

**The Church of the Pilgrimage
United Church of Christ**

Sunday, April 1, 2018

11:00am

Easter Sunday



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Geoff Campbell, WORSHIP LEADER
Kelley DePasqua, MUSIC DIRECTOR
Michael Eaton, ORGANIST
Jenny Healy, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED

Order of Worship

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Prelude

Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices
-Paul Manz 1919-2009

Welcome and Announcements

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Introit

Come Christians, Join to Sing
-Pilgrim Bell Ringers

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God with thanksgiving—
with music and song!

**It is good to sing praise to You,
and make music to Your name, O Most High;
to proclaim Your love in the morning
and Your faithfulness at night.**

For You make us glad by Your deeds, O God;
we sing for joy at the work of Your hands.

**Worship God with gladness;
come into God's presence with joyful songs—
with thanksgiving and praise!**

For God has taken away our garments of sadness,
and clothed us with joy,

that we might sing praise, and not be silent!

We will sing of God's love forever!

Young and old will hear, and rejoice.

For God's unfailing love lasts forever;

God's faithfulness endures.

*Hymn No. 216

The Day of Resurrection!

*Prayer of the Day

“Christ is risen!”

“**He is risen indeed!**”

We repeat our Easter shouts of
surprise and joy

again and again,

for news of your victory

over powers of death and evil

is news so startling

so amazing

so different

from the news that bombards us day by day.

Beyond our comprehension

You startle us again and again

with resurrection Life,

bringing grace and hope and joy.

You, in your risen power,

are shaping all our days,

and so we praise you,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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 No. 36 (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.

Choral Anthem Litany for Easter by Gordon Young
 Bell Arrangement by Michael Eaton
 Joined by the Pilgrim Bell Ringers

Alleluia!, Christ is Risen, Alleluia!
Jesus Christ is Risen today!

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Lesson Mark 16:1-8 NT51 or 829

Sermon *An Unfolding Story* Pastor Helen Nablo

***Hymn No. 209** Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Crown Him, The Risen King!
 By Lloyd Larson

All creatures of our God and king
Lift up your voices and with us sing:
"Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen!"
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluia, alleluia

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Crown Him with many crowns,
The lamb upon the throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All Music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

***Doxology No. 44**

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**

***Hymn No. 205** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude Toccata in G
 -Théodore Dubois 1837-1924

During the postlude you may remain seated, or rise to greet the pastor.

Our Deacon In-Charge is Dawn Durmis.

Our Greeters are Rob Bartlett and Sandy Bartlett

Our Ushers are Dawn & Jimmy Durmis and Joseph & Bonnie Koehler.

NOTES

Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage. We are glad you have joined us for this Easter Celebration! If you are a visitor, please sign your name one of the pew cards and we will send you a copy of the church newsletter so you can learn more about our congregation.

Please silence your cell phones so we can be fully present to the spirit and to one another.

This morning we have nursery/cribroom care with Kristin Moses, our childcare worker. One of the ushers can point you in the direction of the nursery. Kristen is with us every Sunday.

Hearing devices and copies of the morning sermon are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Children ages 3 and up usually have Sunday school following the time for children. Sunday school will resume next Sunday, April 8th.

Worship next week will be in the John Robinson Center (black and white church office building diagonal up the hill from the sanctuary building). We will worship there for several weeks as ceiling work with scaffolding is taking place here in the sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study, Tuesday April 3 @ The Cotta Residence, 3 Fuller Way, Plymouth 7pm to 8:30pm. We are studying Matthew Chapter 9. All men are welcome.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study resumes this week, April 4 at 10:30am at Amy Simpson's home.

Outdoor Sunday School next week! Please check Friday Food for Thought for details and try to come a few minutes early to fill out the necessary forms.

Newcomers Gathering—Next Sunday April 8 in the Marks Conference Room. A second gathering explores membership more deeply. We hope to have people received into membership on Sunday, May 6th.

We encourage you to join us for the **Community Observance of Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day)** on Thursday, April 12th at 7pm at Christ Episcopal Church. This year's speaker is Ronnie Hirschhorn, a "student" of the Holocaust for over 25 years. There will be a special emphasis this year on women involved in rescue. This event is sponsored by Congregation Beth Jacob, the Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association and the Town of Plymouth's "No Place for Hate" Committee. All are welcome!

Registration forms for the Women's Retreat (April 13-14) are available on the marble table in the upper vestibule. Speak with Dawn Durmis (508-725-3283) or Susan Cotta (508-746-9186) if you have any questions.

Sunday, April 22nd we remember our Care for Mother Earth in our worship for all ages Earth Day Celebration. Plan to join us and invite a friend!

Fellowship Dinners, Saturday, April 28. A fellowship dinner gives us the opportunity to share a meal and connect with one another in a smaller setting. A host offers his/her home for the evening, determines the number of people they can accommodate, and provides liquid refreshments. The attendees provide an item for the potluck supper. The first round of fellowship dinners is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. The more hosts we have, the more parties there will be. If you are interested in being a host or attending, please call or email Shellie (office@townsquare.org) or you can sign up at coffee hour on Sunday with Sandy Bartlett or Bonnie Koehler.

A friend and family CPR that will include adult and infant CPR, AED use and choking is being held in the JRC Great Room (upstairs). This class will cost \$45. There are two different class offerings on Wednesday, April 11th at 7pm and Saturday, May 5th at 9am. This class is being sponsored by the Board of Deacons and led by Samuel Palagi, Paramedic and Firefighter, Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, and American Heart Association instructor. Sign-up during coffee hour or through the church office.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, April 2: Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall.

Tuesday, April 3: 2020 Committee Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, April 4: Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, JRC Great Room.

Thursday, April 5: Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Sunday, April 8: 10 am Worship in the John Robinson Center. Communion will be part of this service. Children begin “Outdoor Church” for Earth Day month. Newcomers gathering following worship in the Marks Conference Room.



As an Open and Affirming Congregation we invite all into our faith, to fully share in all church life, including our work, worship, rites, and sacraments, with the assurance that we are all created in God's image, reconciled by Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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