

**The Church of the Pilgrimage**  
**United Church of Christ**  
Sunday, November 12, 2017  
10:00am



**Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR**  
**Jim Hammond, WORSHIP LEADER**  
**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**            Intermezzo on 'Holyrood'  
                         -William Lloyd-Webber 1914-1982

### Welcome and Announcements

### Choral Introit

### Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We gather together in troubled times  
**to find strength for the journey,  
and hope for the future.**

We gather with full hearts  
**trusting our prayers will be heard,  
and our hearts quickened by love.**

\* **Hymn** No. 407 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

\* **Litany of the Day** (responsive)

Oh God, we pray, love us from the inside out.

Take the thoughts we hide deep inside and burn them  
with your purifying fire.

**Love us from the inside out.**

Take the roots of our mistrust and deaden their hold on  
our lives.

**Love us from the inside out.**

Take the thoughts that run freely in our mind and gather  
them in your grace.

**Love us from the inside out.**

Take the hope you have planted in us  
and nourish it with the support of others.

**Love us from the inside out.**

Take the gift of the Spirit living in us  
and ignite your love to lead us to your service.

**Love us from the inside out.**

Take your love in us and let it infuse our living.

**Love us, each one of us, from the inside out.**

We pray as Jesus taught us, saying...

**\*The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

**Moment of Gratitude**

Jim Hammond

**Reception of New Members**

Chris Hogan *by letter of transfer*

Heather Hogan *by letter of transfer*

Robert Terrill *by re-affirmation of faith*

By your baptism you were made one with us in the body  
of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your  
pilgrimage of faith that has brought you to this time and  
place. We give thanks for every community of faith that  
has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your  
presence in this household of faith.

**Question for those re-affirming their faith:**

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus, resisting oppression and evil, showing love and justice, witnessing to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

*If so please say "I promise, with the help of God"*

**Question about Participation:**

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

*If so, please say "I promise, with the help of God"*

**Welcome and Reception** (*responsively*)

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and our prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Christ.**

\*Hymn No. 375            Weave, Weave (sing 2x)

**Anthem**            One Thing More by Jane Marshall  
Based on the poem "Gratefulness" by George Herbert

Thou that hast giv'n so much to me,  
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.  
Not thankful, when it pleaseth me;  
As if thy blessings had spare days:  
But such a heart, whose pulse may be  
Thy praise.

**Giftng of the Robes**

## **Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns**

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

**Scripture**      Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Sermon**      *Praying Big*      Reverend Helen Nablo

**\*Hymn 425**      O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**      All Good Gifts

from Godspell by Stephen Schwartz

Arr. Richard Waters

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land..

But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand..

He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...

The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...

All good gifts around us

Are sent from Heaven above

So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food,  
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts  
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!  
All good gifts around us  
Are sent from Heaven above..  
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love..  
We thank you Lord.

**\*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. 345 God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

**Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**            Epilogue  
                              -Norman Gilbert 1912-1975

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

**The flowers** are in loving memory of Danielle McNeely. Given by Mom, Darryl, Holly and Kevin.

**The Deacon in Charge** is Dawn Durmis.

**The Ushers** are Lee & Bill McGee and Dennis & Joanna Albers.

**We welcome to our worship today** Mana Akua Adomako who will be receiving choir robes today for her daughter's church in Liberia.

## NOTES

**Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage.** We hope you enjoy the worship service, and we invite you to join us in the JRC for coffee hour after the service, a time to experience the Harvest Fair, part two. 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.

We invite everyone seated beside the center aisle to fill out the **fellowship pad** and pass it down your row for others to sign it too.

**Copies of the morning sermon and hearing devices** available on the table in the upper vestibule.

**Prayer Concerns** may be written on pieces of paper available on the table in the upper vestibule and will be read out at prayer time.

**The Good Samaritan Fund**, which assists with such expenses as rent, utility, food and health bills, is received on the second Sunday of the month. If you wish to contribute, there are specially marked envelopes located in the pews for that purpose.

**Confirmation Class** meets next week, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** Monday night, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in our Sanctuary. The evening has three speakers reflecting – Barbara Aharoni from Plymouth No Place for Hate, Caralotta Darwin from the First Baptist Church and Reverend Ed Hardy from First Parish UU. Music will be provided by Michael Eaton and Persephone's Daughters. Offering to benefit Plymouth Task Force to End Homelessness. Please join us!!

**Thanksgiving Open House at the Church!** As is our custom, we will be providing a mid-morning welcome to visitors at the church on Thanksgiving. We are asking those who are baking for the holiday to add one more thing to their list for our refreshment table. We will need goodies (cookies, squares etc.) cheese and crackers, breads and any other finger foods that you can provide. This has become a tradition for us over the years and is a favorite of some of

the local people as well. We appreciate your help and hope that you will stop in on the morning as well. The Budge family.

**Spring Women's Retreat** scheduled for April 13-14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting for those interested in offering ideas or otherwise helping to plan taking place after worship on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Sock It To Me!** The Plymouth Task Force to End Homelessness has asked that we collect men's white socks, which are needed for the coming winter months. Please bring what you can and put them in the box labeled "Sock It To Me" at the back of the church.

### **For Your Calendar-**

Mon, Nov 13: Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall. Board of Christian Ed meeting, 7:15pm, Marks Room.

Tue, Nov 14: Council meeting, 7 pm, Marks Room.

Wed, Nov 15: Bible Study, 10:30 am @Amy's home.

Membership & Evangelism Committee Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm.

Fri, Nov 17: Storytelling event, 7pm, Allerton Hall (see insert).

Sun, Nov 19: Worship with Pastor Helen preaching, 10am.

Thanksgiving and Chest of Joash, Pledge Dedication Sunday.

Alternative Christmas Fair, during Coffee Hour, Allerton Hall.

Confirmation Class, after worship, JRC.



*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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