

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

Sunday, April 15, 2018

10:00am

Second Sunday After Easter



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Elizabeth Hughes 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

O Perfect Love

-Don Hustad 1918-2013

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

God's being and doing extends far beyond greatness.

Praise God in this place of worship!

God astounds in the words and music we come to share this morning.

Praise God with the tambourine and dance, strings and cymbals!

In our inhales and exhales, in our gathering and our releasing, in our pondering and in our praying, we praise!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

*Hymn No. 208

Now the Green Blade Riseth

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

In the wake of the Rising of the One we call Christ, we gather as people of worship, as people of Sabbath, ever seeking God's presence, ever in awe of new life around us. Accept our music as gift, our words as offering, our dance as service, our breath as worship. 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.

The Children's Message

Jenny Healy

-----*Children depart for Outdoor Sunday School*-----

Anthem

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

-Text: Jane Eliza Leeson /Music: John Arnn

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep,
Keep Thy lambs, in safety keep;
Nothing can Thy power withstand;
None can pluck us from Thy hand.

May we praise Thee every day,
Gladly all Thy will obey,
Like Thy blessed ones above
Happy in Thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach Thy lambs Thy voice to hear;
Suffer not our steps to stray
From the strait and narrow way.

Where Thou leadest we would go,
Walking in Thy steps below,
Till before our Father's throne.
We shall know as we are known.

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Lesson Luke 24: 36-49 *Jesus Appears to His
Disciples*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Sermon

Embodied

Pastor Helen Nablo

***Hymn No. 206**

I Danced in the Morning

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Healing River
by Hellerman and Minkoff
Arr. H. Haufrecht

O Healing river,
send down your waters,
send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,

and wash the blood from off the sand.
This land is parching, this land is thirsting,
no seed is growing in this barren ground.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, send your waters down.
Let the seed of freedom, awake and flourish,
let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, from out of the skies,
O healing river, send down your waters,
send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand.

***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. 215** Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude Paeon Exultant
 -Frederick Stanley Smith 1890-1961

*During the postlude you may remain seated,
or rise to greet the pastor and proceed to coffee hour.*

Our Deacon In-Charge is Susan Cotta.
Our Greeters are Susie and Lincoln Passmore.
The flowers are in loving memory of Attorney Phillip S. Cronin. Given by Marjorie “Midge” and their family.

NOTES

Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage. We will be worshipping in the JRC for this Sunday and next Sunday, April 22. If you are a visitor, please join us for coffee hour following worship and sign your name on one of the pew cards and we will send you a copy of the church newsletter.

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. Kristen is with us every Sunday.

Hearing devices and copies of the morning sermon are available on the table at the back, near the kitchen area of the JRC.

Outdoor Sunday School! We will be venturing down to the waterfront to help clean up trash. Children will depart after the time for children.

Parking Notice: If you have a handicapped license plate or placard you may park in any metered space for free. Also, the lower lot (down the hill from the JRC) and School St. are free on Sundays until 12 noon.

It's Time to Sign Up! Summer Youth Mission Trip – “The Providence Experience,” takes place August 11-14th. We need to have deposits (\$60) in to the church office by Sunday, April 22nd.

The Visitation Team will meet this month on Monday, April 30th at 7pm in the Marks Room.

A celebration of life for Pastor Helen's father, Sam Nablo will take place on Saturday, May 5th at 2pm at Hancock Congregational Church in Lexington, MA.

A celebration of life for David Lane, husband of Jean Patenaude-Lane will be held on April 21st at The Loring Center (attached to Zion Lutheran Church) at 11am

A friend and family CPR class 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 is one remaining class offering **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 or speak with Susan Cotta.

Pilgrim District Women will gather at Christ Congregational Church (1350 Pleasant St, Brockton) on April 24th, gathering at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship. At 10am we will meet for devotions, followed by a short business meeting. The program following will be provided by Rev. Katrina Clinton and her partner, Jo Ellen Fisher telling us about their small business *Magnificata-Liturgical Artwork*. They create stoles, paraments and other liturgical regalia used to celebrate the word of God.

Boston Gay Pride Parade: Once again, the UCC Massachusetts Conference is inviting all local ONA churches to join together to march in the upcoming Gay Pride Parade in Boston. The date is Saturday, June 9th. Please contact Val Baumann (781-361-5589) or Pastor Helen (339-236-0525) if you are interested or would like more information.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, April 16: Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall. Office closed.

Tuesday, April 17: Membership Committee Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, April 18: Bible Study, 10:30 am at Amy Simpson's home. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm.

Thursday, April 19: Missions Committee Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Sunday, April 22: Worship at 10am with Pastor Helen preaching; All ages worship with Earth Day Observance.



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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