

The Church of the Pilgrimage
United Church of Christ
Sunday, January 21, 2018
10:00am



Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Rev. Dr. Rosemary MacKay, GUEST PREACHER
Tony Cotta, 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

Lied

-Louis Vierne 1870-1937

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

God called to Jonah to get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim God's word.

But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.

God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

Jesus called the disciples by the lakeshore.

They left their families and jobs to follow Jesus.

We ask O God, how are you calling us today?

Are we called to leave what's comfortable and easy?

Give us the courage to follow.

***Hymn** No. 170

Wise Men Seeking Jesus

Prayer of the Day (unison)

We listen to the stories of the call of the disciples and find them

interesting but unrealistic. When we look at our own lives, we believe

that we could not leave everything to follow someone we didn't know.

We have many responsibilities and ties which keep us from following.

But God is persistent. God understands our confusion and doubts. And

God continues to call us. It may not mean leaving everything behind, but

it does mean being willing to serve wherever God calls us. We want to

place conditions on service, and think "when we have time, if we have

energy"; "if we can just try serving God for a little while to see how it

works out". Still God calls to each of us. May our worship help us not

only to hear, but to follow.

***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.

The Children's Message Jenny Healy

-----**Children depart for Sunday School**-----

Anthem Elijah Rock by Jester Hairston

Elijah Rock, shout, shout
Elijah Rock comin' up, Lord
Elijah Rock, shout, shout
Elijah Rock comin' up, Lord
Elijah, Elijah, Elijah
Elijah, Elijah, Elijah
Satan's is a liar and a conjurer too
If you don't mind out, he'll conjure you
If I could, I surely would just
Stand on the rock where Moses stood

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Jonah 3:1-5, 10 OT811 or 753
Mark 1:14-20 NT33 or 812

Sermon Follow Me Rev. Dr. Rosemary MacKay

***Hymn** No. 436 I am Weak But Thou are Strong

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Grant Us Thy Peace by Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord,
Thou source of every blessing.
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, all things in Thee possessing.
In Thee is our hope and safety.

*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. 485 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Benediction (responsively) and Choral Response

As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, may we be ready to follow on whatever path we are led. Cast aside your fears and doubts, and trust in God to lead you. As we are called this day, God asks us to be neither wise nor wealthy, but calls us to be who we are, how we are, and simply to follow.

We are called to follow Jesus' example, follow his teachings, and follow his ways. Forgive us, O God, when we miss opportunities or stay in the comfort of our own environment. Help up be bold in our following as we go forth this week. Amen.

Postlude Prelude No. 6
-George F. Bristow 1825-1898

*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 Ed & Pam Pawlowski and Sherrie Pellisier.

The flowers on the Communion table are in loving memory of my husband, Richard Kelley on his birthday. Given by his wife, Ada Kelley.

The flowers on the side are given by an anonymous donor in honor of all those who serve others in the name of the Lord.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, Jan 22: Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall. Visitation Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Tuesday, Jan 23: Pilgrim District Women's Meeting, 9:30am, First Congregational Church, Stoughton. Board of Deacons Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, Jan 24: Bible Study at Amy Simpson's home, 10:30 am. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Friday, Jan 26-27: Confirmation Retreat, Craigville. Participants should meet at the JRC parking lot at 5:30pm. Bring a bag dinner or have eaten dinner already.

Sunday, Jan 28: Breakfast Club, 8:45am, Lounge Room (new room in JRC). Worship, 10am with Pastor Helen preaching. Budget Meeting following 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.

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.

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

The Breakfast Club will meet on January 28th in the lounge (new room in the JRC) at 8:45am. Breakfast and childcare will be provided, bring your own coffee.

Adults interested in taking part in this summer's Maine Mission trip will meet immediately following the Budget Meeting. We may go for a quick lunch.

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 (774-283-3373) if you are willing to help.

Save the date - Leadership Retreat, Saturday February 3rd at the JRC. The retreat runs from 9am-2:30pm and will include lunch.

The Church of the Pilgrimage *Time, Talent and Treasures Auction* will take place on March 16th. It will feature a ham dinner with all the fixings, door prizes, raffles, silent auction and a live auction. Dinner begins at 5:30pm, live auction begins at 7pm. Make your reservations early. All are welcome to come to the dinner and/or the auction. Bring your family and friends for a fun time. Look at our church website for more information including the flyer, donations, and reservations or contact Cathy Sampson (617-688-0535), Kim Engle (617-529-1750) or Debby Porter (774-283-3373).

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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