

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

**Sunday, May 12, 2018  
10:00am**

**HEIFER MONTH**



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# Order of Worship

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

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**Prelude**

Partita on 'Foundation'

David Lasky b. 1957

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

We worship the God who inhabits our world  
and indwells our lives.

**We need not look up to find God,  
we need only to look around:**

**within ourselves,  
beyond ourselves,  
into the eyes of another.**

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,  
we need only listen to the music of life,  
the words of children,  
the questions of the curious,  
the rhythm of a heartbeat.

**We worship the God who inhabits our world  
and who indwells our lives.**

\***Hymn No. 7**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

\***Prayer of Confession (for Ascension Day)** (*responsively*)

God of heights, lift us up:  
We are crawling in the mire of everyday routine.  
**God of heights, lift us up,**

**We are overwhelmed with the attention required by the things of this earth.**

God of the stars, lift us up:

We cannot see past the clouds of “truth” some would have us believe.

**God of the sun, lift us up:**

**We are dazzled by the false jewels of society.**

God of the moon, lift us up:

We are taxed by others demands for us to shine for them.

**God of the universe, lift us up:**

**We want to stretch and breath and see and be awe-struck.**

God of heights, lift us up.

### **Words of Assurance**

#### **\*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.

#### **Anthem**

#### It Fell Upon a Summer’s Day

Arr. K. Lee Scott

It fell upon a summer day,  
when Jesus walked in Galilee,  
the mothers from a village brought  
their children to His knee.

He took them in His arms, and laid

His hands on each remembered head;  
Suffer these little ones to come to me he gently said.

Forbid them not.  
Unless ye bear the childlike heart your hearts within,  
unto My kingdom ye may come,  
but may not enter in.

O Father, grant this childlike heart,  
that I may come to Christ, and feel  
His hands on me in blessing laid,  
love-giving, strong to heal.

**The Children's Message**      Rachael Brown

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

## **Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns**

### **Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response**

**Scripture Lesson**      Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from

them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Sermon**

Making Space

Pastor

Helen Nablo

**Hymn No. 493**

In the Bulb There is a Flower

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

Set Me As A Seal By Rene Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm,  
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love;  
neither can the floods drown it.

**\*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**

**\*Hymn No. 474**

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

**Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**

Overture from the Firework Music

-- George Frederick Handel 1685-1759

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

**Our Deacon In-Charge** is Jane Dolan.

**Our Greeters** are Joanne McCaffrey and Bill Floring.

## NOTES

**Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage.** We will be worshipping in the JRC for the next several weeks while our sanctuary is being restored. 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. Kristen is with us every Sunday.

**Copies of the morning sermon** are available on the table at the back, near the kitchen area of the JRC.

**The Good Samaritan Fund**, which assists with such expenses as rent, utilities, food and health bills, is received on the second Sunday of the month. If you wish to contribute, there are specially marked envelopes on the chairs this morning.

**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.

**Confirmation Class will meet today** right after worship.

**Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday**, the “birthday of the church” and the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. You may want to wear red to mark the day. We will honor High School graduates in worship, and members of the confirmation class will help lead the service.

**Next week, May 20, Heifer is celebrating "Chicken Sunday"**

Come greet the chickens - get a special handout - and continue to help us reach our \$5,000 Ark.

**The Prayer Shawl Covenant Group** is going on hiatus for the summer. We have a substantial inventory of shawls, so if you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl, please let Pastor Helen or Shellie in the office know.

**The Directory Committee** is looking to create a modified directory that will contain just your picture and contact information. 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. We will not be using a professional company to create this directory. Information about pictures will follow as soon as we explore our options.

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

Monday, May 14: Christian Education 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 14: Stewardship Committee meets, Stewart Room, 7 pm. Membership and Evangelism meets, Marks Conference Room, 7 pm.

Wednesday, May 15: Bible Study, 10:30 am at Amy Simpson's home. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm.

Thursday, May 17 Missions Meeting 7 PM Marks Conference Room 7 PM

Sunday, May 20: Worship with Pastor Helen preaching; Day of Pentecost with Honoring of High School Seniors.

Looking ahead –

*Herald deadline* for June Herald is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Celebration Sunday* is June 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday School wraps up for summer)

*Music Appreciation Sunday* is June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **This is Heifer Month**

The Church of the Pilgrimage has supported Heifer International for more than four decades and during this time has given \$109,000. Each year our goal is to provide support for an Ark of Animals - \$5,000. Each family will receive an “Ark Calendar.” The Mission & Outreach Committee invites you to visit our information and pledge tables during the month of May. We will also have available the book “Beatrice’s Goat” and other special books for children.





*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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