

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. Final Heifer Sunday is today! We have almost reached our goal of \$5,000. Here are the results to date: May 7: \$795; May 14: \$250; May 21: \$2,265 plus \$120 Quarters. We need approximately \$1,500 to meet our challenge of \$5,000 for an Ark. Quarters welcome too. Some of the children will be at the door collecting quarters for contributions for Heifer Project. Thanks to everyone for your generosity and caring. See you after church in Allerton Hall. Moo! Baa! Maa! Peep!

The Wednesday Bible Study Group will have its final meeting before summer on Wednesday, May 31 at 10:30am at the home of Helen Nablo. A potluck lunch will follow.

UCC Annual Meeting- Would you like to hear about the Resolutions before the UCC Massachusetts Conference Annual Meeting in June? Come to a short meeting today at coffee hour in Allerton Hall and learn more about them from our 3 UCC representatives.

Next Sunday, June 4th is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Spirit. You may wish to wear red to church that day.

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.

Maine Mission Trip Car Wash takes place on Sunday, June 11th following worship.

June 17th Golf Outing- Sign up during coffee hour. We need volunteers, players, sponsors and donations for the raffle table/auction.

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.



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 28, 2017
10:00 a.m.

**HEIFER MONTH
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**



*Honduran Church Gate, Photo by Pastor Helen
Donor Engagement Heifer trip 2014*

Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Val Baumann, 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

Prelude on the hymn tune 'Slane'

-Frank Bornhorst 1924-1956

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)* from Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

***HYMN** (see insert)

O God, Our Words Cannot Express

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

God of love, usher us into your presence. Teach us the words to pray and the silences to keep. Refashion our days and our hours so that we might walk in hope amidst troubled days, and live in thanksgiving for your amazing grace. We pray as Jesus taught us, saying....

***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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jenny Healy

--Children will depart for Sunday School--

ANTHEM

In Remembrance

Text: Anonymous, Music by Eleanor Daley

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep

I am the thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glint on snow.

I am the sunlight-ripened grain,

I am the gentle morning rain.

And when you wake in the morning's hush,

I am the sweet uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there, I did not die.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

NT110 or 884

SERMON

A Significant Pause

Pastor Helen Nablo

***HYMN** (see insert)

O Christ, When You Ascended

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

Howe/Steffe Arr. by Wilhousky

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are

stored,

He has loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword

His truth is marching on.

[Chorus]

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

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His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps

They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps

I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps

His day is marching on.[Chorus]

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:

As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,

While God is marching on.[Chorus 2X]

***DOXOLOGY No. 44**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** No. 535

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

verse 1: Navy, Marines verse 2: Army, Air Force

verse 3: Coast Guard verse 4: everyone

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear the word of the Lord: "I dwell in the high and holy place, but also in you who are humble in spirit."

Go in peace. Abide in the Lord. Do good work.

God is your guardian and guide forever.

POSTLUDE

Toccata

-David Hegarty b. 1945

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

Our Deacon-in-Charge is Nancy Medeiros.

Our Ushers are Susan Cotta, Tony Cotta, Nancy Reed and Rebecca Taylor.

Our Greeters are Jackie Tauber and Karla Wood.

The Flowers this morning are in memory of those who gave all.

Given by The Church of the Pilgrimage.

CALENDAR NOTES: BEGINNING MAY 29, 2017

Monday, May 29: Office closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 30: Shellie may have Jury Duty (tbd).

Wednesday, May 31: Bible Study, 10:30am, Pastor Helen's home.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Sunday, June 4: Worship and Communion, 10am, The Day of

Pentecost, with Reverend Bill McCoy preaching. Newcomers

Gathering following worship, Marks Room..

*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.