

**Pilgrim Church, Sherborn, Massachusetts**

**June 04, 2023**

**Trinity Sunday**

**10AM Order of Worship**

(Streaming begins at 9:50 AM; prelude at 9:55)

**Words for Reflection..... Colin Bell, “Creation Care and the Gospel”**

*“The church is probably the world’s largest civic society organization—present in virtually every nation and every community and having an immense impact on how people think. If the church can harness this influence to inspire people to care more for creation and to act upon this care, then the world will be a very different place.”*

Prelude

Two Settings of Nicaea (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Thomas Canning  
Flor Peeters

Lighting of Candles

Welcome

Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 148, Scott Bullock, alt.)*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise the Lord from the heights!

**People: Praise God, all the angels, praise God, all the heavenly hosts!**

L: Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise, all you shining stars!

**P: Praise God you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**P: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, sovereigns and all leaders of the earth!**

**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!**

\*Opening Hymn #251 *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

**Welcoming of New Members**

Leader: Will you strive to support this church with your time, talents and money and with your participation in the worship life of our church? Do you seek to become a full and active part of

our community, and will you continue to deepen your relationship with God in Jesus Christ? If so, answer “I will, with God’s help!”

Leader: Now, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and this church, let those that are able, please stand and join in a unison reading from “The Covenant of the Evangelical Church of Sherburne” (1835).

*\*The Covenant of the Evangelical Church of Sherburne*

**In the presence of God and this assembly, we now solemnly vow the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to be our God, the object of our supreme affection, and our portion forever. We cordially acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as our only Savior; and the Holy Spirit as our Sanctifier, Comforter, and Guide. We humbly and cheerfully devote ourselves to God, in the everlasting covenant of his grace; and we consecrate all our powers and faculties to his service and glory. That we will give diligent attendance to his word and ordinances; and that we will seek the honor and interest of his kingdom. We join ourselves to this Church of Christ, to walk with its members in charity, meekness and love, and to strive for its edification and purity. Amen.**

*(Children are dismissed for church school or nursery care.)*

Scripture                      Genesis 1:1-31

Homily                         And It Was Good

Pastor John Hudson

Overview and Dedication of New Solar Panels

Peter Liffiton

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Communion is received by intinction today. The congregation is invited to come forward and be served.*

*There is also the option of taking a pre-packaged communion set from one of the Deacons.*

*Participants at home are encouraged to assemble their communion elements.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pastoral Prayer

Offering

*Traditionally, the time for offering is when most members and friends in church contribute financially to the church. Many people now give with a mailed or electronic check, or other methods. Yet we retain this ritual to remind us that we are asked by God to respond to God’s generosity with our generosity. Thank you!*

Offertory Anthem

*My Song In the Night*

*arr. Benjamin Harlan*

O thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight, on whom in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day and my song in the night, my hope, my salvation, my all!

The roses of Sharon, the lilies that grow in vales on the banks of the streams;  
His cheeks in the beauty of excellence glow, his eye all invitingly beams.

His voice as the sound of a dulcimer sweet is heard through the shadow of death.  
The cedars of Lebanon bow at His feet, the air is perfumed with His breath.

Dear Shepherd, I hear and will follow thy call; I know the sweet sound of thy voice;  
Restore and defend me, for Thou art my all, in Thee I will ever rejoice. Amen

Joseph Swain (1762-1796)

\*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. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn #66

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Extinguishing of Candles

Benediction

## Closing Congregational Song

Postlude

*Pilgrim Church is an Open and Affirming congregation and a member of the  
Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ*

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

**Minister: Pastor John Hudson**

**Lay Leader: Peter Liffiton**

**Deacons: Heather Dragsbaek, Steve Harris**

**Music Director: David Tiedman**

**Director of Congregational Ministries: Janet Walsh**

**Videographer: Doug Ambos**

**Streaming Host: Saul Mendoza**

**The altar flowers today** are in celebration of Margaret (Peg) Robinson's 90th birthday, as a symbol of her beautiful spirit, with love from her family.

**Coffee Hour** ~ Please join us during coffee hour hosted by Betty Schlenker and the Hospitality & Outreach Committee as we celebrate and welcome our New Members today.



### **Our new members joining today....**

**Nevin Shanabrook** ~ grew up in the United Church of Christ and is coming home. Nevin and his wife, Elena, have a son, Austin (who is an ordained rabbi!), and a grandson, Yeshaya (Hebrew for Isaiah). A longtime resident of Ashland, Nevin loves to read about history, sing, speak and study French, travel, study the Bible and is involved in the Partakers program that mentors prisoners who are students in "college behind bars" programs.

**Diane Erickson** ~ 15 Autumn Road, Medway ~ email: dkerickson58@gmail.com ~ Place of Birth: Minnesota ~ Wife of Thomas, Mother of Kysa and Ben, and Grandmother of Quinn, Tate, Iris, and Pearl ~ Education: University of Minnesota, B.A., Worcester State University, M.Ed., University of Massachusetts, Lowell, Doctorate in Education ~ Career: Retired English teacher and K-12 curriculum coordinator; moved here to be closer to daughter and family. ~ Interests: Traveling, volunteering at the local library and food pantry, and biking, boating, and hiking on Cape Cod. ~ Joining by: Affirmation of Faith.

**Thomas Erickson** ~ 15 Autumn Road, Medway ~ email: terickson275@gmail.com ~ Place of Birth: Gardner, MA ~ Husband of Diane, Father of Kysa and Ben, and Grandfather of Quinn, Tate, Iris, and Pearl ~ Education: Boston University, B.A., University of Illinois, M.A., Cambridge College, M.A. ~ Career: Middle and High School music, band, chorus, music appreciation for 32 years in Ashburnham/Westminster. ~ Interests: Travel, hiking, backpacking, exercise, sailing, home remodeling! ~ Joining by: Affirmation of Faith.

## **Announcements**

**TODAY! Join us TODAY AT 11:30am for a screening of the documentary film, “The Letter”.** This gorgeously filmed story, features scenes from around the world and puts a human face on climate change. The Letter tells the incredible story of the Laudato Si' encyclical letter by Pope Francis, through the eyes from frontline leaders battling the ecological crisis across continents. A powerful - and surprising - dialogue with the Pope brings new hope for our common home. We offer this in recognition of Earth Day (in April) and our dedication of our new Church Solar Panels this morning. A light lunch will be provided by our Hospitality & Outreach Committee part way through the film, so you can sit back and relax with your church friends. This event is hosted by the Pilgrim Green Church Initiative Group.

**Join Pilgrim Church in the Holy Land in 2024!** Brochures are available in the Church Office or in the Narthex. Scheduled for right after Easter, 2024, the trip is planned for April 3-17, leaving from Boston. For more information, please see David Tiedman, davetiedman@pilgrimshernborn.org. Highlights include staying at a kibbutz on the Sea of Galilee, visiting the magnificent ancient city of Petra in Jordan, staying at a hotel/spa in Jordan on the Dead Sea, having dinner with an Arab Christian family in Bethlehem, visiting Ramallah in the West Bank, attending a Sunday worship service in a Lutheran church a stone's throw from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Old City in Jerusalem – all this and much more. Everything is included in the price except lunches and some dinners: included are airfare, hotels, breakfasts, some dinners, surcharges, entrance fees, all tips including those for the guide and bus driver, often an additional expense in other tours – everything – except the trinkets you can't live without – and personal expenses.

**Our Nursery offers loving care** for infants and toddlers while parents are in worship. It is staffed by a professional child-care provider and student assistants from our congregation. Children from Pre-K through 7th grade are welcome upstairs in the sanctuary for the beginning of the service. After the children's message they will be invited to go downstairs with our teachers. We will have a lesson, do a craft project and have time to be in fellowship together. The Nursery is on the first floor of the Christian Education (CE) wing; toward the back of the church. Please go through Fellowship Hall and continue through the narrow hallway. Once you've entered the CE wing, the Nursery will be on left.

Sign in your child and leave your name and cell number in case we need to reach you.

The Nursery is available September thru June from 9:30am – 11:30am and during the summer from 8:30am – 10:30am.

**Online offerings may be made through our website: <https://pilgrimshernborn.org/donate/>  
or by mail: PO Box 322, Sherborn MA 01770**