

## NOTES

**Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage.** We hope you will join us for coffee hour following the service, and return to worship with us again soon!

**Children will proceed to Sunday school after the time for children.** Adults, at their discretion, may bring children to the crib room at any time during the service. Parents of infants may also use the glider in the balcony of the sanctuary to soothe tired little ones.

**Fellowship Pew Pad:** Please-whether you are a member, regular attendee, or guest-fill in your name and pass it down your pew for others to sign. Then, pass it back so we can easily greet one another. If you are a visitor and would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please include your address.

**Copies of the morning sermon** are available on the marble table in the upper vestibule. There are also **hearing devices** available.

**Prayer Concerns** may be written on a note and placed in the prayer box by the sanctuary door, or spoken at the sharing of celebrations and concerns.

**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.

**Maine Mission Trip Sub Sale:** Subs that have been ordered are available for pick up today at coffee hour. There are also some extra ones available for sale. Choice of cold cuts, ham and cheese, and turkey. The cost is \$8 each. Thank you for your support!

**Maine Mission Trip** — once again we will take part in hands on work with Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Downeast Maine. Rising grade 9 and up are welcome to join us. *Date now reserved is June 25th to July 1.* There will be a planning meeting held on Sunday, March 19th at Pastor Helen's home 5-7 pm — save the date!

**Coffee and Conversation for Youth** takes place today following coffee hour and the sub sale.

**Project Linus Prepping:** We will begin our blanket making today! Please bring your kids to Sunday School this month; we need all hands on deck to make these beautiful blankets which will be dedicated in worship on March 5<sup>th</sup>. And if you sew, feel free to pick out some fabric we have to work with and make a blanket at home with your kids.

**The Wednesday Bible Study Group** will meet this coming Wednesday, February 15th at 10:30 am meeting at the home of Amy Simpson, 5 Sunrise Avenue. Scripture to be studied is the text for next Sunday: Luke 7:36-50. All are welcome!

**Adult Education:** In February, Black History Month, we are reading *The King Years*, by Taylor Branch. It is short and very readable, and will lead to conversation about civil rights then and now. The book is available through Amazon or a bookstore. Discussions to be held February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the home of Helen Nablo and Mike Dunfee, and for those who cannot make this night, after church on February 19. In March we will discuss *Under Our Skin* by Ben Watson, former New England Patriots player, a book about race and racism today as it effects all our lives. This book will be discussed as part of our Lenten Soup suppers, specifically on Wednesday March 22 and is also available through Amazon.

**Women's Retreat March 31-April 1** at Craigville Conference Center. Please speak with Jane Dolan or Dawn Durmis if you have any questions. Fun, Fellowship, Reflection and long walks on the beach! We would especially encourage some of our newer members to join us for this time away. A check holds your place — \$112 overnight, \$42 for the day on Saturday.



*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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Sunday, February 12, 2017  
10:00 a.m.



**Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR**  
**Diana Budge, WORSHIP LEADER**

**Kelley DePasqua**, MUSIC DIRECTOR  
**Michael Eaton**, ORGANIST  
**Jenny Healy**, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED

*The Church of the Pilgrimage UCC*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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**PRELUDE**

*Prelude on 'St. Columba'*  
-James Boeringer b. 1930

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

We are met in the presence of God:

**And we do not meet alone.**

With the angels in the highest heaven,

**We gather to worship God.**

With the church throughout the world

**We gather to worship God.**

We are met in the presence of God

**And we do not meet alone.**

\***HYMN** No. 250

*Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*

\***PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(unison)*

Eternal God, you are our shield; be present with us now.

As we bring our broken hearts and crushed spirits, revive us.

As we bring our joys and praises, exalt with us.

We come broken and whole, sorrowing and rejoicing.

You welcome us home. Thanks be to God. 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

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Jenny Healy

*---Children will depart for Allerton Hall---*

**ANTHEM**

*Create in Me O God, A Pure Heart*  
by Johannes Brahms / Psalm 51:10

Create in me O God, a pure heart and grant anew,  
grant a right spirit within me.

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 7:18-35

NT61 or 839

**SERMON**

*Stretched*

Pastor Helen Nablo

\* **HYMN** *(see insert)*

*Do We Ask the Questions*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Kyrie from Mass in C Major*  
by Ludwig von Beethoven  
Allyson Lynch, Soprano  
Anne Smith, Mezzo-Soprano  
David Lynch, Tenor  
David Tyler, Bass

Latin:

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

English:

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy.

\***DOXOLOGY No. 44 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

When you are not what we expected  
may we dare to follow you into what is yet unknown

and may we be more than the world expects:

more just, more loving, more vocal, more compassionate, more

restless, more challenging,

more of your kingdom people.

When you are not what we expected

may we learn to be more than we expect from ourselves.

Amen.

\***HYMN** No. 348

*Lord, Make Me More Holy*

**BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

*March Pontificale*  
-Charles Gounod 1818-1893

*You may remain seated for the postlude, or rise to greet the pastor or go directly to coffee hour.*

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**Our Deacon-in-Charge** is Dawn Durmis.

**Our Ushers** are Bill & Laurie McCoy and Lincoln & Susie Passmore.

**Our Greeters** are Linda & Frank Montague.

**The Flowers** are in loving memory of Dorothy & Harold Strassel, Harold Tissot and Roy Seese, Given by the family.

*There is an opening for pulpit flowers on February 19 and February 26. Please call Dottie Bottomley at 508-746-0167 if you wish to honor or memorialize someone on that date with beautiful flowers in the sanctuary.*

**FRIDGE NOTES: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13TH**

Monday, February 13: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall. Council meets, 7 pm, Marks Room.

Tuesday, February 14: Area Clergy meet at Kingston UU, 12 noon. Happy Valentines Day!

Wednesday, February 15: Bible Study, 10:30am, @ Amy Simpson's home; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Thursday, February 16: Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm, Marks Room. Book discussion group for *The King Years* at Nablo/Dunfee home, 7 pm, 2 Manters Point.

Saturday, February 18: Walking Group meets 9 pm at Nelson Park with coffee at Kiskidee to follow.

Sunday, February 19: Worship with Pastor Helen preaching; 2<sup>nd</sup> discussion meeting for *The King Years*, Marks Conference Room.

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

Please turn off all electronic devices so that we can be fully present to the Spirit and to one another.