

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 Missions and Outreach Committee will have **Equal Exchange** products (granola and coffee) available for purchase today during coffee hour.

The Wednesday Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, March 29 at 10:30am meeting at the home of Amy Simpson, 5 Sunrise Avenue. Scripture to be studied is the text for next Sunday. All are welcome!

Easter Pageant Sign Ups: Look for the sign in Allerton Hall 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.

Memorial Lilies: The joyous Easter season is fast approaching. As is our tradition, the beauty of our church will be enhanced on Easter morning with a multitude of lilies. Through your loving donation of \$15, your name and those honored or memorialized will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Sign up in the lower vestibule following Sunday services or call the church office. Flowers can be picked up, and volunteers will be welcomed to take flowers to shut-ins, after the second Easter service.

Wednesday Soup Supper and Lenten Program: Our second 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 the challenge, gift, and spirituality of caregiving led by Rev. Dr. Rosemary MacKay. All are welcome!

Women's Retreat March 31-April 1 at Craigville Conference Center takes place this coming weekend! Please speak with Jane Dolan or Dawn Durmis if you have any questions. Participants

may arrive as early as 4pm and dinner is at 6pm. Call the church office if you are looking to carpool.

Next Sunday, April 2 the Sanctuary Choir of the Church of the Pilgrimage will present much of the *Requiem* by Gabriel Faure as a special musical offering during the regular Sunday worship service. Communion will also be part of the worship that day.

Tonight! Maine Mission Trip Dinner at Pastor Helen's home, 2 Manters Point, 5-7 pm. We will begin selling "shares" during coffee hour in the month of April.

Our church will be hosting training sessions for Immigration Detention visitors—In this season with increased immigration and customs enforcement detentions, there is an increased need for Spiritual Caregivers to visit those imprisoned, especially in Plymouth County. 4 Monday evenings in May here at our church, 6-9pm May 1, 8, 15, and 22. A joint project of the Mass Council of Churches and Refugee Immigration Ministries. See the April Herald for more information.

FRIDGE NOTES: WEEK OF MARCH 27TH

Monday, March 27: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall; Visitation Team meets 5-6:15pm, Marks Room.

Tuesday, March 28: Deacons, 7pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, March 29: Bible Study, 10:30am, @ Amy Simpson's home; 5:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper, with 6:30-7:30 pm Program; Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Sanctuary; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Friday March 31-Saturday April 1: Women's Retreat at Craigville Conference Center. Retreat begins with dinner at 6 pm.

Sunday, April 2: Worship 10am, Faure Requiem choral music with Communion; Easter Pageant Rehearsal.



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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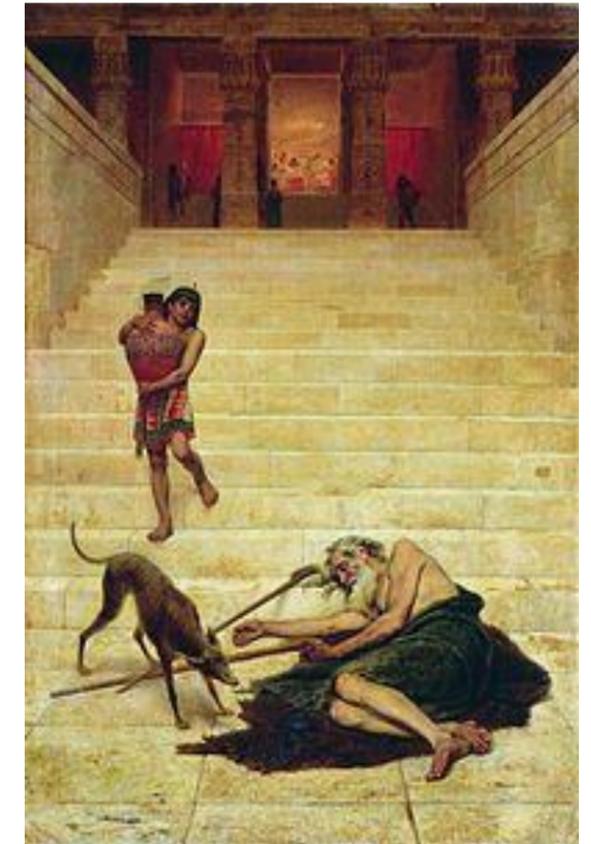
The Church of the Pilgrimage

United Church of Christ

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Sunday, March 26, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Gina Basler, WORSHIP LEADER
Lois Post, CHERUB CHOIR DIRECTOR
Kelley DePasqua, MUSIC DIRECTOR
Michael Eaton, ORGANIST
Jenny Healy, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE *O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß*
-Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

God invites us to journey in the way of faithfulness,
to walk the Lenten road with Christ.

We journey with confidence, for Christ is with us
Thanks be to God, for God's steadfast love.

***HYMN** No. 18 *Praise to the Living God*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(unison)*

God of all the world,
Make us brave when there is danger,
Make us kind when there is hatred,
Make us gentle when there is sadness,
Make us tender where there is hurt,
Make us generous when there is poverty,
Make us bridges where there is division,
Make us friends where there are enemies.
Bring us closer to you, Lord God,
For then will we truly love one another.
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

CHERUB CHOIR *Live Love*

*Those who are able, please stand.

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by Charles F. Brown

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--Children will depart for Sunday School--

ANTHEM *There is a Quiet Place*

R. Carmichael, Arr. R. Crenshaw
Bob Taylor, soloist

There is a quiet place,
far from the rapid pace.
Where God can soothe my troubled mind.

Sheltered by tree and flower,
there in my quiet hour with Him,
my cares are left behind.

Whether a garden small,
or on a mountain tall,
new strength and courage there I find;

and then from that quiet place
I go prepared to face a new day
with love for all mankind.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 16:19-31 NT75 or 851

SERMON Pastor Helen Nablo

***HYMN** No. 358 *When Jesus Came Preaching the Way of Our God*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lily Of the Valley*
Spiritual, Arr. Wendell Whalum

He's the Lily of the valley, oh, my Lord.

I've never been to heaven but I've been told,
That the streets up there are paved with gold,

What kind of shoes are those You wear?
That You can walk up in the air.

These shoes I wear are gospel shoes,
And You can wear these if You choose.

He's the Lily of the valley, oh, my Lord.

***DOXOLOGY** No. 44

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** No. 372 *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Concerto in A Minor*
-Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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

Our Deacon-in-Charge is Mark Coombs.

Our Greeters are Janet Synnott and Rosemary MacKay.

The Flowers are in loving memory of my parents, Henry and Joyce Hammond, and my late wife's parents, John and Nina Burns.
Given by James Hammond.

Lenten Soup Supper and Programs

Allerton Hall
5:45pm Soup Supper
6:30-7:30pm Program

March 29

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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