

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

**Sunday, July 15, 2018
10:00am**



**Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Richard Rinker, WORSHIP LEADER
Lois Post, SUMMER ORGANIST
Jenny Healy, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED**

Order of Worship

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

-Arranged by Roy Brunner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

May the God who dwells beyond us
and the God who dwells among us
and the God who calls us to dwell together
bless us now as we gather to worship.

***Hymn No. 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Opening Prayer** *(unison)*

We have come to you in thanksgiving and praise, to know that
You are God, and to place our lives anew into Your perspective.
Enlarge our vision this hour with Your Word.
Instill in us, again, Your hope in place of our despair,
Your peace where hatred rumbles,
Your joy amidst our depression,
Your love overwhelming our apathy.
May Your Holy Spirit surround and indwell this congregation
now, and forevermore. 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism *(see insert)*

Edmund Joseph Andrew Pawlowski
Son of Andrew and Sophia Pawlowski
Born October 10, 2017

Anthem

"Beautifully Broken" by Plumb

Every tear, every doubt
Every time you've fallen down
When your hurting, feeling shame
When your numbing all your pain
When you've lost your way
And feel so far away
You're not

You're Beautifully Broken
You can be whole again
Even a million scars
Doesn't change "whose" you are
You're worthy
Beautifully Broken

Every fear, of being loved
For who you are no matter what
When you're stumbling with each step
And you're haunted by regret
And the darkness closes in
Just listen

Of the God who made the stars
Is the God that made your heart
And He's holding you right now

He can heal the broken parts
And make beauty from the scars
Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture

Amos 7:1-7

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Sermon The Prophet, the Priest and the Plumb line Rev.
Nablo

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music "Inner Demons" by Julia
Brennan

They say don't let them in
Close your eyes and clear your thoughts again
But when I'm all alone, they show up on their own
'Cause inner demons fight their battles with fire
Inner demons don't play by the rules
They say "Just push them down, just fight them harder
Why would you give up on it so soon?"

So angels, angels please just keep on fighting
Angels don't give up on me today
'Cause the demons they are there, they just keep biting
'Cause inner demons just won't go away
So angels please, hear my prayer
Life is pain, life's not fair
So angels please, please stay here
Take the pain, take the fear

They say it won't be hard, they can't see the battles in my heart
But when I turn away the demons seem to stay
'Cause inner demons don't play well with angels
They cheat and lie and steal and break and bruise
Angels please protect me from these rebels
This is a battle I don't want to lose

So angels, angels please just keep on fighting
Angels don't give up on me today
'Cause the demons they are there, they just keep biting
'Cause inner demons just won't go away

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***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 (*unison*)

We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful hearts. Thank you
that you accept us where we are, meeting our needs on the
journey, providing what we need when we need it. Thank you
that you keep loving us and challenging us. Trusting you, we can
share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together,
today, in Jesus name. Amen.

***Hymn** (see insert)

At The Font We Start Our Journey

Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon

-Gordon Young 1919-1998

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

Deacon of the Day: *Linn Peterson*

Ushers: *Ann & Paul Ferland, Linda & Sam Butterfield*

Greeters: *Lee McCullough and Karen Coggins*

The flowers are given by *Alice and Ken Heckman* in celebration of their
wedding anniversary and in honor of their children, grandchildren and great
grandchildren.

NOTES

Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage. If you are a visitor, please join us for coffee hour following worship and sign your name on one of the pew cards 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/crib room 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 at the top of the stairs.

Do you get "Sneak Peek"? It is a Friday email that shares what is going on for the Sunday coming up. If not, call the church office (508-746-3026) and provide your email.

Parking Notice: If you have a handicapped license plate or placard you may park in any metered space for free. Also, the lower lot (down the hill from the JRC) and School St. are free on Sundays until 12 noon.

"LIFT Us Up" – please join us for an informational meeting immediately following worship today. The trustees will explain our plan to complete the renovations including an elevator, air conditioning, Allerton Hall, the restrooms, crib room and back staircase. We're a bit short of funds but we can do this with the grace of God and your help - to LIFT Us Up! as The Pilgrimage Continues.

July 22nd and August 12th there will be two separate discussion sessions of the document "Reclaiming Jesus". What do you think of this document for the church in these times? How does it speak to *us*? Copies of the document are available on the table by the big window outside the sanctuary.

Wednesday Bible study will meet on select Wednesdays in the summer. Dates include July 25, August 8 (book discussion) and 22nd.

Summer Book Discussion: I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers by Tim Madigan will be a summer book read for our church. A great book for thinking about how we influence each other's lives and the meaning of grace, it is available from Amazon.com and will be discussed on two different occasions. A daytime discussion will take place at Pinewood Lodge on Wednesday, August 8th at 10:30 am. An evening discussion on Wednesday August 29th will gather at the home of Helen Nablo and Mike Dunfee, 7 pm.

From the Directory Committee: Over the next few months, members of the Directory Committee will be making phone calls to those who have not been able to verify/update their contact information for our new directory. We want to include all those who wish to be listed in the directory and we can accommodate multiple email addresses, cell phone numbers, etc. Please call the office if you have questions. Co-Chairs, Debby Porter and Ellie Reinhardt.

For Your Calendar

July 13: Summer Herald deadline (will be sent on or around 7/27)

July 19: Missions meeting 7 PM Marks Room

August 12: Sunday Service in the JRC @ 10 A M, begins with breakfast at 9:15 A M.

September 9: Gathering Sunday and Potluck All Church Picnic at Stephens Field

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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