

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

**Sunday, June 3, 2018  
10:00am**



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# Order of Worship

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

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## Prelude

Entrée en form de Carillon  
-Théodore Dubois 1837-1924

## Welcome and Announcements

### Choral Introit

**Call to Worship** (*responsively*) inspired by Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within each of us.

**Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.**

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

**May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.**

Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

**As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship,  
witness and service bring honour to God's Holy Name. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 27                      Now Thank We All Our God

### \*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Everlasting, everloving God, you have given us life itself and asked us to be life-giving people in your name. But we, in turn, have cared more about ourselves and the comfort that we have than about your people in every place. There are people in our very presence who are left out of our realm of concern, because our minds and hearts are crowded with too many things that will make us feel self-satisfied. The world aches for peace, while we view power as more important. People on our streets go hungry because we make sure we are full before even thinking of them.

God, give us the purpose that you gave to people of Jesus time: to be faithful disciples in your care. Through Christ we pray.

*(a time of silent confession follows...)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

The feast of God to which we are called this day is designed to satisfy not our physical appetites but our hunger and thirst for righteousness. The table here has a place for each of us. Jesus beckons us “come”. Beloved, our sins are forgiven. In witness to new life in Christ, and communion with one another, we are called to gather around the table of grace. 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*)

Glorify 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 Blessing**

**Anthem**                      allí estoy yo.  
Basic translation: Esto Les Digo  
By Kinley Lang / Text: Matthew 18:19-20

Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes de ponen,  
Se ponen en acuerdo,  
aquí en, en la tierra para pedir, Algo en oración, mi Padre que está en los  
Cielos se lo dará.  
Porque donde dos o tres  
Se reúnen en mi nombre,  
alli estoy yo.

### Basic Translation:

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also.

-----*Children will be dismissed for Sunday School*-----

## **Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns**

## **Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response**

**Scripture Lesson**      Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

**Communion Meditation**

Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo

\***Hymn** No. 397      When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**      The Prayer  
By David Foster & Carol Bauer Sager  
Allyson & David Lynch

\***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**

## **Communion Liturgy**

*We will receive communion by intinction this morning. Come up the center aisle and please return to your seats via the side aisle. Our communion cup is grape juice. There is gluten free bread in the plastic cups.*

### **Greeting** (*responsively*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Passing the Peace**

At this table, we receive God's peace made flesh. What we receive, let us now share with one another, saying "the peace of Christ be with you" (or, "and also with you")

### **Invitation to the Table**

**Liturgy** (*responsively*) based on Luke 22:14-20

"When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table with the disciples."

**We come as disciples of the risen Christ, in our gathering and in our communion, to rejoice in our Christian faith.**

Jesus said to them "I have wanted so much to eat this Passover meal with you before I suffer."

**We do not know the suffering of every person or church, but we come in unity. May this meal be a symbol of the bond we feel for each other in our congregation, our denomination, and our world.**

"For I tell you, I will never eat it until it is given its full meaning in the kingdom of God."

**We do not know what meal will be our last, but each meal sustains us, reminds us how dependent we are on God for breath and health and life itself.**

"Then Jesus took a piece of bread."

**God of life, we ask you to bless this bread, that it may nourish us and encourage us in following your truth. May it sustain body and soul.**

**Amen.**

"then Jesus broke the bread...."

**This bread reminds us of Christ's body, broken on a cross, and our brokenness and sin in Christ's body, the church.**

Jesus gave them the bread, saying "this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

Jesus also said "This cup is God's new covenant, a new relationship between God and people made possible through my saving death."

Friends, let us come and partake of the bread and of the cup.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

## **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

### **\*Hymns Sung during communion:**

Hymn No. 311 Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn No. 315 We Are People on a Journey

### **Prayer After Communion: (*unison*)**

God, we thank you for refreshing us with this holy feast. Bless now this meal and our time together. As you have guided us in the past, so lead us in the days ahead. Adjourn us now, we pray, as people spiritually renewed, reminded that we are one family, who carry with us your justice, your freedom, and your peace. Amen.

**\*Hymn No. 336** Go with Us Lord

### **Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude** Joyous Postlude  
-Colin Mawby b. 1936

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

*Our call to worship today comes from Jonathon Stott, "The Timeless Psalms"  
RCL Psalm Year B, used with permission.*

*Our communion liturgy is adapted from Touch Holiness: Resources for  
Worship, ed. Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi.*

**Our Deacon In-Charge** is Jim Hammond.

**Our Ushers** are Linda & Frank Montague.

**Our Greeters** are Bonnie & Joe Koehler.

**The Flowers** are in loving memory of Grant and Russ Axford. Given by family.

**Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage.** We will be soon worshipping in the sanctuary again, but will let people know via “Sneak Peak” when that is to occur. 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/cribroom care** with Kristin Moses, our childcare worker. Kristin is with us every Sunday.

**Copies of the morning sermon** (as well as last week’s sermon by Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter) are available on the table at the back, near the kitchen area of the JRC.

**Do you get “Sneak Peak”?** 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.

**A Newcomers Gathering is scheduled after church TODAY** – a time to meet other newer folks, ask questions, and receive materials regarding the church and its various ministries. Meet in the John Robinson Center Marks conference room following worship.

**TODAY: UCC discussion of resolutions:** The Massachusetts conference will be hosting its annual meeting once again in June. Copies of the resolutions before the conference are available. Our UCC reps will meet today during coffee hour with anyone interested in learning more about the resolutions and the annual meeting. Come and hear about all that is going on in our conference!

**The Directory Committee:** Please stop by the directory table during coffee hour to check the contact information we have on file in this office, to make any modifications, changes or additions.

**Golf Open:** Last chance to sign up to play golf, come volunteer, stop by for lunch and the announcement of winners, etc. or just sign up to donate for the auction or raffle table.

**There is an opening for pulpit flowers** for June 24. Please call Don Edwards at 860-916-1835 if you wish to honor or memorialize someone with beautiful flowers in the sanctuary.

**Wednesday Bible study** will meet on select Wednesdays in the summer. Next gathering is on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Pinewood Lodge at 10:30 am. Please call the church office if you'd like more information.

**Men's Bible Study:** Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cotta residence (3 Fuller Way, Plymouth) at 7pm. We will be reviewing Matthew Chapter 11. All men are welcome, please contact Jim Hammond (774-283-5008 or [james.gonfishin@gmail.com](mailto:james.gonfishin@gmail.com)) for further information.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 6: Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm.

Thursday, June 7: Nominating Committee at 8:30 am at Steve Triffletti's office.

Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>: Women's Guild luncheon at East Bay Grill.

Saturday, June 9: CPR Class, 9am, JRC.

Sunday, June 10: Celebration Sunday Worship with all choirs singing.

*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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