

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

**Sunday, January 28, 2018  
10:00am**



**Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR  
Dawn Durmis, 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!*

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**Prelude**

Prière

-Jacques Nicolas Lemmens 1823-1881

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

“I am the light of the world,” Jesus said.

“whoever follows me will have the light of life.”

Beloved, let us love one another,

**Because love is from God.**

God's love was revealed among us in this way,

**Jesus Christ came into the world.**

Since God loved us so much,

**We are called to love one another.**

**Come, let us worship.**

\***Hymn** No. 167

Arise, Your Light is Come!

**Prayer of the Day** (unison)

God of our minds, God of our hearts,

God of our bodies and our souls:

we offer you all that we are,

and all that we aren't.

We offer you our fears and confusions,

our hopes and our dreams.

We offer these,

knowing that they will be changed,

knowing that we will be transformed by your Love.

In Jesus name we ask this. 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 (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.

**Minute for Membership**

Glenda Richards

**The Children's Message**

Jenny Healy

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

**Anthem**

Great High Mountain  
Traditional, Arr. Tom Fettke

Once I stood at the foot of a great high mountain  
That I wanted so much to climb  
And on top of this mountain was a beautiful fountain  
That flows with the water of life

I fell down on my knees at the foot of this mountain  
I cried, "O Lord what must I do?"  
I want to climb this mountain, I want to drink from this mountain  
That flows so clean in my view

Then I heard a sweet voice from the top of this mountain  
Saying, "Child put your hand in mine  
I started climbing slowly watch your steps at the edges  
And take one step at a time

I started climbing upward taking one step at a time  
The higher I got the harder I climbed  
I'm still climbing upward and my journey's almost ended  
I'm nearing the top and you ought to see the view

Oh the water flows so freely, there's enough to make you free  
So friend if you're thirsty climb this mountain with me

## **Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns**

### **Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response**

In the darkness of time, you created all that lives and breathes.  
In the darkness of Mary's womb, you nurtured the Christ-child,  
bringer of light.

In the darkness of our world, O God, your spirit sustains us.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and light.**

Under the cover of darkness, magi followed the star to the Christ-child.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and light.**

In blessed desert darkness, Mary and Joseph fled to safety in Egypt with  
the infant Jesus.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and light.**

In quiet darkness, dreams emerge, guiding the Holy Family home to  
Galilee.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and light.**

In the stillness of the dark, we pray for all who need God's presence in a  
special way – all who are sick, unemployed, persecuted, displaced, or  
homeless: all who are demoralized and discouraged, all whose fear has  
turned to cynicism and bitterness, all whose vulnerability has become  
hopelessness.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**

In the embrace of darkness, we pray for those who are near to our  
hearts—colleagues, partners, parents, children, neighbors, parishoners,  
friends. We thank you God for their presence and ask you to bless and  
protect them in all they do – at home, at school, at church, as they travel,  
as they work, as they play.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**

In the serenity of darkness we bring to you, O God, our fears and our  
concerns, our hopes and our visions.

In your presence, we come face to face with ourselves, and with the road  
that lies ahead of us.

In the solitude of darkness we find expectant hope for the journey.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light. Amen.**

**Scripture**                      Mark 1:21-28                      NT33 or 812  
**Sermon**                      *Confident Teaching*                      Pastor Helen Nablo

\***Hymn No. 169**                      I Know Not How That Bethlehem's Babe

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**                      Hear Me, Redeemer by Henry Mollicone  
Kelley DePasqua, Soloist

Send down your love to cleanse my soul.  
Lord of Lords, wash away my sinful ways,  
Show me the power of your love!  
Lord of Lords, shine your light through all my days,  
Show me the power of your love!

Hear me Redeemer,  
Send down your love to cleanse my soul.  
Mighty God, take my hand and lead the way,  
Show me the power of your love!  
Mighty God, let me praise you every day,  
Show me the power of your love.

### \***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. 404**                      Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

### **Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**                      Festival Toccata  
-Percy E. Fletcher 1897-1932

*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 Joseph & Bonnie Koehler and George & Pat Svajian.

**The flowers** are given in loving memory of Charles Hall Noyes.  
Given by Gail Noyes.

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, Jan 29: Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall. Gospel and Current Events Covenant Group, 7:30 pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, Jan 31: Bible Study at Amy Simpson's home, 11 am. *(Please note time change—adjusted forward one half hour on this Tuesday only).* Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Saturday, February 3: Leadership Retreat 9:15 to 2:30, lunch included, upstairs in the JRC.

Sunday, February 4: Worship with Communion, 10am with Pastor Helen preaching. This is Scout Sunday. The Confirmation Class will meet after worship.

### 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

## 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/cribbroom 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.

**Adults interested in taking part in this summer's Maine Mission trip** (June 24-30) will meet immediately following the Budget Meeting. Meet in the upper vestibule by the marble table.

**Monday Meals on January 29<sup>th</sup>:** 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 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact her (774-283-3373) if you are willing to help.

**A new covenant group meets Monday night** - our aim is to reflect upon current events in light of the gospel. First meeting is Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Marks Conference room. All are welcome to join us, but there is an expectation of committing to a once a month gathering.

**Leadership Retreat**-Our annual church leadership retreat and luncheon will take place this Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-2:30pm in the JRC. On the agenda is celebrating the good things accomplished in 2017 and thinking about where God may be calling us to go next as "The Pilgrimage Continues." Results from the recent church survey will be discussed too. While members of all church committees are strongly encouraged to attend, the retreat is open to any member who is interested in participating. If you have any questions, contact our

Moderator, Doug Showalter (508-830-1259) or Pastor Helen (508-746-3026).

The Church of the Pilgrimage ***Time, Talent and Treasures Auction*** will take place on March 16<sup>th</sup>. 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).

**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](mailto:debp_50@yahoo.com) or Ellie Reinhardt at [efreinhardt@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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