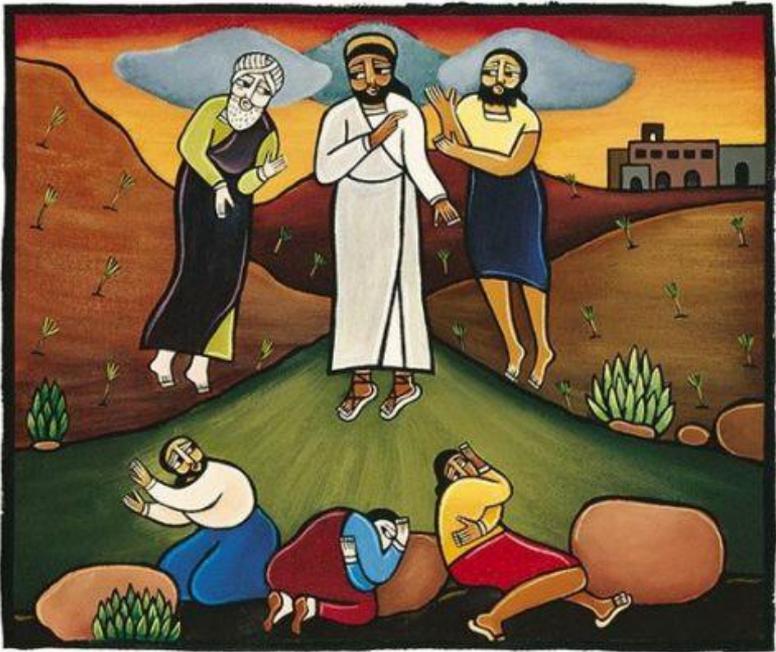


**The Church of the Pilgrimage
United Church of Christ**

Sunday, February 11, 2018

10:00am

Transfiguration



Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Lincoln Passmore, WORSHIP LEADER
Kelley DePasqua, MUSIC DIRECTOR
Lois Post, CHERUB CHOIR 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

Amazing Grace

-George Shearing 1919-2011

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Open wide the window of our spirits,
God, and fill us with light:

**Open wide the door of our hearts
that we may receive and entertain you
with all our powers of adoration and love.**

*Hymn No. 12 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Holy God, we extol and honor you for who you are.

We praise you for your faithfulness and for your
tender mercies that are renewed every morning.

We exalt you for every blessing of yesterday, the gift of this day,
and the promises of our tomorrows.

Grant us an enduring faith as we strive
against oppression and despair.

Endow us with contagious joy that uplifts
the downtrodden and inspires hope in you.

Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets,
the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

In your majestic name we pray, 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 Cherub Choir
traditional

When the Spirit Says Move,

The Children's Message

Jenny Healy

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

Anthem The Blessing (as recorded by Celtic Women)
By Graham and Downes, Arr. J. Purifoy

In the morning when you rise
I bless the sun, I bless the skies
I bless your lips, I bless your eyes
My blessing goes with you
In the night time when you sleep
Oh, I bless you while a watch I keep
As you lie in slumber deep
My blessing goes with you
This is my prayer for you
There for you, ever true
Each every day for you
In everything you do
And when you come to me
And hold me close to you
I bless you And you bless me too
When your weary heart is tired
If the world would leave you uninspired
When nothing more of love's desire
My blessing goes with you
When the storms of life are strong
When you're wounded, when you don't belong

When you no longer hear my song
My blessing goes with you
This is my prayer for you
There for you, ever true
Each every day for you
In everything you do
And when you come to me
And hold me close to you
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Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Lesson	Mark 9:2-9	NT8 or 820
Sermon	A Naschon	Pastor Helen Nablo

***Hymn**

O Lord, As You Were On Your Way

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Jabula Jesu

Zulu folk song, Arr. Stephen Hatfield

John Blober, Percussion

Sithi jabula, Jesu, jabula.

Wake up in the moonlight singing.

Sithi thandaza, Solly thandaza.

Heaven is a waiting for you,

The sun is retreating. My whole heart is beating.

No Jesu jabul, no Jesu.

The daylight is dying, My whole heart is crying.

Weh Solly thandaza Solly. Lalela!

Sithi jabula, Jesu, jabula, Heaven is a waiting for you,

O Lord, As You Were On Your Way



1.O Lord, as you - were on your way to where you'd one day die, You
 2.So soon, the three be - came a - ware of such a won - drous sight. Your
 3.The Law, the Proph ets_ guide - ed you as you dis - cerned God's will. With
 4.Why could you not_ re - main with them and there in glo - ry stay? God
 5.O Lord, how of - ten_ we pur - sue suc - cess at an - y cost, And



want - ed time to rest and pray, to hear God's word to you that_ day.
 face shone bright be - yond com - pare, just like a glimpse of heav en_ there!
 Mo - ses and E - li - jah, too, you spoke of God's great plan for_ you,
 said, "This is my own dear Son! Now lis - ten to Him, eve - ry_ one!"
 yet we hear God's word a - new, that we are called to fol - low_ you,



You_ climbed a moun - tain_ high with three good friends close by.
 Your clothes were daz - zling white; your glo - ry came to light.
 God's prom - ise to_ ful - fill one Fri - day on a hill.
 And_ so you turned to_ say you'd go the hard - er way.
 Who served the poor_ and_ lost and jour - neyed to the cross.

Sithi thandaza, Solly thandaza.

Wake up in the moonlight singing!

English translation of Zulu words:

We say, be joyful with Jesus.

We say, play Solly, have a good time.

Hey, Solly, have a good time. Listen!

***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.

***Hymn No. 224** Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Benediction and Choral Response

In the coming week,

may you experience the presence of God with joy.

May the holy cloud comfort you.

May the divine voice encourage you.

May the power of the Spirit transform you,
transform us, transform our world. Amen.

Postlude

The Lord Will Make A Way

-Raymond Henry 1931-2010

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

Our Deacon In-Charge is Elizabeth Hughes Campbell.

Our Ushers are Karla Wood, Jane Dolan, Elizabeth Hughes Campbell and Geoff Campbell.

The flowers are in loving memory of Tom Hyslop. Given by Alice and their daughters, Bonnie and Sarah.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, Feb 12: Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall. Gospel and Current events group, 7 pm, JRC Living Room. Christian Education meeting 7:15 pm, Marks Conference Room.

Tuesday, Feb 13: Council Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, Feb 14: "Drive by Ashes" 7:30-8:30 am. Bible Study at Amy Simpson's home, 10:30 am. Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm; Choir Rehearsal, 7:40pm, Sanctuary.

Sunday, February 18: Worship 10 am First Sunday of Lent with Pastor Helen preaching.

NOTES

Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage. Please join us after services today for coffee hour downstairs in Allerton Hall. And if you are a visitor, please sign your name on the friendship pad 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 of the sanctuary.

The Good Samaritan Fund, which assists with such expenses as rent, utility, food and health bills, is received on the second Sunday of the month. If you wish to contribute, there are specially marked envelopes located in the pews for that purpose.

The Confirmation class will meet after worship in the Marks Room.

An Ash Wednesday Service focused on Love will take place this Wednesday evening, February 14th in our sanctuary from 7-7:30 pm. Come and mark the beginning of Lent. Another option is the morning "Drive by Ashes" from 7:30-8:30am at the front of the church.

A new covenant group reflecting on the gospel and current events meets this Monday night, February 12 at 7pm in the Living Room of the JRC. All are welcome to join us, but there is an expectation of committing to a once a month gathering. Speak to Linda or Sam Butterfield if you have questions.

Adults interested in taking part in this summer's Maine Mission trip (June 24-30) should speak with Pastor Helen or Jim Hammond. We will meet after worship next Sunday, February 18th.

Save the date – February 28th- First Lenten Wednesday night Soup Supper and Program on Addiction, with speakers Katy Morini & Dan Kelly from the Plymouth Recovery Center. Soup supper begins at 5:45; program runs from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Please do join us, and feel free to invite a friend.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! It's time to create a new church directory! If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Debby Porter at debp_50@yahoo.com or Ellie Reinhardt at efreinhardt@gmail.com.

The Sunday School is accepting donations of fleece for blanket making throughout the month of February. See Jenny for details! Or email her at jennycotp@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE-

A Memorial Service for beloved church member, Gordon Campbell will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, February 24th at 10am. A collation in Allerton Hall will follow.

The Installation Service and Reception for Rev. Al Hoyt will be on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 3:00 pm at the First Congregational Church located at 10 Union Street in Milford, NH 03055. There will be a reception of light refreshments following the Installation Service at the Parish House that is located directly next door to the church. All are welcome!

Dinner and Auction featuring Time, Talent and Treasures, March 16, 2018. Dinner, Silent and Live Auction, Door Prizes and Raffles from 5:30 until 8:30pm. Tickets on sale now. See Debby Porter, Cathy Sampson or Kim Engle for dinner reservations and auction donations. Bring the whole family, neighbors and friends. For more information go to the Church website at <http://www.8townsquare.org>.



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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