

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

**Sunday, May 20, 2018  
10:00am**

**HEIFER MONTH/THE DAY OF PENTECOST**



**Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR  
Confirmation Class, WORSHIP LEADERS  
Kelley DePasqua, MUSIC DIRECTOR  
Michael Eaton, ORGANIST  
Jenny Healy, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED**

# Order of Worship

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

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## Prelude

Voluntary in D Minor  
-Samuel Long 1725-1764

## Welcome and Announcements

## Choral Introit

### Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We have come to celebrate the birthday of the church.

**We have come to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

We have come to celebrate Pentecost

and to open ourselves to God's Spirit that it might fill us.

**All: O God, help us to put our selfish desires aside and direct our thoughts to you, that your power may fill this church and our lives fully, just as it has filled churches and people throughout the ages. Teach us to be *your* church, and *your* people. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**            On Pentecost They Gathered (*see insert*)

### **\*Prayer of the Day** (*unison*)

Gracious, Living, Eternal Spirit, We thank you that you seek us in tender loving care, lest any be lost. Help us, in the same way, to reach out toward those who may feel alienated or excluded from the Christian community. Send your Spirit upon us, that when we speak the word of your love, people may hear and understand in their own language as on that Pentecost day so long ago; for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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** (*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.

**First Scripture Lesson** from Acts, chapter 2, verses 1 to 17

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

**Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.**

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

**Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”**

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are

not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.**

**Anthem**

Fill-a Me Up  
Arr. Pepper Choplin

Soloists- Teen Choir Members

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit,  
Fill-a me up to the top-a my soul.  
Fill-a me up, come-a Fill-a me up now and take control.

So many things try to fill me up,  
So many things try to  
weigh me down.  
Fill-a my heart now until you stay  
And chase the other things away.

Fill-a my heart, come, Spirit.  
Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, Fill-a me up to the top-a my soul.  
Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit. Fill-a me up now and take control.

**Honoring of High School Seniors**

Matt Anderson  
Jack Canducci  
Michael Cappola  
Michaela Coombs  
Monty Gray  
Carter Scally  
Justin Trask

**The Children's Message**

Jenny Healy

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

**Moment of Gratitude**

Chris Bates

**Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response**

**Second Scripture Lesson**     *(see insert)*

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is  
love,  
joy,  
peace,  
patience,  
kindness,  
generosity,  
faithfulness,  
gentleness,  
and self-control.

**Sermon**

Needing a Pentecost?

Pastor

Helen Nablo

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

Wana Baraka

Kenyan religious song;

Arr. Shawn

Kirchner

Wana Baraka wale waombao;

Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluya!

Wana amani Wana furaha Wana uzima

The have blessings, those who pray;

Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!

They have peace They have joy

They have well-being.

**\*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** (*unison*)

We offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives and pray that these offerings would reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ we would pray and live. Amen.

**\*Hymn No. 225**          Sweet Delight, Most Lovely

**Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**                      Allegro  
   -Thomas Arne 1710-1778

*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 Ushers** are Linda & Frank Montague, Chris Bates and Sam Hanlon.

**Our Greeters** are Ruth and Jim Hathaway.

**The Flowers** are from Judy & Larry Foster who are gratefully celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Participants in today's service include members of the confirmation class:** Mason Anglin-Rizzo, Gerritt Bingham-Maas, Natalie Curtin, McKenna DePasqua, Rebecca Dion, Mary Eaton, Sam Hanlon, Andrew Hogan, Ethan Hogan, Emmaline Lyttle, Aidan

**NOTES**

**Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage.** We will be soon worshipping in the sanctuary again, but will let people know via "Sneak Peak" when that is to occur. If you are a visitor, please

join us for coffee hour following worship and sign your name 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. Kristin 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.

**Do you get “Sneak Peak”?** It is a Friday email that shares what is going on for the Sunday coming up. If not, call the church office (508-746-3026) and provide your email.

**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.

**Parents of Confirmands:** There will be a brief meeting after church (for confirmation parents only) with Pastor Helen in the Marks conference room (this is to get input on scheduling for next fall).

**Today is the deadline for the June Herald.** The following issue will be our summer issue which will include information for the first half of the summer (through mid-July) with a deadline of July 13<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to advertise your events with these deadlines in mind.

**All youth (confirmation class and up) are invited to a gathering after church today** at 10 Fremont St., Jenny Healy’s home.

**Pastor Helen will be out of the office this week,** attending a conference on preaching in Washington, DC. In a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office (508-746-3026) or Reverend Rosemary MacKay (774-773-9504).

**Bible Study** will meet this week and for 3 more weeks until final meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**UCC Annual Meeting:** The Massachusetts conference will be hosting its annual meeting once again in June. Copies of the resolutions before the conference are available starting this morning in the back on the table. Our UCC reps will meet Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> during coffee hour with anyone interested in learning more about the resolutions and the annual meeting. Come and hear about all that is going on in our conference!

**The Directory Committee:** 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

**Golf Open:** June 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am shotgun, sign up table during coffee hour this Sunday and next for volunteers, players and donations for the raffle and auction.

**Maine Mission Trip:** June 24-28. Adults, Jr & Sr. High School students. We will be repairing/painting buildings @ Jacksonville Campground for 3 days where groups stay to work for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Cost is \$75 for the lodging @ Jacksonville Campground plus food. For further details please contact Jim Hammond at 774-283-5008 or speak with him at coffee hour.

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

May 21-May 25: Pastor Helen at a conference in Washington D.C.

Tuesday, May 22: Board of Deacons, 7pm, Marks Room.

Wednesday, May 23: Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm. Room 7pm; Bible Study, 10:30am, Amy Simpsons.

Thursday, May 24: Special Trustee meeting with CPA, 7pm, Marks Room.

Sunday, May 27: Worship with Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter preaching

**Looking ahead –**

*Herald deadline* for June Herald is today, 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>.



*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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