

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 depart for Sunday school after the time for children. Children under three are welcome downstairs in the crib room where our nursery worker Kristen Moses will watch over them.

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.

Please help us fill the baskets! We encourage everyone, as they are able, to make weekly contributions to the food pantry. If you afford a single item, thank you. If you can afford to bring a bagful, thank you. No donation is too small or insignificant. Our contributions have enormous impact on the life of children, families and struggling adults.

Equal Exchange products will be on sale during coffee hour the fourth Sunday of every month. Stop by today and see what they have to offer.

Ash Wednesday service *this* Wednesday (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.

The Wednesday Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, March 1 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 10:25-42. All are welcome!

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. *Note to those signing up: please see our website next week for a registration form to be filled out letting us know sleep and food accommodations.*

Newcomers Gathering Part Two – Save the Date: Saturday, March 11th, from 9:30-11am there will be a gathering for those interested in further exploring church membership. Reflections on the UCC Statement of Faith, conversations about our own spiritual questions, and information about Mission, Christian Education and Stewardship will be part of our time together. Coffee, tea and bagels will be served. All are welcome!

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 26th (note date change) 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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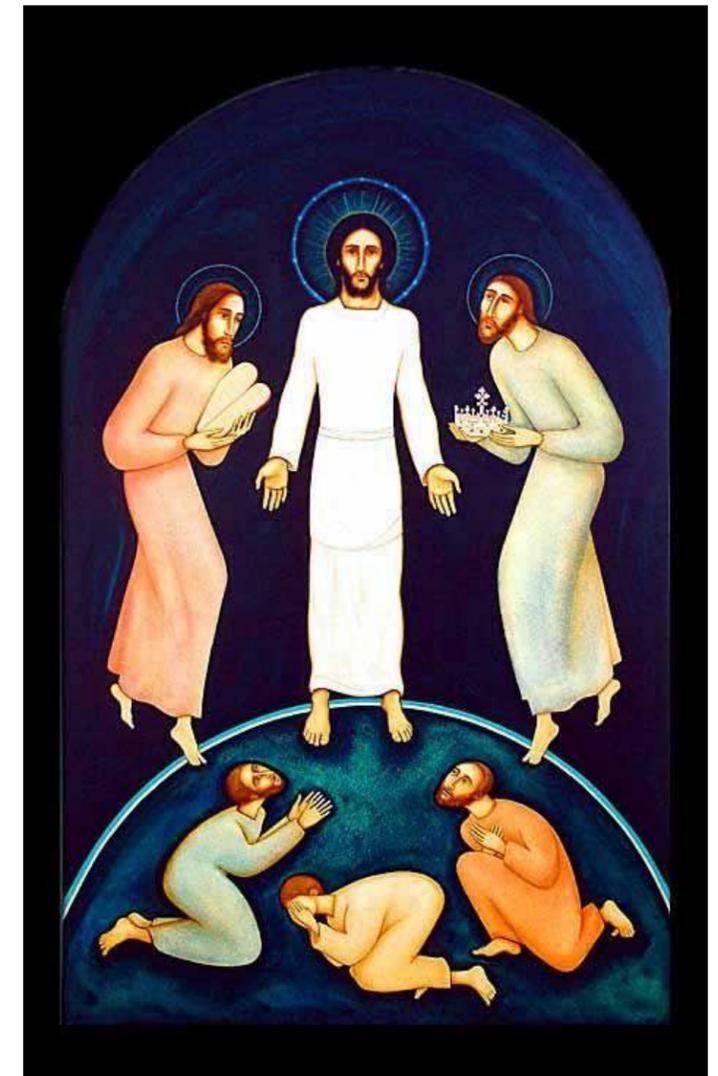
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The Church of the Pilgrimage

United Church of Christ

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Sunday, February 26, 2017



10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Rev. Dr. Rosemary Mackay, GUEST PREACHER
Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter, 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

Voluntary in C Minor
-Maurice Greene 1695-1755

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

We hear your challenge, O God, and your call:

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

We hear you, Holy One, but we are afraid. What will we find there?

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

You have shown yourself to be a forgiving God, therefore we exalt your name. Yes, O God, we will come with excitement, trembling with anticipation, to your holy mountain!

We come to receive instruction in holiness, righteousness, compassion, and peace.

Come! says the Lord; receive wisdom and courage.

Open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to receive your Word.

Anoint us as your holy people.

***HYMN** No. 477

God of Grace and God of Glory

***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 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.

*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.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 36

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jenny Healy

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

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd
Psalm 23 by Howard Goodall
Barbara Northrop, soloist

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 17:12-18 NT18 or 798

SERMON *The Courageous Heart* Rev. Dr. Rosemary MacKay

***HYMN** No. 427

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

It's My Desire
arr. by Clarence Boyer

It's my desire to be like the Lord. It's my desire to be like Him.

It's my desire (to show that I care)

To be a friend (doing my full share)

Till the end (though it is so rare)

Through rain and wind (to kneel in prayer)

It's my desire (to be a soldier) Yes, it is (for His great cause)

To live my life as He did His.

It's my desire to be like the Lord. It's my desire to be like Him.

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

God of Awe and Glory,

receive these gifts as symbols of our trust in you.

Bless the givers and those who desired to give.

Multiply these offerings and the blessings they represent.

Guide the disbursement of them according to your will.

These things we ask in your name. Amen.

***HYMN** No. 596

How Great Thou Art

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Major
-Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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

Our Deacon-in-Charge is Elizabeth Hughes Campbell.

Our Ushers are Diane & Bill Harting and Linda & Frank Montague.

Our Greeters are Linda and David Baier.

The Flowers are in loving memory of Tom Hyslop. Given by Alice Hyslop and daughters.

FRIDGE NOTES: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27TH

Monday, February 27: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.

Tuesday, February 28: Board of Deacons meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday Opportunities (see box below); Bible Study, 10:30am, @ Amy Simpson's home; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Saturday, March 4: Memorial Service for Terri Craig (Nancy Reed's sister) at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, March 5: Worship (Blanket Sunday) with Communion, 10am, Sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday – March 1st

A short service will be held *Wednesday morning* from 7-7:30am to serve the needs of our working people. There will also be “drive by” ashes available from 7:30-8:30am and also from 4:30-5:30pm. Lenten daily devotional booklets will be made available at this service, and again on March 5th, the first Sunday of Lent.