

## NOTES

**Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage.** We hope you will join us for coffee hour following the service, and return to worship with us again soon!

**Children will depart for Sunday school after the children's message.** Children under three are welcome downstairs in the crib room where our nursery worker Kristen Moses will watch over them.

**Fellowship Pew Pad:** Please—whether you are a member, regular attendee, or guest—fill in your name and pass it down your pew for others to sign. Then, pass it back so we can easily greet one another. If you are a visitor and would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please include your address.

**Copies of the morning sermon** are available on the marble table in the upper vestibule. There are also **hearing devices** available.

**Prayer Concerns** may be written on a note and placed in the prayer box by the sanctuary door, or spoken at the sharing of celebrations and concerns.

**The Wednesday Bible Study Group** will meet Wednesday, March 22 at 10:30am meeting at the home of Amy Simpson, 5 Sunrise Avenue. Scripture to be studied is the text for next Sunday: Luke 16:19-31. All are welcome!

**Wednesday Soup Supper and Lenten Program:** Our first gathering takes place this week, with supper running from 5:45pm to 6:30pm. The program (6:30 to 7:30) will be a discussion of *Under Our Skin* by Ben Watson. A general discussion of the impact of racism on our society will follow, so you do not have to have read the book to join us.

**Copies of the Still Speaking Devotionals, Diving Lessons** are available on the marble table in the upper vestibule. Please take one per household.

**Easter Pageant Sign Ups:** Look for the sign in Allerton Hall this week after service to sign up for this year's pageant! Children of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be after church on April 2 and April 9.

**Women's Retreat March 31-April 1** at Craigville Conference Center. Please speak with Jane Dolan or Dawn Durmis if you have any questions. *We still have a few overnight spaces.* Fun, fellowship, reflection and long walks on the beach! We would especially encourage some of our newer members to join us for this time away. A check holds your place — \$112 overnight, \$42 for the day on Saturday.

**Maine Mission Trip** — once again we will take part in hands on work with Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Downeast Maine. Rising grade 9 and up are welcome to join us. *Date now reserved*

*is June 25 to July 1. There will be a planning meeting held on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> (note date change) at Pastor Helen's home including a power point of photos from last year, 5-7 pm — save the date!*

The Missions and Outreach Committee will have **Equal Exchange** products (granola and coffee) available for purchase next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour.

### **FRIDGE NOTES: WEEK OF MARCH 20TH**

**Monday, March 20:** Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall. Deadline for the April Herald.

**Tuesday, March 21:** Membership & Evangelism Committee Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room. Stewardship Meeting, 7pm, Stewart Room.

**Wednesday, March 22:** Bible Study, 10:30am, @ Amy Simpson's home; 5:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper, with 6:30-7:30 pm Program, Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

**Sunday, March 26:** Teacher's Meeting, 8:45am, JRC. Worship 10am, Pastor Helen preaching. Equal Exchange items available at coffee hour. One Great Hour of Sharing offering received. Maine Trip Dinner, 5-7pm, Pastor Helen's home.



*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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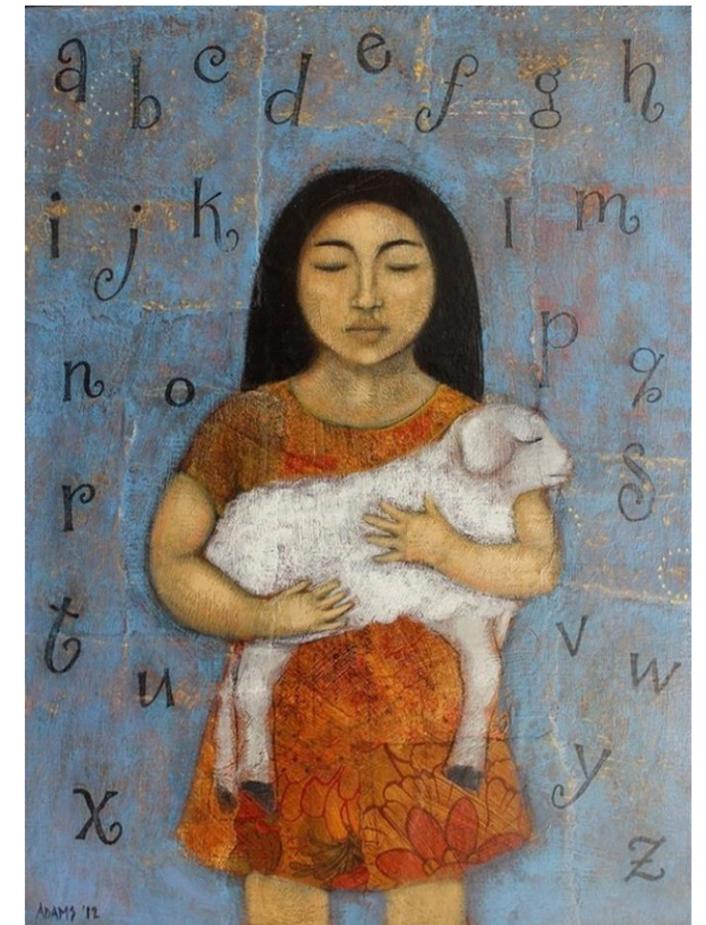
## *The Church of the Pilgrimage*

*United Church of Christ*

*Plymouth, Massachusetts*

Sunday, March 19, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent



Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR  
Don Reinhardt, WORSHIP LEADER  
Kelley Danner, SUBSTITUTE MUSIC DIRECTOR  
Kelley DePasqua, MUSIC DIRECTOR  
Michael Eaton, ORGANIST

**Jenny Healy**, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED

# The Church of the Pilgrimage UCC

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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### PRELUDE

*O God Be Merciful to Me*  
-Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Holy One, we gather this day,  
coming just as we are:

**We are lost, waiting to be found,  
We are searching, hoping to rejoice.**

Accept all we bring before you today.  
**Accept our worship we pray.**

\*HYMN No. 6 *Bring Many Names*

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

#### \*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

### ANTHEM

*World*

*God So Loved the*

by John Stainer

God so loved the world.

God so loved the world,

that He gave His only begotten Son,

that whoso believeth, believeth in Him

should not perish, should not perish

but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world.

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;

but that the world through Him might be saved.

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### THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:1-32 NT73 or 850

SERMON *Confounding Love* Pastor Helen Nablo

\*HYMN No. 410 *Just As I Am*

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (No. 401) *Amazing Grace*  
Arranged by Francisco Nunez  
Rick Dower, Soloist

### \*DOXOLOGY No. 44

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Holy One,

Just as you show us the ways

in which you wish us to live,

may you show us how to use these gifts

of service and money

to seek those who are lost,

to bring sight to the blind,

and to welcome those who are misguided in thinking

that they are beyond your love and forgiveness.

\*HYMN No. 404 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in D Minor*  
-Johann Gottfried Walther 1684-1748

*You may remain seated for the postlude, or rise to greet the pastor or go directly to coffee hour.*

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**Our Deacon-in-Charge** is Mark Coombs.

**Our Greeters** are Julie & Andrew Witherow and their son, Harrison.

**The Flowers** are in loving memory of Gordon Armstrong from his wife, Bea.

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## Lenten Soup Supper and Programs

Allerton Hall

5:45pm Soup Supper

6:30-7:30pm Program

### March 22

Book discussion of *Under Our Skin*, a reflection on the wound of racism by Ben Watson. Led by Pastor Helen. The book is readable and thought provoking – and important for our times.

### March 29 (rescheduled)

Led by Reverend Dr. Rosemary MacKay, a discussion about the spirituality of caregiving, specifically how do you own your caregiving role? What do you know about people who need care? How do you think God works in the midst of all this? How do you take care of yourself as you provide caregiving?

### April 5

Rev. Jean Lenk will read excerpts from her book *Fertilizer Happens*, sharing reflections on her cancer journey. Funny, honest and irreverent Jean will make you think! (Copies of the book are available for \$12 through the church office).

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