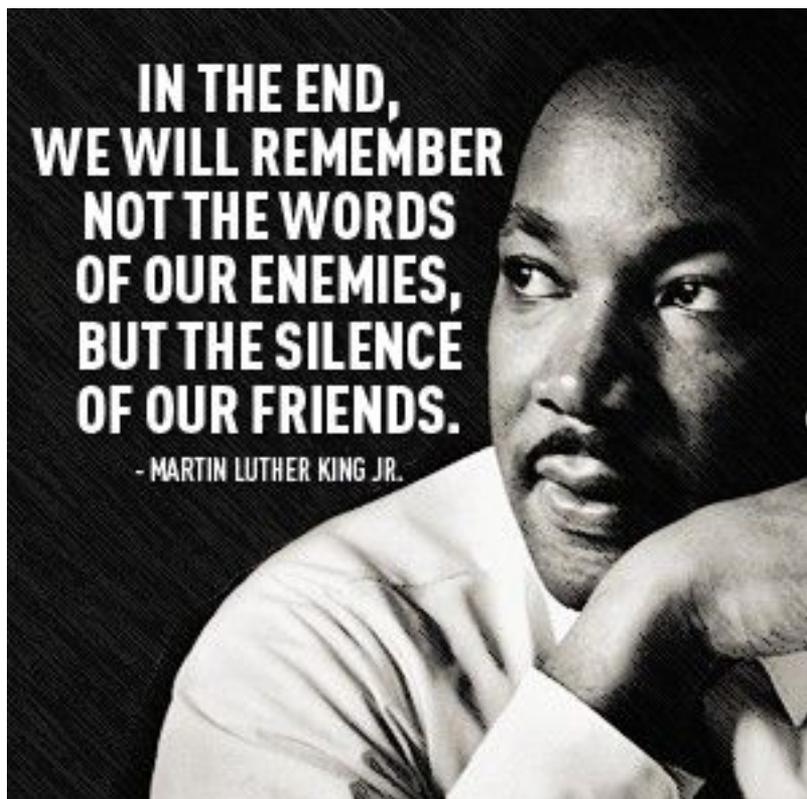


The Church of the Pilgrimage
United Church of Christ
Sunday, January 14, 2018
10:00am



Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Kim Engle, 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 Prelude on 'We Shall Overcome'
 -Adolphus Hailstork b.1941

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

God of the prophets, call to us today.

Call us into your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us.

Sing to us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow you.

Teach us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of all creation, help us to know your ways.

We gather to hear your call, to sing your praise, to encourage each other, to pray and worship as the body of Christ.

***Hymn No. 481** Lift Every Voice and Sing

The first performance of this song was by African-American children in Florida to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday. It has come to be known as "the Black American national anthem." We sing it today to honor Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prayer of the Day (unison)

We come before you today, O God, aware that it is easier to see the prejudices of others than it is to admit our own. We come knowing our vision is imperfect, our understanding of others imperfect too.

We come too knowing that we are not always actively working for justice—that there are ways that we are simply too comfortable with the status quo.

We come in need of confession, in need of challenge, in need of renewal.

Hear our prayer, and stir our hearts and our consciences that we might be more lively and faithful disciples of your son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying....

***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.

Anthem Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'round
Civil Rights Movement Song Arr. by Mollie Stone

The congregation is invited to join in the singing with the choir.

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,
Turn me round, turn me 'round.
Ain't gonna let nobody, turn me 'round.
I'm gonna keep on a walkin', keep on a talkin',
Walkin' into freedom land. (3 times)

Ain't gonna let **injustice** turn me 'round...

Ain't gonna let **oppression** turn me round...

Ain't gonna let **nobody** turn me round....

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Psalm 139:1-7; 13-18 OT545 or 503

Sermon Identity Question Rev. Helen Nablo

* **Hymn** No. 86

The Lone, Wild Bird (verses 1-3,5)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Precious Lord by Allen and Merman
 Arr. Roy Wingwald

To the honored memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
bring me home through the night,
through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.

I have been to the mount,
I have seen the Promised Land
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand
bring thy child home at last,
where the strife and the pain all are past.
I have dreamed a great dream
that love shall rule our land
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
take thy child unto Thee,
with the dream of a world that is free.
For that day when all flesh
joins the glory thou hast planned,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

* **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

* **Hymn** No. 476

We Shall Overcome

Benediction

Let us go forth, serving the God who inhabits our world
and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God,
we need only to look around:

within ourselves,

beyond ourselves,

into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

we need only listen to the music of life,

the words of children,

the questions of the curious,

the rhythm of a heartbeat.

Let us go forth as people of Love and Justice.

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude

Toccata on 'Great Day'

-Adolphus Hailstork b. 1941

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

Our Deacon In-Charge is Jim Hammond.

Our Ushers are Jim & Nancy Sweeney and Frank & Linda Montague.

The flowers are given in honor of our three children, Jason, Tyler and Kim. Given by Frank and Linda Montague.

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.

Coffee & Conversation: Today, January 14th 11:30-2 For youth: Come, have some pizza and cook with us! We will make meals to put in the freezer for folks in our congregation who need them over the winter.

MLK Day this Monday, January 15th. 9:15 am Gather for service project (packaging snack packs for Hedge School) at the Spire Center on Court Street, 9:45 am Rally “Shout Out for Justice” on Common in front of the new town hall, (sponsored by Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association and No Place for Hate) 11 am worship service at Bethel AME church. Bad weather will move the rally indoors at the Spire.

First Meeting of the Gospel and Current Events Covenant Group will be Monday, January 15th at 7 pm at the JRC.

Men’s Bible Study (date change) meets Tuesday evening the 16th from 7-8:30pm at the Cotta Residence, 3 Fuller Way.

Pastor Helen will be out of the office January 18th-22nd. In a pastoral emergency during this time, please call either Linn Peterson, head of deacons, or Rev. Dr. Rosemary MacKay.

Parents’ Afternoon OFF! Jan. 21 11:30-2. Yes, that’s you! Would you like an afternoon to yourself? To shop? To run errands? To nap? Have a date? Leave your kids with us after worship, we will feed them and play and read stories while you take a little time to yourself! RSVP so we can plan staffing and food accordingly. jennycotp@gmail.com.

The Visitation Committee will meet in the Marks Room at 7pm on Tuesday, January 22nd.

We have extra copies of the Jan-Feb daily devotional booklet, The Upper Room. They are on the marble table in the upper vestibule. You are welcome to take one. This devotional is being used by the afternoon covenant group which meets once a month. If you enjoy reading the devotional, we invite you to consider joining this covenant group [as we discuss the scriptures and themes of the devotions and provide a time for prayer and fellowship]. Contact Pastor Helen if interested.

Monday Meals on January 29th: Debby Porter is looking for anyone who would like to assist her by contributing a dessert or salad for our Monday Meals guests for January 29th. Please contact her if you are willing to help.

Save the date - Leadership Retreat, Saturday February 3rd at the JRC.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR-

Monday, Jan 15: MLK Day events, beginning at Spire Center 9:15 am. Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall. Church Office Closed. Gospel and Current Events Covenant Group, 7:30pm, Marks Room.

Tuesday, Jan 16: Membership Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room; Stewardship Meeting, 7pm, Stewart Room.

Wednesday, Jan 17: Bible Study at Amy Simpson's home, 10:30 am. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Thursday, Jan 18: Missions Meeting, 7pm, Mark Room.

Saturday, Jan 20: Deadline for February Herald.

Sunday, Jan 21: 10 am Worship with Rev. Dr. Rosemary Mackay preaching.

NOTICE

In accordance with the Bylaws of The Church of the Pilgrimage, a Business Meeting will be held on January 28, 2018, following the Service of Worship.

The purpose of the Meeting shall be:

1: To approve, subject to amendment, the 2018 Budget of the Church.

2: To receive report of the Nominating Committee and take any action thereto.

All Church Members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Lois E. Post, Clerk



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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