

# The Church of the Pilgrimage United Church of Christ



Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 6, 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

***Prelude on a Melody by Orlando Gibbons***  
Healey Willan 1880-1968

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tim

## +PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHORAL INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Steve Triffletti

One: God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks!  
Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

**All: How good it is to be chosen by God;  
we gather to sing our praises and thanks.**

One: God has done great things for us; we are glad!  
Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

**All: We are waiting to hear what God would have us do;  
we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.**

One: Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.  
Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

**All: Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future;  
we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.**

## +HYMN 107

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)**

**Powerful God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your people. In our times of gloom, you have sent your light. When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, you bring us to living water in Jesus the Christ. Set before us now the joy of discovery and a vision of future possibilities. Unite us in friendship with one another, with Jesus as our center and inspiration. 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**

***O Lamb of God***  
John Stainer

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us, grant us Thy peace.

### **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**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

Steve Triffletti

**Isaiah 43:15-21**

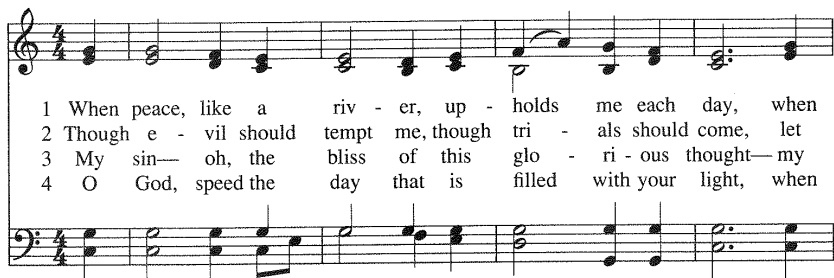
Rev. Tim

**+HYMN**

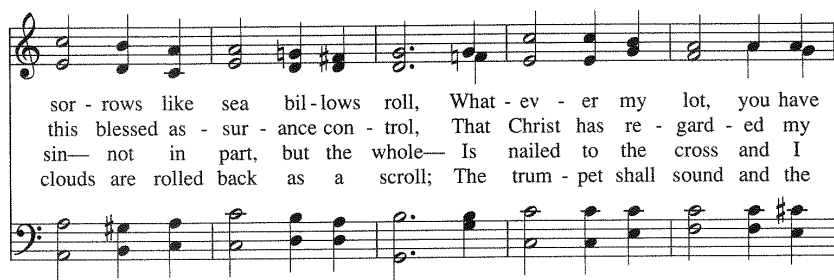
**When Peace, Like a River  
(It Is Well with My Soul)**

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19–23; 2:13–14; 3 John 1:2

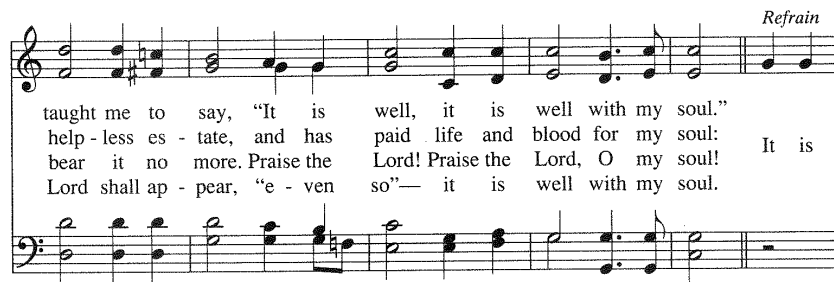
Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.



1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when  
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my  
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

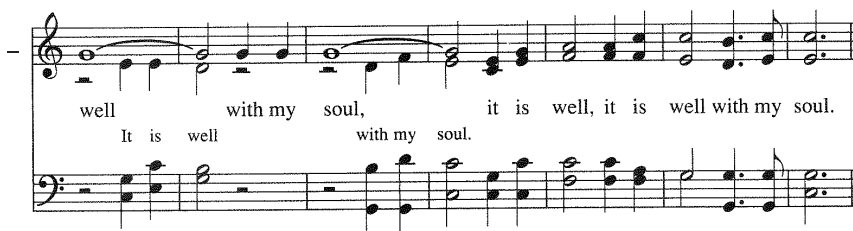


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have  
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my  
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I  
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the



*Refrain*

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul.

*This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.*

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9. with refrain  
 Philip P. Bliss, 1876

## SERMON

***"A New Thing in our Midst"***

Rev. Tim

## OFFERTORY

### Invitation

### Offertory Anthem

### ***As We Gather at Your Table***

K. Lee Scott

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,  
help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

### +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

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to Communion at Christ's table. The pastor will bless the Communion Elements, first the Bread and then the Cup. For the Bread, we ask that you partake on your own, remembering your individual relationship with and freedom in Christ. For the Grape, we ask that you wait until everyone has been served and then partake together, remembering our union and unity as a congregation in Christ. Our deacons will serve Communion on trays, bringing the Elements to you in your pew. The cups contain grape juice; the plastic cups contain gluten-free crackers. Please raise your hand if you need assistance from the deacons.*

### Invitation:

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
They will come from east and west,  
and from north and south,  
and sit at table where the inbreaking of God's realm is happening.

According to Luke,  
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened  
and they recognized him.  
This is the Lord's table.  
Our Savior invites those who trust him  
to share the feast which he has prepared.

**Great Thanksgiving** (responsive)

Pastor: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty. The whole world  
sings of Your glory, O God Most High. Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

**Gracious God,  
may we who have received this sacrament  
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior.  
Amen.**

**+Church Covenant**

**We are united in striving to know the will of God, and to walk in God's  
ways, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the  
mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all  
humankind, laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion  
of justice, the reign of peace and the realization of human  
community. And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**+BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tim

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

***Were You There?***

Charles Callahan 1951-2023

**+ *Please stand as you are able.***

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

***The flowers are in loving memory of  
Aurissa (Betsey) and George (Curly) Randall.  
Given by their daughters, Nancy Medeiros and Becky Taylor.***

**2025 Lenten Season**

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Breakfast with Communion – 8:00am

Worship 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 and friends of Richard Kent; Family of of Debbie Valiquette; 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 Federal Employees in this time of uncertainty; For friends and family affected by wildfires in North & South Carolina; 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*  
*Steve Triffletti, Worship Leader*  
*Cathy Sampson, Deacon-in-Charge*  
*David Tyler, Choir Director*  
*Michael Eaton, Organist*  
*Carol Taylor and Diane Keller, Greeters*  
*Michael Eaton, Office Manager*  
*Brian Gildea, Sexton*

### Bible Study

Tuesday, April 8th – 10:30am & 5:30pm

The passage for this coming Tuesday is:

**Luke 24:1-12**

### On The Calendar

- **April 7:** Monday Meals  
**Annual Reports Due**
- **April 8**  
Bible Study, 10:30am & 5:30pm
- **April 9:**  
Men's Bible Study, 7:00pm  
Choir, 7:30pm
- **April 11:**  
Book Discussion, 10:30am
- **April 13: Palm Sunday**  
Breakfast with Communion,  
8:30am  
Worship with distribution of  
Palms 10:00am

### Online Giving

Please scan the code below with  
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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](http://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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