

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

Sunday, November 18, 2018

10:00am

Thanksgiving Sunday



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Jim Hammond, WORSHIP LEADER
Kelley DePasqua, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Michael Eaton, ORGANIST

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink,
our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love,
and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work,
and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous,
who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints,
in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks
for the great mercies and promises
given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O God,
and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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*)

Scripture Lesson Joel 2:23-29

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

**The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.**

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

**You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.**

And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

**Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.**

**Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.**

Sermon
Nablo

Rev. Helen

***Hymn No. 613**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Honor and Glory
by J. S. Bach, Arr. Ehret

Honor and glory be to God in the highest, Hallelujah!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at First Parish UU, 7 pm.

Nov. 20: December Herald deadline.

Nov 21: No Bible Study, resumes on Nov. 28; No Choir Rehearsal. Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 21-Nov. 23.

Nov 22: Thanksgiving Open House 9-noon.

November 25: Worship Service 10 am, Pastor Helen preaching. Alternative Christmas Fair during coffee hour. Caregivers Support Group meets after worship.

NOTES

Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage. If you are a visitor, please sign your name on one of the pew cards and we will send you a copy of the church newsletter. And join us for coffee hour if you are able!

Please silence your cell phones so we can be fully present to the spirit and to one another.

This morning we have nursery/crib room care with Kristin Moses, our childcare worker. Kristen is with us every Sunday.

Hearing devices and copies of the morning sermon are available on the marble table in the upper vestibule.

Prayer concerns: If there is a concern you would like to have read out loud during the prayer time, please find a prayer slip at the back of the church and place it in the box located there.

Nametags: It is helpful to everyone if we make an effort to wear our nametags. Thank you!

A word about parking: We have use on Sundays of the second lot at the back of the church, the front half (section nearest the church) only. (Eastern Bank) We don't want anyone to get parking tickets!

Reminder of Fire Drill next Sunday, November 25th.

Caregivers Support Group meet next Sunday, November 25th after worship.

TODAY begins the Alternative Christmas Fair: It is Christmas season again! Got Friends? Got family? In the spirit of giving to those whose needs are great, the Missions Committee once again offers the Alternative Fair starting this Sunday. As an alternative to commercial toys and gifts, it is an opportunity to buy products made by non-profit groups around the world, with a focus on handmade crafts and fairtrade foods. Please join us in Allerton Hall after worship each Sunday, Nov 18-Dec 9.

Free to the Public: “The Healing Power of Stillness” with speaker Lari Snorek-Yates. Sponsored by Christian Science churches in Plymouth, Duxbury, Quincy and Buzzards Bay. 3 pm this afternoon, November 18th at Plymouth Public Library.

A Spirit of Generosity – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service THIS Monday, November 19th at First Parish UU 7 pm. Speakers include Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessan, First Parish UU Kingston and Rev. David Fredrikson, Christ Episcopal. Offering to benefit Plymouth Task Force to End Homelessness. Canned goods offering also will be received for the Plymouth Food Pantry.

Host Guests from Pakistan on Thanksgiving: We have an appeal from Sarah Sibley, who works for the non-profit World Boston, a local world affairs council based in Boston. “We host International Visitor Leadership Program (ILVP) delegations through the State Department and we have another one coming from Pakistan this Thanksgiving. This IVLP group is focused on “Promoting Peace and Tolerance Among Youth.” If you could host 2-3 visitors at your Thanksgiving meal, please contact Sarah at 508-564-8217 or ssibley@worldboston.org.

Save the date – Our annual Service of Comfort and Peace will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at 7 pm in the sanctuary. This is a special service for those who may find the holidays challenging due to bereavement, illness, or other life circumstances. A gentle and reassuring service – think about coming and inviting a neighbor or friend.



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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