

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

Sunday, October 7, 2018  
10:00am



*World Communion Sunday*

**Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR**  
**Ethan Hogan, WORSHIP LEADER**  
**Kelley DePasqua, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**  
**Michael Eaton, ORGANIST**  
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# Order of Worship

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

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**Prelude**

Offertory

-Alexandre Guilmant 1837-1911

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship** (*responsively*) Psalm 133 *from The Message*

How wonderful, how beautiful,  
when brothers and sisters get along!

**It's like costly anointing oil**

**flowing down head and beard,**

**Flowing down Aaron's beard,**

**flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.**

It's like the dew on Mount Hermon

flowing down the slopes of Zion.

**Yes, that's where God commands the blessing,**

**ordains eternal life.**

\***Hymn No. 8**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

\***Prayer of Confession** (*responsively*)

God, you call us to be one: united in our faith community, united around your table, and, on this day, united with other Christians around the world.

**Forgive us when we splinter and divide.**

Forgive us for the ways we do not honor your creation, this beautiful world you have made. Forgive us when we are not curious about the cultures of others, or when we fail to see other people as fellow children of God.

**Forgive us and make us new. Draw us to your table, and make us one.**

*---(time for personal and private prayers of confession)---*

## Words of Assurance:

Hear this great good news: God who loves us, forgives us.

**Praise and thanks be to God!**

### \*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.

**Anthem** Panis Angelicus - César Franck (1822-1890)  
David Tyler, Soloist

Latin :

Panis angelicus

Fit panis hominum;

dat panis coelicus

Figuris terminum

O res mirabilis!

manducat Dominium

Pauper, pauper,

Servus et humilis,

Pauper, pauper

Servus et humilis.

Translation:

Heavenly bread

That becomes the bread of all  
mankind;

Bread from the angelic host

That is the end of all

imaginings.

Oh, miraculous thing!

This body of God will nourish

Even the poorest,

The most humble of servants.

Even the poorest,

The most humble of servants.

## Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

**Scripture Lesson**     John 17:20-23

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

**Meditation**

Pastor Helen Nablo

\*Hymn No. 97             He’s Got the Whole World

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**             Day by Day by K. Lee Scott  
Text - Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Thanks be to thee, Lord Jesus,  
for all the benefits which thou hast won for us;  
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us,  
O merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother. Amen.

\*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**

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

*We will share in Jesus meal today by passing the bread and cup in the pews. There is gluten free bread in the plastic cup. Our cup is grape juice. We take the bread as it comes to us, and hold on to the cup, that we might partake together, a symbol of our unity in Jesus Christ.*

## **Invitation to the Table**

## **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

### **Prayer After Communion** *(responsively)*

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.

**Now go with us to the streets, to our homes and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 381            In Christ There is no East or West

## **Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**                    Toccata on ‘Great Day’  
                                      -Adolphus Hailstork b.1941

During the postlude you may remain seated  
or rise to greet the pastor and proceed to coffee hour.

### **For Today’s Service**

*Our Deacon in Charge is Sam Butterfield.*

*The flowers are given in loving memory of our parents, Ethel & Phil Dow and Betty & Ken Porter and in celebration of Debby’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday today. Given by Jon & Debby Porter.*

## **NOTES**

**Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage.** If you are a visitor, please sign your name 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.

**A word on sharing 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!

**There are envelopes in the pews for the Neighbors In Need** special offering. This UCC Offering supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

**Confirmation Class today visits the mosque in Quincy.** We will meet following worship at the circle above the JRC about 15 minutes after worship is over.

**Meet Your Muslim Neighbors:** The Plymouth Area League of Women Voters is proud to present *Meet Your Muslim Neighbor*, an informational forum aimed at creating better understanding and open dialogue. On Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Great Hall of the Plymouth Town Hall, a panel of three experts from greater Boston will discuss their experiences and entertain questions. Admission is free. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

**The Prayer Shawl Covenant Group** resumes this coming Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting every Thursday from 1:30-3:00pm in the JRC Living Room. Beginners are welcome—we'll teach you to knit/crochet and get you started with yarn and materials. All are welcome to become part of this very special ministry. For more information text/call Jean Lenk (978-500-3393).

**Stewardship Kick-Off Luncheon** will be next Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in Allerton Hall after the Service. Come and enjoy sandwiches, sweets and fellowship as we celebrate all our church does and kick-off our Fall Stewardship Campaign. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**A Newcomers Gathering is scheduled for Sunday, October 21st** after worship. This will be a time to meet others new to the church and also receive a packet of materials about the church and its ministries. A part two will be held on Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> if that works for those who interested in exploring church membership. We hope to receive new members in worship on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Speak to Pastor Helen or Lindsey Emberley (774-404-7997) chair of Membership.

**Save the date:** Lions, tigers and bears oh my! Join us Saturday October 27th at 6pm for our **annual pot luck Halloween jam**. Everyone is welcome- join us for a night of good food, fun and games.

**New Group Forming Offering Support to Caregivers:** Is there someone for whom you are a primary emotional (and/or physical) support? *The Caregiver's Support Group* will meet on October 21<sup>st</sup> right after worship in the Marks Room of the John Robinson Center. Please call the office (508-746-3026) to let us know you will be coming. Thank you.

**Chicken Pot Pies:** Please contact Debby Porter (774-283-3373) if you are able to help out assembling chicken pot pies together on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Six to eight people are needed and the job should take no more than 4 hours. Even if you can spend 2 hours that morning we will put you to work.

**The Deacons have initiated a new Prayer Chain account.** If you have a prayer request please email [pilgrimageprayers@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimageprayers@gmail.com) or let Pastor Helen, Susan or Jim know. If you would like to be part of this "mini-ministry" please send your request to the same email address. This email account is password protected and only those persons authorized to generate emails have access to the account. The participants list is only known by your Board of Deacons and Pastor Helen.

**Conversation on Race with T.J. Harper:** The Mission and Justice Committee serving the South East Area of the MACUCC is hosting a very important forum and you are invited. It will be October 14, 2-4:30pm, at the First Congregational Church, Randolph (1 South Main St, Randolph). It is open to people both in and out of the church, so please come and bring your interested friends, family, neighbors and co-workers.

**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth Annual Gala:** Friday, October 12 at the 1620 Hotel, Water Street, Plymouth. The event begins at 6pm and tickets are \$75 per person.

**Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is holding a “Unity Luncheon” on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Loring Center** (attached to Zion Lutheran Church in North Plymouth). There will be a speaker on multiculturalism, as well as time to be in fellowship with people from many different faith communities. A fundraiser for the church’s building upkeep, tickets are \$75. Please speak to Pastor Helen today or call the church office early this week if you would like to be included.

### **This Week**

**Oct 8:** Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall. OFFICE CLOSED for holiday.

**Oct 9:** Council Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

**Oct 10:** Bible Study, 10:30am, Amy Simpson’s home. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

**Oct 11:** Nominating Committee Meeting, 8:30am, Steve Triffletti’s office. Prayer Shawl Covenant Group, 1:30pm, Living Room. Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.

**Oct 13:** Memorial Service for Liisa Budge-Johnson, 11am, sanctuary.

**Oct 14:** Worship, 10am, Sam Butterfield from Stewardship preaching, Special Coffee Hour with Stewardship luncheon to follow. Good Samaritan Offering received. Youth Group hike after worship.



*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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