

## 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 blessing, and then return for communion.** 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 8 at 10:30 am meeting at the home of Amy Simpson, 5 Sunrise Avenue. Scripture to be studied is the text for next Sunday: Luke 13:1-9; 31-35. All are welcome!

**The next Women's Guild meeting** will be held on March 10, 2017 at 12 noon (note earlier start time). Our program will be the *Plymouth Weddings from 1621* presented by Donna Curtin, Director of Pilgrim Hall Museum. Donna's presentations are always interesting, informative and humorous. Come and enjoy an entertaining afternoon. All are welcome!

**Newcomers Gathering Part Two** - This coming Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30-11am there will be a gathering for those interested in further exploring church membership. Reflections on the UCC Statement of Faith, conversation about our own spiritual questions, and information about Mission, Christian Education and Stewardship will be part of our time together. Coffee, tea and bagels will be served. We will meet in the John Robinson Center (across the street). All are welcome!

**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 some space. 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 Town of Plymouth "No Place for Hate" Committee presents a panel discussion entitled: "Relations Between the Plymouth Police Department & Citizens of Diversity"** this afternoon from 2-4pm. This event is open to the public and will be held in the Otto Fehlow Room of the Plymouth Public Library.

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

**Our Greeters** are Don & Ellie Reinhardt.

**The Flowers** are in loving memory of Cliff & Laura Sampson and Norma & Walter Martin. Given by Cliff & Catherine Sampson and family.

### FRIDGE NOTES: WEEK OF MARCH 6TH

Monday, March 6: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall. Men's Bible Study, 7pm, Paul Dion's home.

Tuesday, March 7: Board of Christian Ed Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, March 8: Bible Study, 10:30am, @ Amy Simpson's home; Music Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Allerton Hall; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Thursday, March 9: Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Saturday, March 11: 9:30 am to 11am Newcomers Gathering Part Two (membership exploration) JRC; Missions committee meets 11 am Marks Conference Room.

Sunday, March 12: Worship 10am, Sanctuary. Pastor Helen preaching.



*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 5, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

Blanket Sunday

First Sunday of Lent



*Bulletin Board in Allerton Hall by Amy Simpson*

Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR  
Rev. Jean Lenk, WORSHIP LEADER  
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!

### PRELUDE

*Ciacona in E Minor*  
-Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHORAL INTROIT

#### CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Holy One, we gather this day,

**We come as we are**

**seeking to be your people,**

**seeking to serve others in your name.**

Accept all we bring before you today.

**Accept our worship we pray.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*God You Wrap Your Love Around Us*  
(tune: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*)

God, you wrap your love around us, like a blanket, soft and warm.  
You give rest when we are weary, You protect us from the storm.  
May each person who finds shelter In these blankets that we share.  
Also feel the joy and comfort Of your love's protecting care.

Jesus, you were once a baby, Sought by those who would destroy.  
Into Egypt you were carried — Far from home, a little boy.  
Were you wrapped up warm to travel, safe from terror,  
free from harm? Did you feel God's strong protection, snuggled  
there in Mary's arm?

May the women, men and children fleeing danger every day  
Know, through us, your living presence; You walk with them on their  
way. Spirit, as you give them comfort, Teach us here to freely give;  
May we blanket this world over with your love, so all may live.

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

God, this is the work of our hearts and our hands,  
a way for us to spread your light and love in the world.  
God bless all those who helped to make them happen  
and bless the children who will wrap these blankets tightly  
around their shoulders.  
May these blankets bring to them and to their families  
hope, comfort, healing and love. 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

#### ANTHEM

*I'm Goin' Up a Yonder*

By Walter Hawkins, Arr. Martin Sirvatka/Joined by the Junior Choir

If anybody asks you	If I can take the pain
Where I'm going	The heartache that it brings
Where I'm going, soon	There is comfort that in knowing
	I'll soon be home

So, if you want to know	If God give me grace
Where I'm going?	I'll run this race
Where I'm going, soon	Until I see my Savior
	Face to face

I'm goin' up yonder	I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder	I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder	I'm goin' up yonder
To be with my Lord	To be with my Lord

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

### CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CHORAL RESPONSE

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 10:25-42 NT67 or 844

**MEDITATION** Pastor Helen Nablo

\*HYMN No. 275 *Dear Lord, Who Loves All Humankind*

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Mary and Martha*  
Spiritual, Arr. Paul Christiansen

Mary and-a Martha's just gone 'long  
To ring those charming bells

#### Refrain:

Crying free grace and dying love,  
Free grace and dying love,  
To ring those charming bells.  
Oh! way over Jordan, Lord,  
Way over Jordan, Lord,  
To ring those charming bells.  
The preacher and the elder's just gone 'long...

Refrain  
My father and-a mother's just gone 'long...  
Refrain

#### \*DOXOLOGY No. 44 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We invite all those who seek to walk with Jesus to his table. Our deacons will serve us in the pew. Please take the bread as it comes to you, but hold on to the cup. We will partake of it together, a symbol of our unity in Christ.*

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Communion Prayer *(responsively)*

God be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to God.**

**It is right to give God our thanks  
and praise...**

#### Words of Institution

#### Prayer of Consecration

#### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

Loving God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at  
your table by granting us the presence of Christ in all things.  
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send  
us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the  
power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*HYMN No. 605 *(back section)* *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

#### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

May we find the road that leads to life;  
may we take the turns that bring right relationships;  
may we pause to accompany others on the way;  
and may we journey with God through Lent,  
and long for the horizon and dawn.  
And the grace. Amen.

#### POSTLUDE

*Pastorale*  
-Sidney Watson 1902-1991

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

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Please turn off all electronic devices so that we can be fully present to the Spirit and to one another.