

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

Sunday, February 4, 2018

10:00am

Boy Scout Sunday



**Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Don Reinhardt, 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 Communion on 'Let Us Break Bread Together'
 -Charles Callahan b. 1951

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

Gather us in, the young and the old.

Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

Gather us in, to know of God's love.

***Hymn** No. 250 Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly and with little regard to the future. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need.

How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become! You

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And forget not all His benefits.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all within me bless His holy name.
He is gracious and plenteous in mercy.

As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that love him, and remember his commandments to do them.

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is God who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

**Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.**

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

God who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because God is great in strength,
mighty in power,

not one is missing.

**Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

God does not faint or grow weary;
God’s understanding is unsearchable.

**God gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.**

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Sermon
Nablo

Trust and Soar

Pastor Helen

***Hymn No. 95**

Be Still, My Soul

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Lord is My Shepherd

By Howard Goodall, Psalm 23

Barbara Northrop, soloist

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our deacons will serve us today. There is gluten free bread in the paper sleeve, and our cup is grape juice. It is our practice to take the bread as it comes to us, and hold on to the cup that we may partake it together, a symbol of our unity in Christ.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn No. 83** God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

Prelude VI

-Hermann Schroeder 1904-1984

*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 Boy Scouts from Troop 47.

The flowers are given with love honoring our grandchildren Haraden, McKenzie, John and Emmaline. Given by Dottie and Neil Bottomley.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, Feb 5: Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall.

Tuesday, Feb 6: Men's Bible Study at the Cotta's (3 Fuller Way), 7pm.

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

Thursday, Feb 8: Nominating Committee, 8:30 am at Steve Triffletti's office.

Saturday, February 10: Women's walking group at Nelson Park, 9 am. Retreat planning conversation at Kiskadee at 10 am. Game Night, 5pm-7pm, Allerton Hall.

Sunday, February 11th: Worship 10 am with Pastor Helen preaching. Confirmation class meets after worship.

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.

Take Lunch Home: A sub sandwich sale to support the Maine Mission Trip will be held today during Coffee Hour. Cold Cut, Ham, or Turkey subs are available for \$8 each.

Men's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, February 6th at 7pm at the Cotta residence (3 Fuller Way, Plymouth). We will be discussing Matthew Chapter 8. All men are welcome.

Game Night: Saturday Feb 10, 5 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share, your favorite game to play and bring a friend if you like, someone who could use a night out, some good food and some excellent company. This is for everyone, not just those with children in tow! RSVP to jenny at jennycotp@gmail.com or 508-747-7168

Adults interested in taking part in this summer's Maine Mission trip (June 24-30) should speak with Pastor Helen or Jim Hammond. A letter was sent out this week to possible youth participants and adults who have expressed interest to us at this point. Youth need to be entering 8th grade by Fall 2018.

A new covenant group reflecting on the gospel and current events meets next Monday night, February 12th. 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.

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



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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