

NOTES

Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage. Please join us for coffee hour downstairs in Allerton Hall following the service today.

We welcome children in our midst. Children under three are welcome downstairs in the crib room where our nursery worker Kristen Moses will watch over them. Older children today will take part in Heifer related activities during the Sunday school time.

Fellowship Pew Pad: Please 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.*

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.

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

May is Heifer Month. On this Mother's Day, we celebrate all women in the world who are making a difference. Despite representing half the population, women are disproportionately affected by hunger and poverty and their underlying causes. Heifer International believes women have limitless potential, but limited opportunity. By equipping and empowering marginalized women with gifts of animals and training, Heifer helps create healthy families and sustainable livelihoods. Pass on the Gift by visiting the Heifer Tables during coffee hour to make your pledge. Honor cards are still available.

The women's walking group meets this coming Saturday, May 20th, at 9 am at Nelson Park. After our walk we head to Kiskadee's for conversation. All are welcome!

The Wednesday Bible Study Group will meet on Wednesday, May 4 at 10:30am at the home of Amy Simpson, 5 Sunrise Avenue. We will study Genesis 12:1-5;9; Matthew 5:13-16. All are welcome!

Our annual Time and Talent Dinner and Auction is coming up this Friday, May 19th. A delicious meal, fellowship, cool stuff to buy, and Ed P. as auctioneer – always a good time! You may purchase tickets at coffee hour today.

June 17th Golf Outing sign-ups during coffee hour, volunteers, players, sponsors and donations for the raffle table/auction.

Sub Sale: A reminder to those going on the Mission Trip to Maine that we are making subs next Saturday, May 20th in Allerton Hall at 8:30am. Volunteers are also requested to help with sub sales for the Pirate's Day Celebration at the Mayflower Society House (4 Winslow St, which is end of North St) on that day. Contact Sue Powell for more information (508-747-1792).

We will be honoring high school graduates in our worship service next Sunday, May 21st. Please contact the church office to make sure we have your student's name to include. Lunch celebration to follow at the home of Jenny Healy.

UCC Annual Meeting and Resolutions-The UCC annual meeting is in mid-June and several resolutions will be up for a vote. Our UCC reps (Bill, Laurie and Val) will be hosting a brief meeting on Sunday, May 28th at coffee hour to discuss these important proposals. Come by and hear what is going on in our UCC denomination. Copies of the resolutions will be available starting Sunday, May 21st on the marble table in the back of the sanctuary.

Interested in learning more about the church? The next newcomers gathering, part one, will be held after church on **Sunday, June 4th**. A second gathering going into more depth will be held the following **Sunday, June 11th** after worship. Please speak with Pastor Helen if you plan to attend, or if you have any questions.

A Prayer Shawl Ministry: Would you be interested in meeting to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those who are sick, or grieving, or otherwise going through a hard time? If so speak with Jean Lenk, contacting her via e-mail: jeanlenk@gmail.com.

CALENDAR NOTES: BEGINNING MAY 15, 2017

Monday, May 15: Monday Meals sandwich pick-up. Spiritual Caregivers Training session in Allerton Hall, 6-9 pm.

Tuesday, May 16: Funeral for Gerry Allen, 10am with collation to follow. Membership and Evangelism, 7:00pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, May 17: Bible Study, 10:30am, Amy Simpson's home. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Thursday, May 18: Missions Committee Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

Friday, May 19: TIME AND TALENT DINNER AND AUCTION, 5pm in Allerton Hall.

Saturday, May 20: Maine Mission trip fundraiser -- sub sale at the Mayflower Society, 4 Winslow St. (east side of North St) 10am-4pm. Deadline for the June Herald.

Sunday, May 21: Worship, 10am, with Pastor Helen Nablo preaching. Baptism; Recognition and Celebration of high school seniors. Potluck lunch to follow at Jenny Healy'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, May 14, 2017

10:00 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY & HEIFER MONTH



Passing on the Gift in Nepal

Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Marylyn Colburn, WORSHIP LEADER
Lois Post, CHERUB CHOIR 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!

PRELUDE

The Cuckoo and the Nightingale
-George Frederick Handel 1685-1759

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

God who gives us birth

We adore you.

God who knows us each by name

We worship you.

God who leads us on by grace

We turn to you.

God who gives us people to love, and work to do

We sing your praise!

***HYMN** No. 7

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(responsively)*

Eternal God, you are our shield:

be present with us now.

As we bring our broken hearts and crushed spirits,

revive us.

As we bring our joys and praises,

exalt with us.

We come broken and whole, sorrowing and rejoicing.

You welcome us home. Thanks be to God. 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

What Makes Love Grow?

by Rev. Carey Landry

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jenny Healy

--Children will depart for Sunday School--

ANTHEM

Love As Christ Would Love

By Terry York and Bob Burroughs

Do not shout at one who cries for silence,

Do not burden one who cries for rest,

Do not sing to one who has no song,

Do not eat near one who cries in hunger,

Do not hurry one who longs for peace.

Rather, love, love as Christ would love.

See each need and love as Christ would love.

Do not shout at one who cries for silence,

Only love, love as Christ would love.

Do not laugh near one who cries in sorrow,

Do not hinder one who longs to learn,

Do not boast while one still bows in failure,

Do not run past one who longs to walk.

Rather, love, love as Christ would love.

See each need and love as Christ would love.

Do not shout at one who cries for silence,

Only love, love as Christ would love.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 15:1-18

NT126 or 899

SERMON

When Everything Changes

Pastor Helen Nablo

***HYMN** No. 244

Like a Tree Beside the Waters

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In Gratitude We Come

By J. Paul Williams and David Lantz III

In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you for tow'ring trees,
sky and seas and early morning dew.

In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you for love that
grows and overflows, for love that comes from you.

The laughter of a child, the smiling face recall a parent's love,
remind us of your grace.

The clouds that bring us showers leave us skies of blue.

In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you.

In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you for morning
prayer, for fresh air, majestic mountain view.

In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you for stars at night
and twinkling lights, in silence praising you, in silence praising
you. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY No. 44**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(responsively)*

In the rising of the sun and in its going down

We remember them

When we are weary and in need of strength

We remember them

When we are lost and sick at heart

We remember them

When we have joys we yearn to share

We remember them

So long as we live, they too shall live,

For they are now a part of us as

We remember them.

God, we thank you for all who have gone before us, who in their
own way have shown us the spark and strength of your love.

We thank you for all who have nurtured us, and for the task

you give us here in this place to nurture others ourselves.

Bless these gifts, that they may be a source of healing and hope.

Amen.

***HYMN** No. 83

God of our Life, Through All The Circling Years

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Sonata per Organo

-Giuseppe Gherardeschi 1759-1815

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

Our Deacon-in-Charge Nancy Medeiros.

Our Greeters are Jane Thomas and Don Ivas.

The Flowers this morning are given in celebration of the life of
Pat Harper, dear friend, loving wife, mother and grandmother,
compassionate person, lovely musician and graceful woman.

*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.