

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.

Lent is coming-- Ash Wednesday service this year (March 1st) will be an early morning service, 7-7:30am. Following that there will be "drive by" ashes offered outside the church from 7:30 to 8:30am and also from 4:30 to 5:30pm. See the upcoming March Herald for further Lenten special programs.

Blanket Month: A HUGE thank you to those who donated fabric or their time to get us up and running for blanket month this year. If you haven't had a chance but will want to, it's not too late! We are still accepting fabric donations and we can always use able hands to cut and prep for Sunday School. See Jenny for details. Thank you again!

The Wednesday Bible Study Group will meet this coming Wednesday, February 22nd at 10:30 am meeting at the home of Amy Simpson, 5 Sunrise Avenue. Scripture to be studied is the text for next Sunday: Matthew 17:1-9. All are welcome!

Adult Education: There is a second opportunity for discussion of *The King Years* by Taylor Branch **today** following worship in the Marks conference room. 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.

Potluck and Game Night: Church wide fun and fellowship for all ages on February 25 from 5-9pm in Allerton Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share and your favorite game to play. And feel free to bring friends. Please RSVP to Jenny; she will be at coffee

hour today with a sign-up or you can email her at jennycotp@gmail.com.

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.

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 25 to July 1. There will be a planning meeting held on Sunday, March 19th at Pastor Helen's home including a power point of photos from last year, 5-7 pm — save the date!*

The Town of Plymouth "No Place for Hate" Committee presents a panel discussion entitled: "Relations Between the Plymouth Police Department & Citizens of Diversity" on Sunday, March 5 from 2-4pm. This event is open to the public and will be held in the Otto Fehlow Room of the Plymouth Public Library. The panel includes: Chief of Police, Michael Botieri; NPFH Committee Members, Vedna Heywood and Lennie DeSouza Smith; PATCH Representative, Patricia Goler. Barbara Ahroni is Moderator for NPFH.



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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The Church of the Pilgrimage

United Church of Christ

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Sunday, February 19, 2017
10:00 a.m.



"She has shown great love" Luke 7:47

Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Lincoln Passmore, 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!

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'O Gentle Presence'
-E.W. Jenkins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the name of God
from this time on and forevermore.
**From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of God is to be praised.**

It is good to give thanks to God, to sing
praises to your name, O Most High
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.**

***HYMN** No. 407 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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

Come, O Creator, O Immensity of love, O Eternity of Mercy.
Come, and be with us and in us and over us. Be as hands upon us,
and fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us, and fire us for
caring. Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing.
Abide in our prayers, the spoken and unspoken, and make your
Word come true in our flesh, through Jesus Christ 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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jenny Healy

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

ANTHEM

Hear My Voice
by Katherine Chomik Parrotta

Hear my voice, O hear my voice.
Hear my voice like the moon rising or a child in silent prayer.
Hear my voice.
Hear my voice in the wind, in the sea, in my soul.
Hear my voice.
Hear my voice in the bird's song or even in the whisper of the
snowfall.
Hear my voice, even in Paradise.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 7:36-50 NT62 or 840

SERMON *The Gift* Pastor Helen Nablo

* **HYMN** No. 446 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Lord What a Morning
-Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Refrain:

My Lord, what a morning;
My Lord, what a morning!
Oh my Lord, what a morning!
When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the sinner moan
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.

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

That you, in your power and glory, should need us, in our
weakness and humility, leaves us in awe. What we lay before you

falls short of what such love demands. Still we offer it in faith, as
a symbol of our service, that it may be privileged to play a part in
your kingdom plan. Bless it and use it to further your good
purposes. In Jesus name. Amen.

***HYMN** No. 436 *I am Weak, But Thou Art Strong*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude
-William Mathias 1934-1992

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

Our Deacon-in-Charge is Diana Budge.

Our Ushers are Karla Wood and Sarah Barnicle.

Our Greeters are Rosa Cook and Janice Lee.

The Flowers are in loving memory of my granddaughter, Tracey
Nickerson Brown. Given by her grandmother, Billie Courtney.

FRIDGE NOTES: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20TH

Monday, February 20: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am,
Allerton Hall. Herald Deadline. Church Office closed—Presidents'
day.

Tuesday, February 21: Membership Committee Meeting, 7pm,
Marks Room.

Wednesday, February 22: Bible Study, 10:30am, @ Amy
Simpson's home; Choir Work night, 7:30 pm.

Thursday, February 23: Nominating Committee meets, 8:30 am
Steve Triffletti's office.

Saturday, February 25: Potluck and Game Night, 5-9 pm. Allerton
Hall.

Sunday, February 26: Worship with Reverend Dr. Rosemary
MacKay preaching;

*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.