

**The Church of the Pilgrimage**  
**United Church of Christ**  
Sunday, November 5, 2017  
10:00am

## Draw the Circle Wide



*From Jesus, joined and held together by every part, as each one does his or her work, the Church grows and builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:16*

**Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR**  
**Val Baumann, PREACHER**  
**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  
                         -John Stanley 1712-1786

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Choral Introit**

### **Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

There is a table spread for you and me, and we will meet here around it.

**We gather as weary pilgrims, grateful to the One who calls us to feast.**

Called by love, we come – hungry, expectant, relying on God's grace.

**We come seeking to hear good news, and be good news. Praise and thanks be to God!**

\* **Hymn** No. 317    Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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

O God, we are filled with joy in knowing you. We praise you at every turn because of your loving kindness. We cannot help but praise you when we think of what you have done for us. What a delight to trust in you, O God, for from the depths of our souls and the fullness of our hearts we are blessed in your love.

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.

**The Children's Blessing**

Jenny Healy

**Anthem**

Open My Eyes by K. Lee Scott

Open my eyes and I shall see;  
incline my heart and I shall desire;  
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of Your  
commandments.

O God, be my only Lord,  
and beside You let there be none else,  
No other, none else with You.  
Teach me to worship You  
And serve You in all my undertakings  
with truth of spirit, with honor of body,  
with blessing of mouth both in public and private.

**Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response**

**Scripture** Ephesians 4:7,11-16 NT182 or 951

**Sermon**            Draw the Circle Wide            Val Baumann

**\* Hymn**            Draw the Circle Wide  
                         by Gordon Light and Mark Miller  
                         2017 COTP Stewardship Theme

Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, We'll side by side.  
Draw the circle. Draw the circle wide.

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer  
                         Anthem on the Tune "St. Osmond" by Healy Willan

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me till I want no more.  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open thou the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream shall flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer  
Be thou still my strength and shield.  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee.  
I will ever give to thee.

**\*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**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*All are invited to Jesus table. There is gluten free bread in the paper sleeve. Our communion cup is grape juice. It is our practice to partake of the bread as it comes to you, and hold on to the cup and partake together, a symbol of our unity in Christ.*

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer After Communion** (*unison*)

We give thanks, loving God, for the bond of this ritual that links us in solidarity to all who have called upon your name. May your wisdom grow within us. Send us out into the world as people of courage, compassion, and commitment. Amen.

**\*Hymn No. 354**      Lord, We Would Be  
                                 Servants of Loving Service

**Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**      Toccata in Seven  
                      -John Rutter b. 1945

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

<p><b>The flowers</b> are given in honor of our Veterans. <b>The Deacon in Charge</b> is Dawn Durmis. <b>The Ushers</b> are John &amp; Meg Bross and Paul &amp; Sherri Dion .</p>
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### NOTES

**Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage.** We hope you enjoy the worship service, and we invite you to join us for coffee hour after the service, downstairs in Allerton Hall. 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.

**Confirmation class meets today following worship.**  
*Please note that the class originally scheduled for November 12 has been moved to November 19<sup>th</sup>.*

**Tuesday night, November 7<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Helen will be speaking at a panel on “Women in the Clergy” together with Rev. Barbara Simmons and Rabbi Jillian Cameron at 7 pm at Congregation Beth Jacob.

**The daytime covenant group** will begin on Thursday afternoon November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 at the home of Nancy Selvaggi. If anyone is interested in joining the group they can contact Nancy Sweeney at 774-404-7961 or nsweeneyj@aol.com.

**Save the DATE -- This year we are hosting the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Monday night, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** 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!!

**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.

**LGBTQ *Shabbat* (Sabbath) Service Celebrating Diversity.** November 17 at 7:30pm at Congregation Beth Jacob. Open to the public, so please invite any friends you think would like to attend.

For Your Calendar-

Mon, Nov 6: Monday Meals, 11 am, Allerton Hall.

Tue, Nov 7: Men’s Bible Study, 7pm, the Cotta’s home.

Wed, Nov 8: Bible Study, 10:30 am @Amy's home;  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm.

Thu, Nov 9: Trustees, 7pm, Marks Room.  
Trustees, 7 pm Marks Conference Room.

Fri, Nov 10: Church Office closed for Veterans' Day.  
Graveside service for Ruth Lowry at Chiltonville  
Cemetery, 11 am.

Sat, Nov 11: HARVEST FAIR 9:30 am to 2 pm.

Sun, Nov 12: Worship with Pastor Helen preaching,  
10am. New members joining. Coffee Hour and Harvest  
Fair Part Two in the JRC following the worship service.

*Puppet Ministry! H.O.P.E.*

## PUPPET SHOW

TODAY, November 5 at 4pm

The Church of the Pilgrimage – ALLERTON HALL  
A fun and educational puppet show for all ages. Bring  
your friends, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

FREE – (and free snacks)



*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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