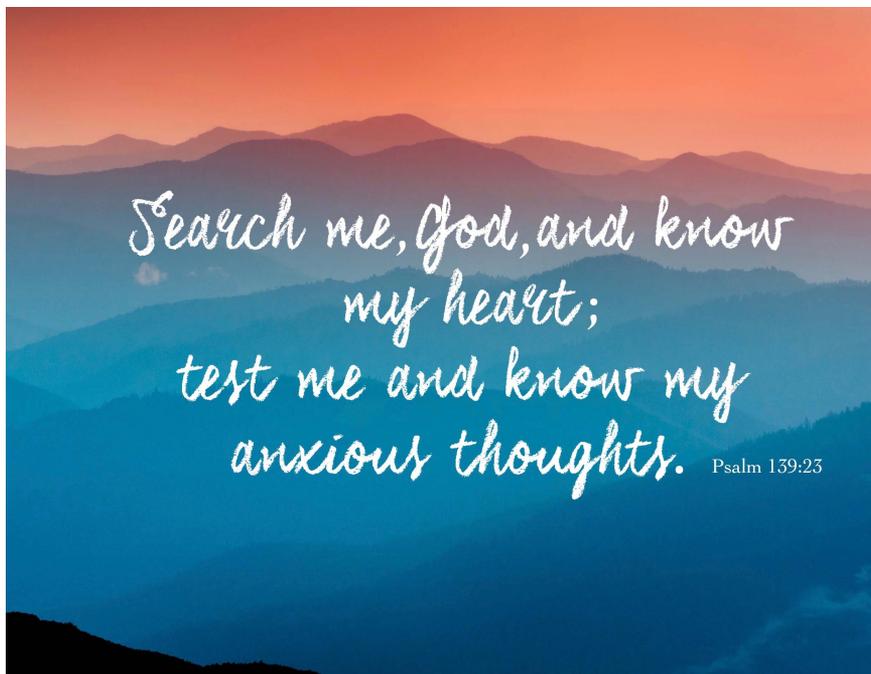


**The Church of the Pilgrimage
United Church of Christ**

Sunday, September 16, 2018
10:00am



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Order of Worship

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

Prelude

O Perfect Love

-Don Hustad 1918-2013

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of God and to inquire within God's temple.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Wait for the Lord!

*Hymn No. 66

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Our needs are many, but you are One. Our worries and concerns are many, but you hear them all. As we gather today, may we be touched by the nearness of You. May we feel our hearts quickened, our souls refreshed, and our desire to serve your good purposes renewed. Make us yours, O God, indeed. We pray as Jesus taught us, saying...

*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

God is Seen

Tune: Captain Kidd

Arranged by: Alice Parker

Through all the world below God is seen all around,
Search hills and valleys through, There He's found.

The growing of the corn, The lily and the thorn,
The pleasant and forlorn, All declare, God is there.
In meadows drest in green, God is seen.

See springing waters rise fountains flow, rivers run.
The mist that veils the sky. Hides the sun.

Then down the rain doth pour, The ocean it doth roar
And beat upon the shore, And all praise, in their ways,
The God who ne'er declines His designs.

The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies.
The comet in her blaze, "God", she cries.

The shining of the stars, The moon, when she appears
His awful name declares; See them fly, through the sky.
And join the solemn sound all around, All around.

The Children's Message

Jenny Healy and Kim Engle

Commissioning of Church School Teachers

***Hymn** (*see insert*) We Thank You, God, for Teachers

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Lesson Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

**You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written

all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

O that you would kill the wicked, O God,

**and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
those who speak of you maliciously,**

and lift themselves up against you for evil!

Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?

And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

I hate them with perfect hatred;

I count them my enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Sermon

All of It

Pastor Helen Nablo

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

City Called Heaven

Arr. Josephine Poelintz, Ed. Leck

Melissa Tomkins, Soloist

I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow.

I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone!

Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow.

Trying to make it, make heaven my home.

Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord.

Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn.

Oh, I heard of a city, a city called heaven.

I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

***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 (*unison*)

Generous God: over and over your grace sustains us. Over and over your love provides. Over and over your arm steadies us. We give you these gifts, with gratitude and joy, thankful that you are God over all. Amen.

***Hymn** No. 86 The Lone, Wild Bird

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude Grande Chorus
 -Theodore Dubois 1837-1924

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 Dawn Durmis.

Our Greeters are Pat and Tom Mudgett.

Our Ushers are Frank and Linda Montague, Sandy Bartlett and Rob Bartlett.

The flowers are in loving memory of Mert Chapman, the sweetest man I ever knew. Given by Nancy Reed.

This Week

Sept 17: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.

Sept 18: Membership, 7pm, Marks Room.

Men's bible study meets at the Cotta residence, 3 Fuller Way, 7 pm.

Sept 19: Bible Study, 10:30am, Amy's home. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Sept 20: Stewardship Committee, 7pm, Marks Room. Herald Deadline.

Sept 23: Worship, 10am, Pastor Helen preaching. Tentative Budget meeting immediately 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 please consider joining us for our all church picnic today after worship.

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: Today our prayer concerns will be done a little differently. If there is a concern you would like to have read out loud, 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.

Sunday School begins today! If you are new to the church and would like to walk your child across the street to class, please feel free to do that when the children depart.

TODAY: Chuck Harper's new poetry collection, *Psalms 151-300*, has just been published by the Powder Horn Press. Following worship Chuck will do a brief reading from the new book, meeting upstairs in the JRC.

Youth Group Pizza kick off at Jenny's today after church. See you there!

Pictorial Directory: Those who signed up will have photos taken today at coffee hour. Please sign up today so you can have a date for your photo!

The Wednesday morning Bible study meets Wednesday at 10:30 am at the home of Amy Simpson, 5 Sunrise Ave. We reflect on the scripture to be preached the following Sunday. All are welcome!

Men's Bible Study resumes this Tuesday, Sept. 18 at the Cotta residence (3 Fuller Way, Plymouth), 7-8:30pm. We will be discussing Matthew Chapter 11. For further information contact Jim Hammond, 774-283-5008 or james.gonfishin@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Apple picking at Crow Farm, Sept. 30 after church. The plan is to have pizza before heading to the farm.

Clean Out Your Closet and Help Boy Scout Troop 47!

- Mark your calendar for the Troop 47 FUNDrive on September 29th from 1-3pm drop-off in the back of Savers on Pilgrim Hill Road, Plymouth.
- Donate gently-used clothing, shoes, accessories, and linens.
- Our goal is 180 large trash bags to earn \$1,000. The money will be used to help us buy much needed camping equipment like tents, cooking utensils, pots and pans.
- Start gathering your donations today! If you'd like to bring them to the JRC we can store them here and the troop will transport them on the 29th.
- Please feel free to email Jennie Mudge at Li2Lunar2@gmail.com with any questions.



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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