Monday Meals
Patriot's Day – Church Office CLOSED
- **April 22:** Book Discussion, 10:30am & 5:30pm
Nominating, 3:00pm
- **April 23:** Men's Bible Study, 7:00pm
No Choir Rehearsal
- **April 24:** Missions, 7:00pm
- **April 27:** Worship, 10:00am
Exploring Membership, 11:30am

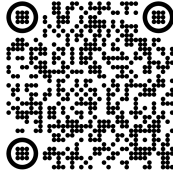
Looking Forward

Time & Talent Auction
Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Plymouth Yacht Club
5:00pm

Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, July 19, 2025
Squirrel Run Golf Club
8:30am

Online Giving

Please scan the code below with your mobile phone
to go to our online giving page.



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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