

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

**Sunday, September 23, 2018  
10:00am**



**Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR  
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# Order of Worship

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

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**Prelude**

Pastorale

-Percy Whitlock 1903-1946

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Choral Introit**

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

Gather us in, mysterious Creator God.

**That being close to you we will understand your intentions for Creation.**

Weave us into one, sweet Savior of all.

**That living your ways we will create communities of faith and peace.**

Gather us in, Spirit of Powerful Renewal.

**That treasuring the past, we would boldly shape the future.**

Weave us into one, Holy One in three.

\***Hymn No. 250**

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

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

Gathering God, you have called each of us here. We are lost and we are lonely, we are faithful and we are strong. Take us as we are. Receive our joys and concerns, our hopes and our anxieties. Touch us with your spirit, that we may leave this place changed. 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.

**Minute for Mission** Christian Education: Kim Engle and Jenny Healy

**Anthem** In Gratitude We Come  
by J. Paul Williams and David Lantz III

In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you for autumn leaves,  
cooling breeze, refreshing showers, too.

In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you for winter's snow  
and flow'rs that grow. Our gratitude is due.

The sun that shines by day, the moon by night remind us of your care,  
remind us of your might.

The rainbow in the rain gives us hope anew.  
In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you.

In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you for morning prayer,  
or fresh air majestic mountain view.

In gratitude we come to give our thanks to you for stars at night and  
twinkling lights, in silence praising you. Amen.

**The Children's Message** Jenny Healy

-----*Children and Youth depart for Sunday School*-----

**Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response**

**Scripture Lesson** I Corinthians 12:1-11 From *The Message*

What I want to talk about now is the various ways God's Spirit gets  
worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I  
want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were  
when you didn't know God, led from one phony god to another, never  
knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did

it? It's different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. For instance, by using your heads, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say "Jesus be damned!" Nor would anyone be inclined to say "Jesus is Master!" without the insight of the Holy Spirit.

God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful:

wise counsel

clear understanding

simple trust

healing the sick

miraculous acts

proclamation

distinguishing between spirits

tongues

interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. God decides who gets what, and when.

**Sermon**

**Body Building**

**Pastor Helen Nablo**

**Affirmation of Faith:** *from I Corinthians Chapter 12*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

**And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.**

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose.

**If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.**

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**Hymn No. 389**                      Many Are the Lightbeams

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**                      Our Dwelling Place  
Psalm 90:1, Isaac Watts Arr. Victor Johnson

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations;  
by your steadfast love and by your grace, we are established day by day.

Lord, you are our guide, our compass through the years of toil and  
strife, Lord, you have been our dwelling place, and our eternal home.

Lord, you have been our shelter, under the shadow of Your wings we do  
rest. You have been our fortress, in Your, of God, we do trust.

Lord, you are our guide, our compass through the years of toil and  
strife, Lord, you have been our dwelling place, and our eternal home.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.  
Be thou our guard while life shall last and our eternal 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**

**\*Hymn No. 482**                      Forward Through the Ages

## **Benediction and Choral Response**

### **Postlude**

Festal Flourish

-Gordon Jacob 1895-1984

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 David & Linda Baier.*

*Our Ushers are Joanne McCaffrey & Bill Floring and Ed & Cynthia Marks.*

*The flowers are in honor of our wonderful children and grandchildren.*

*Given by Diane & Bill Harting and Susan & John Healy.*

### **This Week**

**Sept 24:** Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall. Visitation Team, 7pm, Marks Room. Gospel and Current Events group, 7pm, JRC Living Room.

**Sept 25:** Deacons, 7pm, Marks Room.

**Sept 26:** Bible Study, 10:30am, Amy Simpson's home. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

**Sept 27:** Missions Committee, 7pm, Marks Room.

**Sept 30:** Worship, 10am, Recovery Sunday, Pastor Helen preaching. Preliminary Budget Meeting, after worship, Sanctuary. Apple picking at Crow Farm. Pizza lunch for those participating.

## 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.

**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.

**Confirmation Class meets today**, students and mentors both, at Pastor Helen's home, 4-7 pm.

**Copies of Chuck Harper's new poetry collection, *Psalms 151-300*,** are available through our church office for 15 dollars. There are also several copies of *Gratitude* which are available for 12 dollars.

**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!

**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 are interested in exploring church membership. Questions? Speak to Pastor Helen or Lindsey Emberley (774-404-7997) chair of Membership.

**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!

**Recovery Sunday is next Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.** Please feel free to invite a neighbor or a friend.

**Next Sunday:** Apple picking at Crow Farm after church. The plan is to have pizza before heading to the farm. Questions? Plan to go? Contact Jean Shaunnessy at [mackie72@gmail.com](mailto:mackie72@gmail.com).

### **Clean Out Your Closet and Help Boy Scout Troop 47!**

- Mark your calendar for the Troop 47 FUNDrive on September 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Please feel free to email Jennie Mudge at [Li2Lunar2@gmail.com](mailto:Li2Lunar2@gmail.com) with any questions.



**OPEN & AFFIRMING** *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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