

The Church of the Pilgrimage
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 8, 2017
10:00am



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Order of Worship

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

Prelude Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'
 -Ralph Vaughn-Williams 1872-1958

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, through 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 No. 80** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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

Giving God, you provided the Israelites with manna in the wilderness, giving enough for each day. You taught them lessons about relying on you for daily bread, a lesson we still have not grasped.

Lord, loosen our grasp on all that we have and teach us anew how blessed it is to share.

Lord, break down the defenses we have built in our hearts, so that when we ourselves have a need, we

may name it to you in honesty and humility. Help us too to see all your children who suffer, and to reach out in love from the abundance we've been given. Help us to learn anew how blessed it is to give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

Diana Budge

The Children's Message

Jenny Healy

Anthem

Bound for the Promised Land

Early American Hymn, Arr. Emily Crocker

The Tenors and Basses of the Sanctuary Choir

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

Refrain

I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
Oh who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

There generous fruits that never fail,
On trees immortal grow;
There rocks and hills, and brooks and vales,
With milk and honey flow

Soon will the Lord my soul prepare
for joys beyond the skies,
Where never ceasing pleasures roll;
and praises never die.

Refrain

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Exodus 16:1-8

Sermon Feed Me! Pastor Helen Nablo

* **Hymn** No. 102 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Have You Not Known

Isaiah 40:21-31

Music by K. Lee Scott

Have you not known? Have you nor heard?
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God
Dwells on high in starry splendor?
His glory is unspeakable; his power shall never fail.

Refrain:

They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up as eagles; They shall run and not grow weary;

They shall walk and never faint.

To whom will God, the Lord, compare?

Who can stand his equal? By his word he formed the heavens,

By his power he e'er sustains them.

Vain rulers perish hopelessly; strong nations come to naught. But...

Refrain

Then why complain, O Israel?

Why downcast, O Jacob? Do you think he does not see?

Is your way now disregarded?

His knowledge is unsearchable, his wisdom strong and sure.

Refrain

***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. 81** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

Fanfare

-William Mathias 1934-1992

You may remain seated for the postlude,

The flowers are given in loving memory of our parents, Ned and Lucy Flood. Given by Gay and Diane Flood.

The Deacon in Charge is Nancy Medeiros.

The Ushers are Val Baumann, Jim Lyman and George & Pat Svajian.

The Greeters are Jim & Nancy Sweeney.

or rise to greet the pastor, or go immediately to coffee hour.

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.

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 pews for that purpose.

Beginning Mens Bible Study: Tuesday, October 10th from 7-8:30pm at the home of Paul Dion, 12 Mazilli Drive, Carver. Mark will be doing our beginning prayer. We will be discussing Matthew Chapter 2-4. Please note, this is a change from the first Monday to the second Tuesday in the month to see if it fits better with schedules.

Wednesday morning Bible study this week at the home of Amy Simpson, 5 Sunrise Ave - 10:30 am.
Scripture : Samuel 3:1-21

There will be a Newcomers Gathering next Sunday following worship, across the street in the Marks Conference room of the JRC. A time to meet others who are new to the church, gather information about the church, and learn a little more. All are welcome! A follow up meeting for those exploring church membership will be held on the following Sunday, October 22nd.

Chicken Pot Pie: Volunteers are needed to help put together (construct) the chicken pot pies Saturday, October 14th from 9-noon. Please see Debby Porter if you are able to help.

Tools of the Trade (see insert): Debby Porter is looking for an individual who would be willing to run the "Tools of the Trade" table at the Harvest Fair on November 11th. She is not able to make the fair but would be willing to collect and organize the items to be

placed on the table. Please see her if you are interested in helping out. The table can't happen if no one will be able to man it at the fair.

Safe Church News: Please fill out a CORI application if you are planning to work with the Sunday School, the Youth Group or visit Shut-Ins as a representative for The Church of the Pilgrimage. Please see Debby Porter or Jenny Healy for questions.

Beacon Hospice is sponsoring a grief educational series and support group for adults. The series begins October 12 and meets on Thursdays from 2pm-3:30pm at 32 Resnik Road, Plymouth. The group is free of charge and all are welcome. Pre-registration is required – contact Terri Henshaw at 508-747-7222 x 118.



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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